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REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Under

The Securities Act of 1933

Facebook, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. Neither we nor the selling stockholders may sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and neither we nor the selling stockholders are soliciting offers to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PROSPECTUS (Subject to Completion)

Issued May 9, 2012

337,415,352 Shares

CLASS A COMMON STOCK

Facebook, Inc. is offering 180,000,000 shares of its Class A common stock and the selling stockholders are offering 157,415,352 shares of Class A common stock. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares by the selling stockholders. This is our initial public offering and no public market currently exists for our shares of Class A common stock. We anticipate that the initial public offering price will be between \$28.00 and \$35.00 per share.

We have two classes of common stock, Class A common stock and Class B common stock. The rights of the holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock are identical, except voting and conversion rights. Each share of Class A common stock is entitled to one vote. Each share of Class B common stock is entitled to ten votes and is convertible at any time into one share of Class A common stock. The holders of our outstanding shares of Class B common stock will hold approximately 96.3% of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock following this offering, and our founder, Chairman, and CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, will hold or have the ability to control approximately 57.3% of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock following this offering.

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*We have applied to list our Class A common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol **FB**.*

We are a controlled company under the corporate governance rules for NASDAQ-listed companies, and our board of directors has determined not to have an independent nominating function and instead to have the full board of directors be directly responsible for nominating members of our board.

Investing in our Class A common stock involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 12.

PRICE \$ A SHARE

	<i>Underwriting</i>			
	<i>Price to</i>	<i>Discounts and</i>	<i>Proceeds to</i>	<i>Proceeds to</i>
	<i>Public</i>	<i>Commissions</i>	<i>Facebook</i>	<i>Selling</i>
	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>Stockholders</i>
<i>Per share</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>

We and the selling stockholders have granted the underwriters the right to purchase up to an additional 50,612,302 shares of Class A common stock to cover over-allotments.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and state regulators have not approved or disapproved of these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares of Class A common stock to purchasers on _____, 2012.

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Neither we, nor the selling stockholders, nor the underwriters, have authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectuses we have prepared. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We and the selling stockholders are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of our Class A common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of shares of our Class A common stock. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects may have changed since that date.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and is subject to change. No person should rely on the information contained in this document for any purpose other than participating in our proposed initial public offering, and only the preliminary prospectus issued May 9, 2012, is authorized by us to be used in connection with our proposed initial public offering. The preliminary prospectus will only be distributed by us and the underwriters named herein and no other person has been authorized by us to use this document to offer or sell any of our securities.

Until _____, 2012 (25 days after the commencement of our initial public offering), all dealers that buy, sell, or trade shares of our Class A common stock, whether or not participating in our initial public offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This delivery requirement is in addition to the obligation of dealers to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

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For investors outside the United States: Neither we, nor the selling stockholders, nor the underwriters have done anything that would permit our initial public offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the shares of our Class A common stock and the distribution of this prospectus outside of the United States.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained in greater detail elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information you should consider in making your investment decision. You should read the entire prospectus carefully before making an investment in our Class A common stock. You should carefully consider, among other things, our consolidated financial statements and the related notes and the sections entitled Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included elsewhere in this prospectus.

FACEBOOK, INC.

Our mission is to make the world more open and connected.

People use Facebook to stay connected with their friends and family, to discover what is going on in the world around them, and to share and express what matters to them to the people they care about.

Developers can use the Facebook Platform to build applications (apps) and websites that integrate with Facebook to reach our global network of users and to build products that are more personalized, social, and engaging.

Advertisers can engage with more than 900 million monthly active users (MAUs) on Facebook or subsets of our users based on information they have chosen to share with us such as their age, location, gender, or interests. We offer advertisers a unique combination of reach, relevance, social context, and engagement to enhance the value of their ads.

We believe that we are at the forefront of enabling faster, easier, and richer communication between people and that Facebook has become an integral part of many of our users' daily lives. We have experienced rapid growth in the number of users and their engagement.

We had 901 million MAUs as of March 31, 2012, an increase of 33% as compared to 680 million MAUs as of March 31, 2011.

We had 526 million daily active users (DAUs) on average in March 2012, an increase of 41% as compared to 372 million DAUs in March 2011.

We had 488 million MAUs who used Facebook mobile products in March 2012.

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There were more than 125 billion friend connections on Facebook as of March 31, 2012.

Our users generated an average of 3.2 billion Likes and Comments per day during the first quarter of 2012.

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For a description of how we calculate our MAUs and DAUs and factors that can affect these metrics, see [Industry Data and User Metrics](#) and [Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Trends in Our User Metrics](#).

How We Create Value for Users

Our top priority is to build useful and engaging products that enable you to:

Connect with Your Friends. With more than 900 million MAUs worldwide, our users are increasingly able to find and stay connected with their friends, family, and colleagues on Facebook.

Discover and Learn. We believe that users come to Facebook to discover and learn more about what is going on in the world around them, particularly in the lives of their friends and family and with public figures and organizations that interest them.

Express Yourself. We enable our users to share and publish their opinions, ideas, photos, and activities to audiences ranging from their closest friends to our 900 million users, giving every user a voice within the Facebook community.

Control What You Share. Through Facebook's privacy and sharing settings, our users can control what they share and with whom they share it.

Experience Facebook Across the Web. Through apps and websites built by developers using the Facebook Platform, our users can interact with their Facebook friends while playing games, listening to music, watching movies, reading news, and engaging in other activities.

Stay Connected with Your Friends on Mobile Devices. Through the combination of our mobile sites, smartphone apps, and feature phone products, users can bring Facebook with them on mobile devices wherever they go.

Foundations of the Social Web

We believe that the web, including the mobile web, is evolving to become more social and personalized. This evolution is creating more rewarding experiences that are centered on people, their connections, and their interests. We believe that the following elements form the foundation of the social web:

Authentic Identity. We believe that using your real name, connecting to your real friends, and sharing your genuine interests online create more engaging and meaningful experiences. Representing yourself with your authentic identity online encourages you to behave with the same norms that foster trust and respect in your daily life offline. Authentic identity is core to the Facebook experience, and we believe that it is central to the future of the web. Our terms of service require you to use your real name and we encourage you to be your true self online, enabling us and Platform developers to provide you with more personalized experiences.

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Social Graph. The Social Graph represents the connections between people and their friends and interests. Every person or entity is represented by a point within the graph, and the affiliations between people and their friends and interests form billions of connections between the points. Our mapping of the Social Graph enables Facebook and Platform developers to build more engaging user experiences that are based on these connections.

Social Distribution. Over time, people are consuming and creating more kinds of information at a faster pace across a broader range of devices. The growing volume of information makes it challenging to find meaningful and trusted content and to effectively make your voice heard. Facebook organizes and prioritizes content and serves as a powerful social distribution tool delivering to users what we believe they will find most compelling based on their friends and interests.

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How We Create Value for Developers Through the Facebook Platform

The Facebook Platform is a set of development tools and application programming interfaces (APIs) that enables developers to easily integrate with Facebook to create social apps and websites and to reach our 900 million users. Platform developers build experiences that allow our users to connect and share with friends while engaging in a wide range of activities. Platform developers range from a student on his or her computer at home to teams of programmers at leading websites. We are focused on the growth and success of Platform developers by enabling:

Personalized and Social Experiences. We enable Platform developers to create better products that are personalized and social and that offer new ways for our users to engage with friends and share experiences across the web and on mobile devices. For example, a Facebook user can visit the Pandora website and immediately begin listening to a personalized radio station that is customized based on the bands the user Likes on Facebook.

Social Distribution. We enable Platform developers to reach our global user base and use our social distribution channels to increase traffic to their apps and websites.

Payments. We provide an online payments infrastructure that enables Platform developers to receive payments from our users in an easy-to-use, secure, and trusted environment.

How We Create Value for Advertisers and Marketers

We offer advertisers and marketers a unique combination of reach, relevance, social context, and engagement:

Reach. With over 900 million MAUs, Facebook offers the ability to reach a vast consumer audience with our advertising solutions.

Relevance. Advertisers can specify that we show their ads to a subset of our users based on demographic factors and specific interests that they have chosen to share with us on Facebook or by using the Like button around the web. We allow advertisers to select relevant and appropriate audiences for their ads, ranging from millions of users in the case of global brands to hundreds of users in the case of smaller, local businesses.

Social Context. We believe that the recommendations of friends have a powerful influence on consumer interest and purchase decisions. We offer advertisers the ability to include social context with their marketing messages. Social context is information that highlights a friend's connections with a particular brand or business, for example, that a friend Liked a product or checked in at a restaurant. We believe that users find marketing messages more engaging when they include social context.

Engagement. We believe that the shift to a more social web creates new opportunities for businesses to engage with interested customers. Any brand or business can create a Facebook Page to stimulate an ongoing dialog with our users.

Our Market Opportunity

Our Advertising Market Opportunity

Advertisers' objectives range from building long-term brand awareness to stimulating an immediate purchase. We offer advertising solutions that are designed to be more engaging and relevant for users in order to help advertisers better achieve their goals. Facebook's combination of reach, relevance, social context, and engagement gives advertisers enhanced opportunities to generate brand awareness and affiliation, while also creating new ways to generate near-term demand for their products from consumers likely to have purchase

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intent. According to an IDC report dated August 2011, total worldwide advertising spending in 2010 was \$588 billion. Our addressable market opportunity includes portions of many existing advertising markets, including the traditional offline branded advertising, online display advertising, online performance-based advertising, and mobile advertising markets.

Advertising on the social web is a significant market opportunity that is still emerging and evolving. We believe that most advertisers are still learning and experimenting with the best ways to leverage Facebook to create more social and valuable ads.

Our Market Opportunity for Payments

When users purchase virtual and digital goods from our Platform developers using our Payments infrastructure, we receive fees that represent a portion of the transaction value. Currently, substantially all of the Payments transactions between our users and Platform developers are for virtual goods used in social games. According to an NPD In-Stat report dated April 2012, the worldwide revenue generated from the sale of virtual goods on social networking sites, online worlds, and casual games was \$9 billion in 2011, and is forecasted to increase to \$14 billion by 2016. We currently require Payments integration in games on Facebook, and we may seek to extend the use of Payments to other types of apps in the future.

Our Strategy

We are in the early days of pursuing our mission to make the world more open and connected. We have a significant opportunity to further enhance the value we deliver to users, developers, and advertisers. Key elements of our strategy are:

Expand Our Global User Community. We continue to focus on growing our user base across all geographies, including relatively less-penetrated, large markets such as Brazil, Germany, India, Japan, Russia, and South Korea. We intend to grow our user base by continuing our marketing and user acquisition efforts and enhancing our products, including mobile apps, in order to make Facebook more accessible and useful.

Build Great Social Products to Increase Engagement. We prioritize product development investments that we believe will create engaging interactions between our users, developers, and advertisers on Facebook, across the web, and on mobile devices. We continue to invest significantly in improving our core products such as News Feed, Photos, and Groups, developing new products such as Timeline and Ticker, and enabling new Platform apps and website integrations.

Provide Users with the Most Compelling Experience. Facebook users are sharing and receiving more information across a broader range of devices. To provide the most compelling user experience, we continue to develop products and technologies focused on optimizing our social distribution channels to deliver the most useful content to each user by analyzing and organizing vast amounts of information in real time.

Build Engaging Mobile Experiences. We are devoting substantial resources to developing engaging mobile products and experiences for a wide range of platforms, including smartphones and feature phones. In addition, we are working across the mobile industry with operators, hardware manufacturers, operating system providers, and developers to improve the Facebook experience on mobile devices and make Facebook available to more people around the world. We believe that mobile usage of Facebook is critical to maintaining user growth and engagement over the long term.

Enable Developers to Build Great Social Products Using the Facebook Platform. The success of our Platform developers and the vibrancy of our Platform ecosystem are key to increasing user engagement.

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We continue to invest in tools and APIs that enhance the ability of Platform developers to deliver products that are more social and personalized and better engage users on Facebook, across the web, and on mobile devices. Additionally, we plan to invest in enhancing our Payments offerings and in making the Payments experience on Facebook as convenient as possible for users and Platform developers.

Improve Ad Products for Advertisers and Users. We plan to continue to improve our ad products in order to create more value for advertisers and enhance their ability to make their advertising more social and relevant for users. Our advertising strategy centers on the belief that ad products that are social, relevant, and well-integrated with other content on Facebook can enhance the user experience while providing an attractive return for advertisers. We intend to invest in additional products for our advertisers and marketers while continuing to balance our monetization objectives with our commitment to optimizing the user experience.

Summary Risk Factors

Our business is subject to numerous risks described in the section entitled **Risk Factors** and elsewhere in this prospectus. You should carefully consider these risks before making an investment. Some of these risks include:

If we fail to retain existing users or add new users, or if our users decrease their level of engagement with Facebook, our revenue, financial results, and business may be significantly harmed;

We generate a substantial majority of our revenue from advertising. The loss of advertisers, or reduction in spending by advertisers with Facebook, could seriously harm our business;

Growth in use of Facebook through our mobile products, where our ability to monetize is unproven, as a substitute for use on personal computers may negatively affect our revenue and financial results;

Facebook user growth and engagement on mobile devices depend upon effective operation with mobile operating systems, networks, and standards that we do not control;

We may not be successful in our efforts to grow and further monetize the Facebook Platform;

Our business is highly competitive, and competition presents an ongoing threat to the success of our business;

Improper access to or disclosure of our users' information, or violation of our terms of service or policies, could harm our reputation and adversely affect our business;

Our business is subject to complex and evolving U.S. and foreign laws and regulations regarding privacy, data protection, and other matters. Many of these laws and regulations are subject to change and uncertain interpretation, and could harm our business;

Our CEO has control over key decision making as a result of his control of a majority of our voting stock;

The loss of Mark Zuckerberg, Sheryl K. Sandberg, or other key personnel could harm our business;

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We anticipate that we will expend substantial funds in connection with tax withholding and remittance obligations related to the initial settlement of our restricted stock units (RSUs);

The market price of our Class A common stock may be volatile or may decline, and you may not be able to resell your shares at or above the initial public offering price; and

Substantial blocks of our total outstanding shares may be sold into the market as lock-up periods end, as further described in Shares Eligible for Future Sale. If there are substantial sales of shares of our common stock, the price of our Class A common stock could decline.

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Mr. Zuckerberg's Voting Rights and Our Status as a Controlled Company

Mr. Zuckerberg, who after our initial public offering will control approximately 57.3% of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock, will have the ability to control the outcome of matters submitted to our stockholders for approval, including the election of our directors, as well as the overall management and direction of our company. In the event of his death, the shares of our capital stock that Mr. Zuckerberg owns will be transferred to the persons or entities that he designates.

Because Mr. Zuckerberg controls a majority of our outstanding voting power, we are a controlled company under the corporate governance rules for NASDAQ-listed companies. Therefore, we are not required to have a majority of our board of directors be independent, nor are we required to have a compensation committee or an independent nominating function. In light of our status as a controlled company, our board of directors has determined not to have an independent nominating function and to have the full board of directors be directly responsible for nominating members of our board.

Corporate Information

We were incorporated in Delaware in July 2004. Unless expressly indicated or the context requires otherwise, the terms Facebook, company, we, us, and our in this prospectus refer to Facebook, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and, where appropriate, its wholly-owned subsidiaries. The term Facebook may also refer to our products, regardless of the manner in which they are accessed. Our principal executive offices are located at 1601 Willow Road, Menlo Park, California 94025, and our telephone number is (650) 308-7300. Our website address is www.facebook.com. The information on or that can be accessed through our website is not part of this prospectus.

Facebook, the Facebook logo, FB, the Like Button, f8, and our other registered or common law trademarks, service marks, or trade names appearing in this prospectus are the property of Facebook, Inc. Other trademarks, service marks, or trade names appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective owners.

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Class A common stock offered

By us	180,000,000 shares
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By the selling stockholders	157,415,352 shares
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Total	337,415,352 shares
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Class A common stock to be outstanding after our initial public offering	598,396,119 shares
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Class B common stock to be outstanding after our initial public offering	1,539,688,918 shares
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Total Class A and Class B common stock to be outstanding after our initial public offering	2,138,085,037 shares
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Over-allotment option of Class A common stock offered

By us	6,029,988 shares
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By the selling stockholders	44,582,314 shares
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Total	50,612,302 shares
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Use of proceeds

We estimate that our net proceeds from the sale of the Class A common stock that we are offering will be approximately \$5.6 billion, assuming an initial public offering price of \$31.50 per share, which is the midpoint of the price range on the cover page of this prospectus, and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

The principal purposes of our initial public offering are to create a public market for our Class A common stock and thereby enable future access to the public equity markets by us and our employees, obtain additional capital, and facilitate an orderly distribution of shares for the selling stockholders. We intend to use the net proceeds to us from our initial public offering for working capital and other general corporate purposes; however we do not have any specific uses of the net proceeds planned. We may use some of the net proceeds to us to satisfy a portion of the anticipated tax withholding and remittance obligations related to the initial settlement of our outstanding RSUs. Additionally, we may use a portion of the proceeds to us for acquisitions of complementary businesses, technologies, or other assets.

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We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of Class A common stock by the selling stockholders. In connection with our initial public

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offering, Mark Zuckerberg, our founder, Chairman, and CEO, will exercise an outstanding stock option with respect to 60,000,000 shares of Class B common stock and will then offer 30,200,000 of those shares as Class A common stock in our initial public offering. We expect that the substantial majority of the net proceeds Mr. Zuckerberg will receive upon such sale will be used to satisfy taxes that he will incur in connection with the option exercise. See Use of Proceeds.

Voting rights

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

Shares of Class B common stock are entitled to ten votes per share.

Holders of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock will generally vote together as a single class, unless otherwise required by law. Mr. Zuckerberg, who after our initial public offering will control more than 57.3% of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock, will have the ability to control the outcome of matters submitted to our stockholders for approval, including the election of our directors. See Description of Capital Stock.

Proposed NASDAQ Global Select Market symbol

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The number of shares of Class A and Class B common stock to be outstanding after our initial public offering includes: (i) 117,549,393 shares of our Class A common stock and 1,780,535,644 shares of our Class B common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2012; and (ii) the issuance of 60,000,000 shares of our Class B common stock upon the partial exercise by Mr. Zuckerberg of an outstanding stock option to purchase 120,000,000 shares of our Class B common stock and the automatic conversion of 30,200,000 of those shares into an equivalent number of shares of Class A common stock upon their sale in our initial public offering, and excludes:

116,756,442 shares of Class B common stock issuable upon the exercise of options outstanding as of March 31, 2012 under our 2005 Stock Plan, with a weighted-average exercise price of approximately \$0.94 per share;

60,000,000 shares of Class B common stock issuable upon the exercise of the remaining portion of an option held by Mr. Zuckerberg, with an exercise price of \$0.06 per share;

378,429,048 shares of Class B common stock subject to RSUs outstanding as of March 31, 2012 under our 2005 Stock Plan;

22,999,412 shares of common stock issuable upon completion of our acquisition of Instagram, Inc.;

25,257,815 shares of Class B common stock subject to RSUs granted under our 2005 Stock Plan and 40,000 shares of Class A common stock issued between April 1, 2012 and May 3, 2012; and

77,466,293 shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance under our equity compensation plans, consisting of 25,000,000 shares of Class A common stock reserved for issuance under our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, and 52,466,293 shares of Class B common stock reserved as of March 31, 2012

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for issuance under our 2005 Stock Plan (which reserve includes the 25,257,815 shares of Class B common stock subject to RSUs granted after March 31, 2012). On the date of this prospectus, any remaining shares available for issuance under our 2005 Stock Plan will be added to the shares reserved under our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and we will cease granting awards under the 2005 Stock Plan. Our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan also provides for automatic annual increases in the number of shares reserved thereunder and for increases based on forfeited or withheld shares and other events, as more fully described in Executive Compensation Employee Benefit Plans.

Unless expressly indicated or the context requires otherwise, all information in this prospectus assumes:

the conversion of all outstanding shares of our convertible preferred stock as of March 31, 2012 into 545,401,443 shares of Class B common stock in connection with our initial public offering;

the automatic conversion of 121,788,489 shares of our Class B common stock into an equivalent number of shares of our Class A common stock upon their sale by the selling stockholders in our initial public offering;

the conversion by certain of our existing stockholders pursuant to contractual agreements of an aggregate of 179,058,237 shares of our Class B common stock into an equivalent number of shares of our Class A common stock in connection with our initial public offering;

no exercise by the underwriters of their right to purchase up to an additional 50,612,302 shares of Class A common stock from us and the selling stockholders to cover over-allotments; and

the filing of our restated certificate of incorporation and the effectiveness of our restated bylaws in connection with our initial public offering.

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The following table summarizes our consolidated financial data. We have derived the summary consolidated statements of income data for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010, and 2011 from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated statements of income data for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2012, and the consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2012 have been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. In our opinion, such financial statements include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of the financial information set forth in those statements. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of our results in any future period. The summary of our consolidated financial data set forth below should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes, as well as the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	Year Ended December 31,			Three Months Ended	
	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012
(in millions, except per share data)					
Consolidated Statements of Income Data:					
Revenue	\$ 777	\$ 1,974	\$ 3,711	\$ 731	\$ 1,058
Costs and expenses ⁽¹⁾ :					
Cost of revenue	223	493	860	167	277
Marketing and sales	115	184	427	68	159
Research and development	87	144	388	57	153
General and administrative	90	121	280	51	88
Total costs and expenses	515	942	1,955	343	677
Income from operations	262	1,032	1,756	388	381
Interest and other income (expense), net	(8)	(24)	(61)	10	1
Income before provision for income taxes	254	1,008	1,695	398	382
Provision for income taxes	25	402	695	165	177
Net income	\$ 229	\$ 606	\$ 1,000	\$ 233	\$ 205
Net income attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders	\$ 122	\$ 372	\$ 668	\$ 153	\$ 137
Earnings per share attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders⁽²⁾:					
Basic	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.10
Diluted	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.09
Pro forma earnings per share attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders⁽²⁾:					
Basic			\$ 0.49		\$ 0.10
Diluted			\$ 0.43		\$ 0.09

(1) Costs and expenses in 2009, 2010, and 2011 and the first quarter of 2011 and 2012 include share-based compensation expense of \$27 million, \$20 million, \$217 million, \$7 million, and \$103 million, respectively, as follows:

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	Year Ended December 31,			Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012
	(in millions)				
Cost of revenue	\$	\$	\$ 9	\$	\$ 4
Marketing and sales	2	2	43		23
Research and development	6	9	114	4	60
General and administrative	19	9	51	3	16
Total share-based compensation expense	\$ 27	\$ 20	\$ 217	\$ 7	\$ 103

- (2) See note 2 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements for a description of how we compute basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders and pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders.

	Actual	March 31, 2012	
		Pro Forma ⁽¹⁾ (in millions)	Pro Forma As Adjusted ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:			
Cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities	\$ 3,910	\$3,910	\$ 9,511
Working capital	3,655	3,980	9,581
Property and equipment, net	1,855	1,855	1,855
Total assets	6,859	7,184	12,785
Total liabilities	1,587	1,587	1,587
Additional paid-in capital	2,853	4,433	10,034
Retained earnings	1,811	1,171	1,171
Total stockholders' equity	5,272	5,597	11,198

- (1) The pro forma consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2012 presents our consolidated balance sheet data to give effect to the automatic conversion of all of our outstanding shares of convertible preferred stock into shares of Class B common stock and to also give effect to a share-based compensation expense of approximately \$965 million associated with RSUs granted prior to 2011, for which the service condition was satisfied as of March 31, 2012 and which we expect to record upon completion of our initial public offering, as further described in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates Share-based Compensation. The pro forma adjustment related to share-based compensation expense of approximately \$965 million has been reflected as an increase to additional paid-in capital and the associated tax effect of \$325 million has been netted against this charge, resulting in a net reduction of \$640 million to retained earnings. The income tax effects have been reflected as an increase to deferred tax assets included in prepaid expenses and other current assets, to reflect the anticipated future tax benefits upon settlement of these RSUs.
- (2) The pro forma as adjusted consolidated balance sheet data reflects the items described in footnote (1) above and gives effect to our receipt of estimated net proceeds from the sale of shares of Class A common stock that we are offering at an assumed initial public offering price of the Class A common stock of \$31.50 per share, the midpoint of the price range on the cover page of this prospectus, after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of \$31.50 per share would increase (decrease) each of cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities, working capital, total assets, additional paid-in capital, and total stockholders' equity by \$178 million, assuming that the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same, and after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions.
- (3) The pro forma as adjusted data discussed above is illustrative only and will be adjusted based on the actual initial public offering price and other terms of our initial public offering determined at pricing.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our Class A common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the risks and uncertainties described below, together with all of the other information in this prospectus, including the consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus, before deciding whether to invest in shares of our Class A common stock. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are unaware of, or that we currently believe are not material, may also become important factors that adversely affect our business. If any of the following risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations, and future prospects could be materially and adversely affected. In that event, the market price of our Class A common stock could decline, and you could lose part or all of your investment.

Risks Related to Our Business and Industry

If we fail to retain existing users or add new users, or if our users decrease their level of engagement with Facebook, our revenue, financial results, and business may be significantly harmed.

The size of our user base and our users' level of engagement are critical to our success. We had 901 million monthly active users (MAUs) as of March 31, 2012. Our financial performance has been and will continue to be significantly determined by our success in adding, retaining, and engaging active users. We anticipate that our active user growth rate will decline over time as the size of our active user base increases, and as we achieve higher market penetration rates. To the extent our active user growth rate slows, our business performance will become increasingly dependent on our ability to increase levels of user engagement in current and new markets. If people do not perceive our products to be useful, reliable, and trustworthy, we may not be able to attract or retain users or otherwise maintain or increase the frequency and duration of their engagement. A number of other social networking companies that achieved early popularity have since seen their active user bases or levels of engagement decline, in some cases precipitously. There is no guarantee that we will not experience a similar erosion of our active user base or engagement levels. A decrease in user retention, growth, or engagement could render Facebook less attractive to developers and advertisers, which may have a material and adverse impact on our revenue, business, financial condition, and results of operations. Any number of factors could potentially negatively affect user retention, growth, and engagement, including if:

users increasingly engage with competing products;

we fail to introduce new and improved products or if we introduce new products or services that are not favorably received;

we are unable to successfully balance our efforts to provide a compelling user experience with the decisions we make with respect to the frequency, prominence, and size of ads and other commercial content that we display;

we are unable to continue to develop products for mobile devices that users find engaging, that work with a variety of mobile operating systems and networks, and that achieve a high level of market acceptance;

there are changes in user sentiment about the quality or usefulness of our products or concerns related to privacy and sharing, safety, security, or other factors;

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we are unable to manage and prioritize information to ensure users are presented with content that is interesting, useful, and relevant to them;

there are adverse changes in our products that are mandated by legislation, regulatory authorities, or litigation, including settlements or consent decrees;

technical or other problems prevent us from delivering our products in a rapid and reliable manner or otherwise affect the user experience;

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we adopt policies or procedures related to areas such as sharing or user data that are perceived negatively by our users or the general public;

we fail to provide adequate customer service to users, developers, or advertisers;

we, our Platform developers, or other companies in our industry are the subject of adverse media reports or other negative publicity; or

our current or future products, such as the Facebook Platform, reduce user activity on Facebook by making it easier for our users to interact and share on third-party websites.

If we are unable to maintain and increase our user base and user engagement, our revenue, financial results, and future growth potential may be adversely affected.

We generate a substantial majority of our revenue from advertising. The loss of advertisers, or reduction in spending by advertisers with Facebook, could seriously harm our business.

The substantial majority of our revenue is currently generated from third parties advertising on Facebook. In 2009, 2010, and 2011 and the first quarter of 2011 and 2012, advertising accounted for 98%, 95%, 85%, 87%, and 82%, respectively, of our revenue. As is common in the industry, our advertisers typically do not have long-term advertising commitments with us. Many of our advertisers spend only a relatively small portion of their overall advertising budget with us. In addition, advertisers may view some of our products, such as sponsored stories and ads with social context, as experimental and unproven. Advertisers will not continue to do business with us, or they will reduce the prices they are willing to pay to advertise with us, if we do not deliver ads and other commercial content in an effective manner, or if they do not believe that their investment in advertising with us will generate a competitive return relative to other alternatives. Our advertising revenue could be adversely affected by a number of other factors, including:

decreases in user engagement, including time spent on Facebook;

increased user access to and engagement with Facebook through our mobile products, where we do not currently directly generate meaningful revenue, particularly to the extent that mobile engagement is substituted for engagement with Facebook on personal computers where we monetize usage by displaying ads and other commercial content;

product changes or inventory management decisions we may make that reduce the size, frequency, or relative prominence of ads and other commercial content displayed on Facebook;

our inability to improve our analytics and measurement solutions that demonstrate the value of our ads and other commercial content;

decisions by advertisers to use our free products, such as Facebook Pages, instead of advertising on Facebook;

loss of advertising market share to our competitors;

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adverse legal developments relating to advertising, including legislative and regulatory developments and developments in litigation;

adverse media reports or other negative publicity involving us, our Platform developers, or other companies in our industry;

our inability to create new products that sustain or increase the value of our ads and other commercial content;

the degree to which users opt out of social ads or otherwise limit the potential audience of commercial content;

changes in the way online advertising is priced;

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the impact of new technologies that could block or obscure the display of our ads and other commercial content; and

the impact of macroeconomic conditions and conditions in the advertising industry in general.

The occurrence of any of these or other factors could result in a reduction in demand for our ads and other commercial content, which may reduce the prices we receive for our ads and other commercial content, or cause advertisers to stop advertising with us altogether, either of which would negatively affect our revenue and financial results.

Growth in use of Facebook through our mobile products, where our ability to monetize is unproven, as a substitute for use on personal computers may negatively affect our revenue and financial results.

We had 488 million MAUs who used Facebook mobile products in March 2012. While most of our mobile users also access Facebook through personal computers, we anticipate that the rate of growth in mobile usage will exceed the growth in usage through personal computers for the foreseeable future, in part due to our focus on developing mobile products to encourage mobile usage of Facebook. We have historically not shown ads to users accessing Facebook through mobile apps or our mobile website. In March 2012, we began to include sponsored stories in users' mobile News Feeds. However, we do not currently directly generate any meaningful revenue from the use of Facebook mobile products, and our ability to do so successfully is unproven. We believe this increased usage of Facebook on mobile devices has contributed to the recent trend of our daily active users (DAUs) increasing more rapidly than the increase in the number of ads delivered. If users increasingly access Facebook mobile products as a substitute for access through personal computers, and if we are unable to successfully implement monetization strategies for our mobile users, or if we incur excessive expenses in this effort, our financial performance and ability to grow revenue would be negatively affected.

Facebook user growth and engagement on mobile devices depend upon effective operation with mobile operating systems, networks, and standards that we do not control.

There is no guarantee that popular mobile devices will continue to feature Facebook, or that mobile device users will continue to use Facebook rather than competing products. We are dependent on the interoperability of Facebook with popular mobile operating systems that we do not control, such as Android and iOS, and any changes in such systems that degrade our products' functionality or give preferential treatment to competitive products could adversely affect Facebook usage on mobile devices. Additionally, in order to deliver high quality mobile products, it is important that our products work well with a range of mobile technologies, systems, networks, and standards that we do not control. We may not be successful in developing relationships with key participants in the mobile industry or in developing products that operate effectively with these technologies, systems, networks, or standards. In the event that it is more difficult for our users to access and use Facebook on their mobile devices, or if our users choose not to access or use Facebook on their mobile devices or use mobile products that do not offer access to Facebook, our user growth and user engagement could be harmed.

We may not be successful in our efforts to grow and further monetize the Facebook Platform.

We have made and are continuing to make major investments to enable developers to build applications (apps) and websites that integrate with the Facebook Platform. Existing and prospective Platform developers may not be successful in building apps or websites that create and maintain user engagement. Additionally, developers may choose to build on other platforms, including mobile platforms controlled by third parties, rather than building on the Facebook Platform. We are continuously seeking to balance the distribution objectives of our Platform developers with our desire to provide an optimal user experience, and we may not be successful in achieving a balance that continues to attract

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and retain Platform developers. From time to time, we have taken actions to reduce the volume of communications from apps to users on Facebook with the objective of enhancing the user experience, and such actions have reduced distribution from, user engagement with, and our monetization opportunities from, apps on Facebook. In some instances, these actions have adversely affected our relationships with Platform developers. If we are not successful in our efforts to grow our Platform or if we are

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unable to build and maintain good relations with Platform developers, our user growth and user engagement and our financial results may be adversely affected.

Additionally, we may not be successful in further monetizing the Facebook Platform. We currently monetize the Facebook Platform in several ways, including ads on pages generated by apps on Facebook, direct advertising on Facebook purchased by Platform developers to drive traffic to their apps and websites, and fees from our Platform developers' use of our Payments infrastructure to sell virtual and digital goods to users. Apps built by developers of social games, particularly Zynga, are currently responsible for substantially all of our revenue derived from Payments. In addition, a relatively small percentage of our users have transacted with Facebook Payments. For example, in 2011, approximately 15 million users purchased virtual goods using Facebook Payments. If the Platform apps that currently generate revenue fail to grow or maintain their users and engagement, if Platform developers do not continue to introduce new apps that attract users and create engagement, if Platform developers reduce their advertising on Facebook, if we fail to maintain good relationships with Platform developers or attract new developers, or if Platform apps outside of social games do not gain popularity and generate significant revenue, our financial performance and ability to grow revenue could be adversely affected.

Our business is highly competitive. Competition presents an ongoing threat to the success of our business.

We face significant competition in almost every aspect of our business, including from companies such as Google, Microsoft, and Twitter, which offer a variety of Internet products, services, content, and online advertising offerings, as well as from mobile companies and smaller Internet companies that offer products and services that may compete with specific Facebook features. We also face competition from traditional and online media businesses for advertising budgets. We compete broadly with Google's social networking offerings, including Google+, and also with other, largely regional, social networks that have strong positions in particular countries, including Cyworld in Korea, Mixi in Japan, Orkut (owned by Google) in Brazil and India, and vKontakte in Russia. We would also face competition from companies in China such as Renren, Sina, and Tencent in the event that we are able to access the market in China in the future. As we introduce new products, as our existing products evolve, or as other companies introduce new products and services, we may become subject to additional competition.

Some of our current and potential competitors have significantly greater resources and better competitive positions in certain markets than we do. These factors may allow our competitors to respond more effectively than us to new or emerging technologies and changes in market requirements. Our competitors may develop products, features, or services that are similar to ours or that achieve greater market acceptance, may undertake more far-reaching and successful product development efforts or marketing campaigns, or may adopt more aggressive pricing policies. In addition, Platform partners may use information shared by our users through the Facebook Platform in order to develop products or features that compete with us. Certain competitors, including Google, could use strong or dominant positions in one or more markets to gain competitive advantage against us in areas where we operate including: by integrating competing social networking platforms or features into products they control such as search engines, web browsers, or mobile device operating systems; by making acquisitions; or by making access to Facebook more difficult. As a result, our competitors may acquire and engage users at the expense of the growth or engagement of our user base, which may negatively affect our business and financial results.

We believe that our ability to compete effectively depends upon many factors both within and beyond our control, including:

the usefulness, ease of use, performance, and reliability of our products compared to our competitors;

the size and composition of our user base;

the engagement of our users with our products;

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the timing and market acceptance of products, including developments and enhancements to our or our competitors' products;

our ability to monetize our products, including our ability to successfully monetize mobile usage;

the frequency, size, and relative prominence of the ads and other commercial content displayed by us or our competitors;

customer service and support efforts;

marketing and selling efforts;

our ability to establish and maintain developers' interest in building on the Facebook Platform;

changes mandated by legislation, regulatory authorities, or litigation, including settlements and consent decrees, some of which may have a disproportionate effect on us;

acquisitions or consolidation within our industry, which may result in more formidable competitors;

our ability to attract, retain, and motivate talented employees, particularly software engineers;

our ability to cost-effectively manage and grow our operations; and

our reputation and brand strength relative to our competitors.

If we are not able to effectively compete, our user base and level of user engagement may decrease, which could make us less attractive to developers and advertisers and materially and adversely affect our revenue and results of operations.

Action by governments to restrict access to Facebook in their countries could substantially harm our business and financial results.

It is possible that governments of one or more countries may seek to censor content available on Facebook in their country, restrict access to Facebook from their country entirely, or impose other restrictions that may affect the accessibility of Facebook in their country for an extended period of time or indefinitely. For example, access to Facebook has been or is currently restricted in whole or in part in China, Iran, North Korea, and Syria. In addition, governments in other countries may seek to restrict access to Facebook if they consider us to be in violation of their laws. In the event that access to Facebook is restricted, in whole or in part, in one or more countries or our competitors are able to successfully penetrate geographic markets that we cannot access, our ability to retain or increase our user base and user engagement may be adversely affected, we may not be able to maintain or grow our revenue as anticipated, and our financial results could be adversely affected.

Our efforts to expand the Facebook Platform may result in users increasingly engaging with our Platform developers' Facebook-integrated websites instead of engaging on Facebook, which may negatively affect our advertising revenue and harm our business.

We actively support Platform developers' efforts to develop products that integrate with Facebook on the developers' websites. Our Platform developers may choose to prioritize building or supporting Facebook-integrated websites as opposed to building or supporting apps that run on the Facebook website. When users visit a Platform partner's Facebook-integrated website, we do not deliver advertisements, whereas we would have displayed advertisements to these users if their activity had taken place on the Facebook website. If Facebook-integrated websites draw users away from our website, it may reduce or slow the growth of our user activity that generates advertising opportunities, which could negatively affect our advertising revenue. Although we believe that there are significant long-term benefits to Facebook resulting from increased engagement on Facebook-integrated websites, these benefits may not offset the possible loss of advertising revenue, in which case our business could be harmed.

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Our new products and changes to existing products could fail to attract or retain users or generate revenue.

Our ability to retain, increase, and engage our user base and to increase our revenue will depend heavily on our ability to create successful new products, both independently and in conjunction with Platform developers or other third parties. We may introduce significant changes to our existing products or develop and introduce new and unproven products, including using technologies with which we have little or no prior development or operating experience. If new or enhanced products fail to engage users, developers, or advertisers, we may fail to attract or retain users or to generate sufficient revenue, operating margin, or other value to justify our investments, and our business may be adversely affected. In the future, we may invest in new products and initiatives to generate revenue, but there is no guarantee these approaches will be successful. If we are not successful with new approaches to monetization, we may not be able to maintain or grow our revenue as anticipated or recover any associated development costs, and our financial results could be adversely affected.

Our culture emphasizes rapid innovation and prioritizes user engagement over short-term financial results.

We have a culture that encourages employees to quickly develop and launch new and innovative products. As our business grows and becomes more complex, our cultural emphasis on moving quickly may result in unintended outcomes or decisions that are poorly received by users, developers, or advertisers. Our culture also prioritizes our user engagement over short-term financial results, and we frequently make product decisions that may reduce our short-term revenue or profitability if we believe that the decisions are consistent with our mission and benefit the aggregate user experience and will thereby improve our financial performance over the long term. As an example, we believe that the recent trend of our DAUs increasing more rapidly than the increase in the number of ads delivered has been due in part to certain pages having fewer ads per page as a result of these kinds of product decisions. These decisions may not produce the long-term benefits that we expect, in which case our user growth and engagement, our relationships with developers and advertisers, and our business and results of operations could be harmed.

If we are not able to maintain and enhance our brand, or if events occur that damage our reputation and brand, our ability to expand our base of users, developers, and advertisers may be impaired, and our business and financial results may be harmed.

We believe that the Facebook brand has significantly contributed to the success of our business. We also believe that maintaining and enhancing our brand is critical to expanding our base of users, developers, and advertisers. Many of our new users are referred by existing users, and therefore we strive to ensure that our users remain favorably inclined towards Facebook. Maintaining and enhancing our brand will depend largely on our ability to continue to provide useful, reliable, trustworthy, and innovative products, which we may not do successfully. We may introduce new products or terms of service that users do not like, which may negatively affect our brand. Additionally, the actions of our Platform developers may affect our brand if users do not have a positive experience using third-party apps and websites integrated with Facebook. We have in the past experienced, and we expect that in the future we will continue to experience, media, legislative, or regulatory scrutiny of our decisions regarding user privacy or other issues, which may adversely affect our reputation and brand. We also may fail to provide adequate customer service, which could erode confidence in our brand. Our brand may also be negatively affected by the actions of users that are deemed to be hostile or inappropriate to other users, or by users acting under false or inauthentic identities. Maintaining and enhancing our brand may require us to make substantial investments and these investments may not be successful. If we fail to successfully promote and maintain the Facebook brand or if we incur excessive expenses in this effort, our business and financial results may be adversely affected.

Improper access to or disclosure of our users' information, or violation of our terms of service or policies, could harm our reputation and adversely affect our business.

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Our efforts to protect the information that our users have chosen to share using Facebook may be unsuccessful due to the actions of third parties, software bugs or other technical malfunctions, employee error or malfeasance, or other factors. In addition, third parties may attempt to fraudulently induce employees or users to disclose information in order to gain access to our data or our users' data. If any of these events occur, our users' information could be accessed or disclosed improperly. Our Data Use Policy governs the use of information that

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users have chosen to share using Facebook and how that information may be used by us and third parties. Some Platform developers may store information provided by our users through apps on the Facebook Platform or websites integrated with Facebook. If these third parties or Platform developers fail to adopt or adhere to adequate data security practices or fail to comply with our terms and policies, or in the event of a breach of their networks, our users' data may be improperly accessed or disclosed.

Any incidents involving unauthorized access to or improper use of the information of our users or incidents involving violation of our terms of service or policies, including our Data Use Policy, could damage our reputation and our brand and diminish our competitive position. In addition, the affected users or government authorities could initiate legal or regulatory action against us in connection with such incidents, which could cause us to incur significant expense and liability or result in orders or consent decrees forcing us to modify our business practices. Any of these events could have a material and adverse effect on our business, reputation, or financial results.

Unfavorable media coverage could negatively affect our business.

We receive a high degree of media coverage around the world. Unfavorable publicity regarding, for example, our privacy practices, product changes, product quality, litigation or regulatory activity, or the actions of our Platform developers or our users, could adversely affect our reputation. Such negative publicity also could have an adverse effect on the size, engagement, and loyalty of our user base and result in decreased revenue, which could adversely affect our business and financial results.

Our financial results will fluctuate from quarter to quarter, which makes them difficult to predict.

Our quarterly financial results have fluctuated in the past and will fluctuate in the future. Additionally, we have a limited operating history with the current scale of our business, which makes it difficult to forecast our future results. As a result, you should not rely upon our past quarterly financial results as indicators of future performance. You should take into account the risks and uncertainties frequently encountered by companies in rapidly evolving markets. Our financial results in any given quarter can be influenced by numerous factors, many of which we are unable to predict or are outside of our control, including:

our ability to maintain and grow our user base and user engagement;

our ability to attract and retain advertisers in a particular period;

seasonal fluctuations in spending by our advertisers;

the number of ads shown to users;

the pricing of our ads and other products;

our ability to increase payments and other fees revenue;

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the diversification and growth of revenue sources beyond current advertising and Payments;

the development and introduction of new products or services by us or our competitors;

increases in marketing, sales, and other operating expenses that we may incur to grow and expand our operations and to remain competitive;

our ability to maintain gross margins and operating margins;

our ability to obtain equipment and components for our data centers and other technical infrastructure in a timely and cost-effective manner;

system failures or breaches of security or privacy;

inaccessibility of Facebook due to third-party actions;

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share-based compensation expense including approximately \$965 million that we will incur in the quarter of the completion of our initial public offering in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units (RSUs) granted prior to 2011 for which the service condition was satisfied as of March 31, 2012;

adverse litigation judgments, settlements, or other litigation-related costs;

changes in the legislative or regulatory environment, including with respect to privacy, or enforcement by government regulators, including fines, orders, or consent decrees;

fluctuations in currency exchange rates and changes in the proportion of our revenue and expenses denominated in foreign currencies;

fluctuations in the market values of our portfolio investments and in interest rates;

changes in U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; and

changes in business or macroeconomic conditions.

In 2011 and the first quarter of 2012, we estimate that up to 19% and 15% of our revenue, respectively, was derived from Payments processing fees from Zynga, direct advertising from Zynga, and revenue from third parties for ads shown on pages generated by Zynga apps. If Zynga does not maintain its level of engagement with our users or if we are unable to successfully maintain our relationship with Zynga, our financial results could be harmed.

In 2011 and the first quarter of 2012, Zynga directly accounted for approximately 12% and 11%, respectively, of our revenue, which was comprised of revenue derived from Payments processing fees related to Zynga's sales of virtual goods and from direct advertising purchased by Zynga. Additionally, Zynga's apps generate pages on which we display ads from other advertisers; for 2011 and the first quarter of 2012, we estimate that an additional approximately 7% and 4%, respectively, of our revenue was generated from the display of these ads. Zynga has recently launched games on its own website and on non-Facebook platforms, and Zynga may choose to try to migrate users from existing Facebook-integrated games to other websites or platforms. We may fail to maintain good relations with Zynga or Zynga may decide to reduce or cease its investments in games on the Facebook Platform. If the use of Zynga games on our Platform declines for these or other reasons, our financial results may be adversely affected.

We expect our rates of growth will decline in the future.

We believe that our rates of user and revenue growth will decline over time. For example, our revenue grew 154% from 2009 to 2010, 88% from 2010 to 2011, and 45% from the first quarter of 2011 to the same period in 2012. Historically, our user growth has been a primary driver of growth in our revenue. We expect that our user growth and revenue growth rates will decline as the size of our active user base increases and as we achieve higher market penetration rates. As our growth rates decline, investors' perceptions of our business may be adversely affected and the market price of our Class A common stock could decline.

Our business is subject to complex and evolving U.S. and foreign laws and regulations regarding privacy, data protection, and other matters. Many of these laws and regulations are subject to change and uncertain interpretation, and could result in claims, changes to our business practices, increased cost of operations, or declines in user growth or engagement, or otherwise harm our business.

We are subject to a variety of laws and regulations in the United States and abroad that involve matters central to our business, including user privacy, rights of publicity, data protection, content, intellectual property, distribution, electronic contracts and other communications, competition, protection of minors, consumer protection, taxation, and online payment services. Foreign data protection, privacy, and other laws and regulations are often more restrictive than those in the United States. These U.S. federal and state and foreign laws and regulations are constantly evolving and can be subject to significant change. In addition, the application and

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interpretation of these laws and regulations are often uncertain, particularly in the new and rapidly evolving industry in which we operate. For example, the interpretation of some laws and regulations that govern the use of names and likenesses in connection with advertising and marketing activities is unsettled and developments in this area could affect the manner in which we design our products, as well as our terms of use. A number of proposals are pending before federal, state, and foreign legislative and regulatory bodies that could significantly affect our business. For example, a revision to the 1995 European Union Data Protection Directive is currently being considered by European legislative bodies that may include more stringent operational requirements for data processors and significant penalties for non-compliance. Similarly, there have been a number of recent legislative proposals in the United States, at both the federal and state level, that would impose new obligations in areas such as privacy and liability for copyright infringement by third parties. These existing and proposed laws and regulations can be costly to comply with and can delay or impede the development of new products, result in negative publicity, increase our operating costs, require significant management time and attention, and subject us to claims or other remedies, including fines or demands that we modify or cease existing business practices.

We have been subject to regulatory investigations and settlements and we expect to continue to be subject to such proceedings in the future, which could cause us to incur substantial costs or require us to change our business practices in a manner materially adverse to our business.

From time to time, we receive inquiries from regulators regarding our compliance with laws and other matters. For example, in 2011, we reached agreement with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to resolve an investigation into various practices by entering into a 20-year settlement agreement that, among other things, requires us to establish and refine certain practices with respect to treatment of user data and privacy settings and also requires that we complete bi-annual independent privacy audits. As another example, in 2011 the Irish Data Protection Commissioner (DPC) conducted an audit of the data, security, and privacy practices and policies of Facebook Ireland, which is the data controller for Facebook users outside the United States and Canada, and released a report of its conclusions in December 2011. The FTC and DPC have investigated and audited aspects of our products and practices, and we expect to continue to be the subject of regulatory investigations and audits in the future by these and other regulators throughout the world.

It is possible that a regulatory inquiry might result in changes to our policies or practices. Violation of existing or future regulatory orders or consent decrees could subject us to substantial monetary fines and other penalties that could negatively affect our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, it is possible that future orders issued by, or enforcement actions initiated by, regulatory authorities could cause us to incur substantial costs or require us to change our business practices in a manner materially adverse to our business.

If we are unable to protect our intellectual property, the value of our brand and other intangible assets may be diminished, and our business may be adversely affected.

We rely and expect to continue to rely on a combination of confidentiality and license agreements with our employees, consultants, and third parties with whom we have relationships, as well as trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret, and domain name protection laws, to protect our proprietary rights. In the United States and internationally, we have filed various applications for protection of certain aspects of our intellectual property, and we currently hold a number of issued patents in multiple jurisdictions. In addition, in the future we may acquire additional patents or patent portfolios, which could require significant cash expenditures. However, third parties may knowingly or unknowingly infringe our proprietary rights, third parties may challenge proprietary rights held by us, and pending and future trademark and patent applications may not be approved. In addition, effective intellectual property protection may not be available in every country in which we operate or intend to operate our business. In any or all of these cases, we may be required to expend significant time and expense in order to prevent infringement or to enforce our rights. Although we have taken measures to protect our proprietary rights, there can be no assurance that others will not offer products or concepts that are substantially similar to ours and compete with our business. In addition, we regularly contribute software source code under open source licenses and have made other technology we developed available under other open licenses, and we include open source software in

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our products. For example, we have contributed certain specifications and designs related to our data center equipment to the Open Compute Project Foundation, a non-profit entity that shares and develops such information with the technology community, under the Open Web Foundation License. As a result of our open source contributions and the use of open source in our products, we may license or be required to license innovations that turn out to be material to our business and may also be exposed to increased litigation risk. If the protection of our proprietary rights is inadequate to prevent unauthorized use or appropriation by third parties, the value of our brand and other intangible assets may be diminished and competitors may be able to more effectively mimic our service and methods of operations. Any of these events could have an adverse effect on our business and financial results.

We are currently, and expect to be in the future, party to patent lawsuits and other intellectual property rights claims that are expensive and time consuming, and, if resolved adversely, could have a significant impact on our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

Companies in the Internet, technology, and media industries own large numbers of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets, and frequently enter into litigation based on allegations of infringement, misappropriation, or other violations of intellectual property or other rights. In addition, various non-practicing entities that own patents and other intellectual property rights often attempt to aggressively assert their rights in order to extract value from technology companies. Furthermore, from time to time we may introduce new products, including in areas where we currently do not compete, which could increase our exposure to patent and other intellectual property claims from competitors and non-practicing entities.

From time to time, we receive notice letters from patent holders alleging that certain of our products and services infringe their patent rights. Some of these have resulted in litigation against us. For example, on March 12, 2012, Yahoo filed a lawsuit against us in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California that alleges that a number of our products infringe the claims of ten of Yahoo's patents that Yahoo claims relate to advertising, social networking, privacy, customization, and messaging, and on April 27, 2012, Yahoo added two patents to the lawsuit that Yahoo claims relate to advertising. Yahoo is seeking unspecified damages, a damage multiplier for alleged willful infringement, and an injunction. We intend to vigorously defend this lawsuit, and on April 3, 2012, we filed our answer with respect to this complaint and asserted counterclaims that Yahoo's products infringe ten of our patents. This litigation is still in its early stages and the final outcome, including our liability, if any, with respect to Yahoo's claims, is uncertain. If an unfavorable outcome were to occur in this litigation, the impact could be material to our business, financial condition, or results of operations. As is common in intellectual property litigation, Yahoo could in the future assert additional patent or other claims against us in this or in other proceedings. For example, we received a letter dated April 23, 2012 from Yahoo indicating that they believe 16 patents they claim to hold may be relevant to open source technology they allege is being used in our data centers and servers. Yahoo has not threatened or initiated litigation with respect to matters described in this letter but it may do so in the future.

We presently are involved in a number of other lawsuits, and as we face increasing competition and gain an increasingly high profile, including in connection with our initial public offering, we expect the number of patent and other intellectual property claims against us to grow. Defending patent and other intellectual property litigation is costly and can impose a significant burden on management and employees, and there can be no assurances that favorable final outcomes will be obtained in all cases. In addition, plaintiffs may seek, and we may become subject to, preliminary or provisional rulings in the course of any such litigation, including potential preliminary injunctions requiring us to cease some or all of our operations. We may decide to settle such lawsuits and disputes on terms that are unfavorable to us. Similarly, if any litigation to which we are a party is resolved adversely, we may be subject to an unfavorable judgment that may not be reversed upon appeal. The terms of such a settlement or judgment may require us to cease some or all of our operations or pay substantial amounts to the other party. In addition, we may have to seek a license to continue practices found to be in violation of a third party's rights, which may not be available on reasonable terms, or at all, and may significantly increase our operating costs and expenses. As a result, we may also be required to develop alternative non-infringing technology or practices or discontinue the practices. The development of alternative non-infringing technology or practices could require significant effort and expense or may not be feasible. Our business, financial condition, or results of operations could be adversely affected as a result of an unfavorable resolution of the disputes and litigation referred to above.

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We are involved in numerous class action lawsuits and other litigation matters that are expensive and time consuming, and, if resolved adversely, could harm our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

In addition to intellectual property claims, we are also involved in numerous other lawsuits, including putative class action lawsuits brought by users and advertisers, many of which claim statutory damages, and we anticipate that we will continue to be a target for numerous lawsuits in the future. Because we have hundreds of millions of users, the plaintiffs in class action cases filed against us typically claim enormous monetary damages even if the alleged per-user harm is small or non-existent. Any litigation to which we are a party may result in an onerous or unfavorable judgment that may not be reversed upon appeal, or we may decide to settle lawsuits on similarly unfavorable terms. Any such negative outcome could result in payments of substantial monetary damages or fines, or changes to our products or business practices, and accordingly our business, financial condition, or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. Although the results of lawsuits and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not believe that the final outcome of those matters that we currently face will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations. However, defending these claims is costly and can impose a significant burden on management and employees, and we may receive unfavorable preliminary or interim rulings in the course of litigation, which could adversely affect the market price of our Class A common stock. There can be no assurances that a favorable final outcome will be obtained in all cases.

Our CEO has control over key decision making as a result of his control of a majority of our voting stock.

As a result of voting agreements with certain stockholders, together with the shares he holds, Mark Zuckerberg, our founder, Chairman, and CEO, will be able to exercise voting rights with respect to an aggregate of 933,969,202 shares of common stock, which will represent approximately 57.3% of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock following our initial public offering. As a result, Mr. Zuckerberg has the ability to control the outcome of matters submitted to our stockholders for approval, including the election of directors and any merger, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of our assets. This concentrated control could delay, defer, or prevent a change of control, merger, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of our assets that our other stockholders support, or conversely this concentrated control could result in the consummation of such a transaction that our other stockholders do not support. This concentrated control could also discourage a potential investor from acquiring our Class A common stock due to the limited voting power of such stock relative to the Class B common stock and might harm the market price of our Class A common stock. In addition, Mr. Zuckerberg has the ability to control the management and major strategic investments of our company as a result of his position as our CEO and his ability to control the election or replacement of our directors. In the event of his death, the shares of our capital stock that Mr. Zuckerberg owns will be transferred to the persons or entities that he designates. As a board member and officer, Mr. Zuckerberg owes a fiduciary duty to our stockholders and must act in good faith in a manner he reasonably believes to be in the best interests of our stockholders. As a stockholder, even a controlling stockholder, Mr. Zuckerberg is entitled to vote his shares, and shares over which he has voting control as a result of voting agreements, in his own interests, which may not always be in the interests of our stockholders generally. For a description of these voting agreements, see [Description of Capital Stock](#) [Voting Agreements](#).

We anticipate that we will expend substantial funds in connection with the tax liabilities that arise upon the initial settlement of RSUs following our initial public offering and the manner in which we fund that expenditure may have an adverse effect on our financial condition.

We anticipate that we will expend substantial funds to satisfy tax withholding and remittance obligations on dates that are 151 to 181 days after the date of this prospectus, when we will settle a portion of our RSUs granted prior to January 1, 2011 (Pre-2011 RSUs). On the settlement dates, we plan to withhold and remit income taxes at applicable minimum statutory rates based on the then current value of the underlying shares. We currently expect that the average of these withholding tax rates will be approximately 45%. If the price of our common stock at the time of settlement were equal to the midpoint of the price range on the cover page of this prospectus, we estimate that this tax obligation would be approximately \$4 billion in the aggregate. The amount of this obligation could be higher or lower, depending on the price of our shares on the RSU settlement date. To settle

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these RSUs, assuming an approximate 45% tax withholding rate, we anticipate that we will net settle the awards by delivering an aggregate of approximately 155 million shares of Class B common stock to RSU holders and withholding an aggregate of approximately 122 million shares of Class B common stock, based on RSUs outstanding as of March 31, 2012 for which the service condition will be satisfied as of the date of settlement. In connection with these net settlements we will withhold and remit the tax liabilities on behalf of the RSU holders in cash to the applicable tax authorities.

To fund the withholding and remittance obligations, we expect to sell equity securities near the initial settlement date in an amount that is substantially equivalent to the number of shares of common stock that we withhold in connection with these net settlements, such that the newly issued shares should not be dilutive. We have an exception in our lock-up agreement with our underwriters that would permit us to raise capital in an underwritten offering to fund these withholding and remittance obligations. However, in the event that we issue equity securities, we cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully match the proceeds to the amount of this tax liability. In addition, any such equity financing could result in a decline in our stock price. If we elect not to fully fund tax withholding and remittance obligations through the issuance of equity or we are unable to complete such an offering due to market conditions or otherwise, we may choose to borrow funds from our credit facilities, use a substantial portion of our existing cash, or rely upon a combination of these alternatives. In the event that we elect to satisfy tax withholding and remittance obligations in whole or in part by drawing on our credit facilities, our interest expense and principal repayment requirements could increase significantly, which could have an adverse effect on our financial results.

We cannot be certain that additional financing will be available on reasonable terms when required, or at all.

From time to time, we may need additional financing, whether in connection with our RSU tax obligation or otherwise. Our ability to obtain additional financing, if and when required, will depend on investor demand, our operating performance, the condition of the capital markets, and other factors. To the extent we draw on our credit facilities to fund the RSU tax obligation, we may need to raise additional funds and we cannot assure you that additional financing will be available to us on favorable terms when required, or at all. If we raise additional funds through the issuance of equity, equity-linked or debt securities, those securities may have rights, preferences, or privileges senior to the rights of our Class A common stock, and our existing stockholders may experience dilution.

Our costs are growing quickly, which could harm our business and profitability.

Providing our products to our users is costly and we expect our expenses to continue to increase in the future as we broaden our user base, as users increase the number of connections and amount of data they share with us, as we develop and implement new product features that require more computing infrastructure, and as we hire additional employees. Historically, our costs have increased each year due to these factors and we expect to continue to incur increasing costs, in particular for employees, servers, storage, power, and data centers, to support our anticipated future growth. We expect to continue to invest in our global infrastructure in order to provide our products rapidly and reliably to all users around the world, including in countries where we do not expect significant short-term monetization. Our expenses may be greater than we anticipate, and our investments to make our business and our technical infrastructure more efficient may not be successful. In addition, we may increase marketing, sales, and other operating expenses in order to grow and expand our operations and to remain competitive. Increases in our costs may adversely affect our business and profitability.

Our business is dependent on our ability to maintain and scale our technical infrastructure, and any significant disruption in our service could damage our reputation, result in a potential loss of users and engagement, and adversely affect our financial results.

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Our reputation and ability to attract, retain, and serve our users is dependent upon the reliable performance of Facebook and our underlying technical infrastructure. Our systems may not be adequately designed with the

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necessary reliability and redundancy to avoid performance delays or outages that could be harmful to our business. If Facebook is unavailable when users attempt to access it, or if it does not load as quickly as they expect, users may not return to our website as often in the future, or at all. As our user base and the amount and types of information shared on Facebook continue to grow, we will need an increasing amount of technical infrastructure, including network capacity, and computing power, to continue to satisfy the needs of our users. It is possible that we may fail to effectively scale and grow our technical infrastructure to accommodate these increased demands. In addition, our business is subject to interruptions, delays, or failures resulting from earthquakes, other natural disasters, terrorism, or other catastrophic events.

A substantial portion of our network infrastructure is provided by third parties. Any disruption or failure in the services we receive from these providers could harm our ability to handle existing or increased traffic and could significantly harm our business. Any financial or other difficulties these providers face may adversely affect our business, and we exercise little control over these providers, which increases our vulnerability to problems with the services they provide.

We recently began to own and build key portions of our technical infrastructure, and, because of our limited experience in this area, we could experience unforeseen difficulties.

In 2011, we began serving our products from data centers owned by Facebook using servers specifically designed for us. We plan to continue to significantly expand the size of our infrastructure, primarily through data centers that we design and own. The infrastructure expansion we are undertaking is complex, and unanticipated delays in the completion of these projects or availability of components may lead to increased project costs, operational inefficiencies, or interruptions in the delivery or degradation of the quality of our products. In addition, there may be issues related to this infrastructure that are not identified during the testing phases of design and implementation, which may only become evident after we have started to fully utilize the underlying equipment, that could further degrade the user experience or increase our costs.

Our software is highly technical, and if it contains undetected errors, our business could be adversely affected.

Our products incorporate software that is highly technical and complex. Our software has contained, and may now or in the future contain, undetected errors, bugs, or vulnerabilities. Some errors in our software code may only be discovered after the code has been released. Any errors, bugs, or vulnerabilities discovered in our code after release could result in damage to our reputation, loss of users, loss of revenue, or liability for damages, any of which could adversely affect our business and financial results.

Certain of our user metrics are subject to inherent challenges in measurement, and real or perceived inaccuracies in such metrics may harm our reputation and negatively affect our business.

The numbers of our MAUs and DAUs and average revenue per user (ARPU) are calculated using internal company data. While these numbers are based on what we believe to be reasonable estimates of our user base for the applicable period of measurement, there are inherent challenges in measuring usage of our products across large online and mobile populations around the world. For example, there may be individuals who have multiple Facebook accounts in violation of our terms of service, despite our efforts to detect and suppress such behavior. We estimate that false or duplicate accounts may have represented approximately 5-6% of our MAUs as of December 31, 2011. However, this estimate is based on an internal review of a limited sample of accounts and we apply significant judgment in making this determination, such as identifying names that appear to be fake or other behavior that appears inauthentic to the reviewers. As such, our estimation of false or duplicate accounts may not accurately represent the actual number of such accounts. Our metrics are also affected by applications on certain mobile devices that automatically contact our servers for regular updates with no user action involved, and this activity can cause our system to count the user associated with such a device as an active user on the day such contact occurs. For example, we estimate that less than 5% of our estimated

worldwide DAUs as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 resulted from this type of automatic mobile activity, and that this type of activity had a substantially

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smaller effect on our estimate of worldwide MAUs and mobile MAUs. The impact of this automatic activity on our metrics varies by geography because mobile usage varies in different regions of the world. In addition, our data regarding the geographic location of our users is estimated based on a number of factors, such as the user's IP address and self-disclosed location. These factors may not always accurately reflect the user's actual location. For example, a mobile-only user may appear to be accessing Facebook from the location of the proxy server that the user connects to rather than from the user's actual location. In addition, our estimates for revenue by user location are also affected by these factors. If advertisers, developers, or investors do not perceive our user metrics to be accurate representations of our user base, or if we discover material inaccuracies in our user metrics, our reputation may be harmed and advertisers and developers may be less willing to allocate their budgets or resources to Facebook, which could negatively affect our business and financial results.

We cannot assure you that we will effectively manage our growth.

Our employee headcount and the scope and complexity of our business have increased significantly, with the number of full-time employees increasing from 2,431 as of March 31, 2011, to 3,539 as of March 31, 2012, and we expect headcount growth to continue for the foreseeable future. The growth and expansion of our business and products create significant challenges for our management, operational, and financial resources, including managing multiple relations with users, advertisers, Platform developers, and other third parties. In the event of continued growth of our operations or in the number of our third-party relationships, our information technology systems or our internal controls and procedures may not be adequate to support our operations. In addition, some members of our management do not have significant experience managing a large global business operation, so our management may not be able to manage such growth effectively. To effectively manage our growth, we must continue to improve our operational, financial, and management processes and systems and to effectively expand, train, and manage our employee base. As our organization continues to grow, and we are required to implement more complex organizational management structures, we may find it increasingly difficult to maintain the benefits of our corporate culture, including our ability to quickly develop and launch new and innovative products. This could negatively affect our business performance.

The loss of one or more of our key personnel, or our failure to attract and retain other highly qualified personnel in the future, could harm our business.

We currently depend on the continued services and performance of our key personnel, including Mark Zuckerberg and Sheryl K. Sandberg. Although we have entered into employment agreements with Mr. Zuckerberg and Ms. Sandberg, the agreements have no specific duration and constitute at-will employment. In addition, many of our key technologies and systems are custom-made for our business by our personnel. The loss of key personnel, including members of management as well as key engineering, product development, marketing, and sales personnel, could disrupt our operations and have an adverse effect on our business.

As we continue to grow, we cannot guarantee we will continue to attract the personnel we need to maintain our competitive position. In particular, we intend to hire a significant number of engineering and sales personnel in 2012, and we expect to face significant competition from other companies in hiring such personnel, particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area. As we mature, the incentives to attract, retain, and motivate employees provided by our equity awards or by future arrangements, such as through cash bonuses, may not be as effective as in the past. Additionally, we have a number of current employees whose equity ownership in our company gives them a substantial amount of personal wealth. Likewise, we have a number of current employees whose equity awards are fully vested and shortly after the completion of our initial public offering will be entitled to receive substantial amounts of our capital stock. As a result, it may be difficult for us to continue to retain and motivate these employees, and this wealth could affect their decisions about whether or not they continue to work for us. If we do not succeed in attracting, hiring, and integrating excellent personnel, or retaining and motivating existing personnel, we may be unable to grow effectively.

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We may incur liability as a result of information retrieved from or transmitted over the Internet or posted to Facebook and claims related to our products.

We have faced, currently face, and will continue to face claims relating to information that is published or made available on Facebook. In particular, the nature of our business exposes us to claims related to defamation, intellectual property rights, rights of publicity and privacy, and personal injury torts. This risk is enhanced in certain jurisdictions outside the United States where our protection from liability for third-party actions may be unclear and where we may be less protected under local laws than we are in the United States. We could incur significant costs investigating and defending such claims and, if we are found liable, significant damages. If any of these events occur, our business and financial results could be adversely affected.

Computer malware, viruses, hacking and phishing attacks, and spamming could harm our business and results of operations.

Computer malware, viruses, and computer hacking and phishing attacks have become more prevalent in our industry, have occurred on our systems in the past, and may occur on our systems in the future. Because of our prominence, we believe that we are a particularly attractive target for such attacks. Though it is difficult to determine what, if any, harm may directly result from any specific interruption or attack, any failure to maintain performance, reliability, security, and availability of our products and technical infrastructure to the satisfaction of our users may harm our reputation and our ability to retain existing users and attract new users.

In addition, spammers attempt to use our products to send targeted and untargeted spam messages to users, which may embarrass or annoy users and make Facebook less user-friendly. We cannot be certain that the technologies and employees that we have to attempt to defeat spamming attacks will be able to eliminate all spam messages from being sent on our platform. As a result of spamming activities, our users may use Facebook less or stop using our products altogether.

Payment transactions on the Facebook Platform may subject us to additional regulatory requirements and other risks that could be costly and difficult to comply with or that could harm our business.

Our users can use the Facebook Platform to purchase virtual and digital goods from our Platform developers using our Payments infrastructure. Depending on how our Payments product evolves, we may be subject to a variety of laws and regulations in the United States, Europe, and elsewhere, including those governing money transmission, gift cards and other prepaid access instruments, electronic funds transfers, anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing, gambling, banking and lending, and import and export restrictions. In some jurisdictions, the application or interpretation of these laws and regulations is not clear. To increase flexibility in how our use of Payments may evolve and to mitigate regulatory uncertainty, we have applied for certain money transmitter licenses and expect to apply for additional money transmitter licenses in the United States, which will generally require us to demonstrate compliance with many domestic laws in these areas. Our efforts to comply with these laws and regulations could be costly and result in diversion of management time and effort and may still not guarantee compliance. In the event that we are found to be in violation of any such legal or regulatory requirements, we may be subject to monetary fines or other penalties such as a cease and desist order, or we may be required to make product changes, any of which could have an adverse effect on our business and financial results.

In addition, we may be subject to a variety of additional risks as a result of Payments on the Facebook Platform, including:

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increased costs and diversion of management time and effort and other resources to deal with bad transactions or customer disputes;

potential fraudulent or otherwise illegal activity by users, developers, employees, or third parties;

restrictions on the investment of consumer funds used to transact Payments; and

additional disclosure and reporting requirements.

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We plan to continue expanding our operations abroad where we have limited operating experience and may be subject to increased business and economic risks that could affect our financial results.

We plan to continue the international expansion of our business operations and the translation of our products. We currently make Facebook available in more than 70 different languages, and we have offices or data centers in more than 20 different countries. We may enter new international markets where we have limited or no experience in marketing, selling, and deploying our products. For example, we continue to evaluate entering China. However, this market has substantial legal and regulatory complexities that have prevented our entry into China to date. If we fail to deploy or manage our operations in international markets successfully, our business may suffer. In addition, we are subject to a variety of risks inherent in doing business internationally, including:

political, social, or economic instability;

risks related to the legal and regulatory environment in foreign jurisdictions, including with respect to privacy, and unexpected changes in laws, regulatory requirements, and enforcement;

potential damage to our brand and reputation due to compliance with local laws, including potential censorship or requirements to provide user information to local authorities;

fluctuations in currency exchange rates;

higher levels of credit risk and payment fraud;

enhanced difficulties of integrating any foreign acquisitions;

burdens of complying with a variety of foreign laws;

reduced protection for intellectual property rights in some countries;

difficulties in staffing and managing global operations and the increased travel, infrastructure, and legal compliance costs associated with multiple international locations;

compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the U.K. Bribery Act, and similar laws in other jurisdictions; and

compliance with statutory equity requirements and management of tax consequences.

If we are unable to expand internationally and manage the complexity of our global operations successfully, our financial results could be adversely affected.

We plan to continue to make acquisitions, which could require significant management attention, disrupt our business, result in dilution to our stockholders, and adversely affect our financial results.

As part of our business strategy, we have made and intend to make acquisitions to add specialized employees, complementary companies, products, or technologies. For example, in April 2012, we entered into an agreement to acquire Instagram, Inc., the closing of which is subject to closing conditions and regulatory clearance. Our ability to acquire and integrate larger or more complex companies, products, or technologies in a successful manner is unproven. In the future, we may not be able to find other suitable acquisition candidates, and we may not be able to complete acquisitions on favorable terms, if at all. Our previous and future acquisitions may not achieve our goals, and any future acquisitions we complete could be viewed negatively by users, developers, advertisers, or investors. In addition, if we fail to successfully close or integrate any acquisitions, or integrate the products or technologies associated with such acquisitions into our company, our revenue and operating results could be adversely affected. Any integration process may require significant time and resources, and we may not be able to manage the process successfully. We may not successfully evaluate or utilize the acquired products, technology, or personnel, or accurately forecast the financial impact of an acquisition transaction, including accounting charges. We may have to pay cash, incur debt, or issue equity securities to pay for any such acquisition, any of which could adversely affect our financial results. The sale of

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equity or issuance of debt to finance any such acquisitions could result in dilution to our stockholders. The incurrence of indebtedness would result in increased fixed obligations and could also include covenants or other restrictions that would impede our ability to manage our operations.

If we default on our leasing and credit obligations, our operations may be interrupted and our business and financial results could be adversely affected.

We finance a significant portion of our expenditures through leasing arrangements, some of which are not required to be reflected on our balance sheet, and we may enter into additional similar arrangements in the future. In particular, we have used these types of arrangements to finance some of our equipment and data centers. In addition, we have credit facilities that we may draw upon to finance our operations or other corporate purposes, such as funding our tax withholding and remittance obligations in connection with the settlement of RSUs. If we default on these leasing and credit obligations, our leasing partners and lenders may, among other things:

require repayment of any outstanding lease obligations or amounts drawn on our credit facilities;

terminate our leasing arrangements and credit facilities;

terminate our access to the leased data centers we utilize;

stop delivery of ordered equipment;

sell or require us to return our leased equipment; or

require us to pay significant damages.

If some or all of these events were to occur, our operations may be interrupted and our ability to fund our operations or obligations, as well as our business, financial results, and financial condition, could be adversely affected.

We may have exposure to greater than anticipated tax liabilities.

Our income tax obligations are based on our corporate operating structure and intercompany arrangements, including the manner in which we develop, value, and use our intellectual property and the valuations of our intercompany transactions. The tax laws applicable to our international business activities, including the laws of the United States and other jurisdictions, are subject to interpretation. The taxing authorities of the jurisdictions in which we operate may challenge our methodologies for valuing developed technology or intercompany arrangements, which could increase our worldwide effective tax rate and harm our financial position and results of operations. In addition, our future income taxes could be adversely affected by earnings being lower than anticipated in jurisdictions that have lower statutory tax rates and higher than anticipated in jurisdictions that have higher statutory tax rates, by changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities, or by changes in tax laws, regulations, or accounting principles. We are subject to regular review and audit by both U.S. federal and state and foreign tax authorities. Any adverse outcome of such a review or audit could have a negative effect on our financial position and results of

operations. In addition, the determination of our worldwide provision for income taxes and other tax liabilities requires significant judgment by management, and there are many transactions where the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. Although we believe that our estimates are reasonable, the ultimate tax outcome may differ from the amounts recorded in our financial statements and may materially affect our financial results in the period or periods for which such determination is made.

The enactment of legislation implementing changes in the U.S. taxation of international business activities or the adoption of other tax reform policies could materially affect our financial position and results of operations.

The current administration has made public statements indicating that it has made international tax reform a priority, and key members of the U.S. Congress have conducted hearings and proposed a wide variety of

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potential changes. Certain changes to U.S. tax laws, including limitations on the ability to defer U.S. taxation on earnings outside of the United States until those earnings are repatriated to the United States, could affect the tax treatment of our foreign earnings, as well as cash and cash equivalent balances we currently maintain outside of the United States. Due to the large and expanding scale of our international business activities, any changes in the U.S. taxation of such activities may increase our worldwide effective tax rate and harm our financial position and results of operations.

Risks Related to Our Initial Public Offering and Ownership of Our Class A Common Stock

The market price of our Class A common stock may be volatile or may decline regardless of our operating performance, and you may not be able to resell your shares at or above the initial public offering price.

The initial public offering price for our Class A common stock will be determined through negotiations between the underwriters and us and may vary from the market price of our Class A common stock following our initial public offering. If you purchase shares of our Class A common stock in our initial public offering, you may not be able to resell those shares at or above the initial public offering price. We cannot assure you that the initial public offering price of our Class A common stock, or the market price following our initial public offering, will equal or exceed prices in privately negotiated transactions of our shares that have occurred from time to time prior to our initial public offering. The market price of our Class A common stock may fluctuate significantly in response to numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control, including:

actual or anticipated fluctuations in our revenue and other operating results;

the financial projections we may provide to the public, any changes in these projections or our failure to meet these projections;

actions of securities analysts who initiate or maintain coverage of us, changes in financial estimates by any securities analysts who follow our company, or our failure to meet these estimates or the expectations of investors;

additional shares of our common stock being sold into the market by us or our existing stockholders or the anticipation of such sales, including if we issue shares to satisfy RSU-related tax obligations or if existing stockholders sell shares into the market when applicable lock-up periods end;

announcements by us or our competitors of significant products or features, technical innovations, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures, or capital commitments;

announcements by us or estimates by third parties of actual or anticipated changes in the size of our user base or the level of user engagement;

changes in operating performance and stock market valuations of technology companies in our industry, including our Platform developers and competitors;

price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market, including as a result of trends in the economy as a whole;

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lawsuits threatened or filed against us;

developments in new legislation and pending lawsuits or regulatory actions, including interim or final rulings by judicial or regulatory bodies; and

other events or factors, including those resulting from war or incidents of terrorism, or responses to these events.

In addition, the stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market prices of equity securities of many technology companies. Stock prices of many technology companies have fluctuated in a manner unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of

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those companies. In the past, stockholders have filed securities class action litigation following periods of market volatility. If we were to become involved in securities litigation, it could subject us to substantial costs, divert resources and the attention of management from our business, and adversely affect our business.

Substantial blocks of our total outstanding shares may be sold into the market when lock-up or market standoff periods end. If there are substantial sales of shares of our common stock, the price of our Class A common stock could decline.

The price of our Class A common stock could decline if there are substantial sales of our common stock, particularly sales by our directors, executive officers, employees, and significant stockholders, or when there is a large number of shares of our common stock available for sale. After our initial public offering, we will have outstanding 598,396,119 shares of our Class A common stock and 1,539,688,918 shares of our Class B common stock, based on the number of shares outstanding as of March 31, 2012. This includes 337,415,352 shares that we and the selling stockholders are selling in our initial public offering, which shares may be resold in the public market immediately following our initial public offering, and assumes no additional exercises of outstanding options (other than the partial exercise of an outstanding stock option to purchase 120,000,000 shares of Class B common stock held by Mr. Zuckerberg, resulting in the issuance of 60,000,000 shares of our Class B common stock as described elsewhere in this prospectus). Shares of our Class B common stock are convertible into an equivalent number of shares of our Class A common stock and generally convert into shares of our Class A common stock upon transfer. The 260,980,767 shares of our Class A common stock and 1,539,688,918 shares of our Class B common stock that are not offered and sold in our initial public offering as well as the shares underlying outstanding RSUs and shares subject to employee stock options will be eligible for sale in the public market in the near future as set forth below.

Date Available for Sale into Public Market	Number of Shares of Common Stock
91 days after the date of this prospectus	171,797,666 shares held by the selling stockholders other than Mr. Zuckerberg
151 to 180 days after the date of this prospectus	approximately 137 million shares underlying net- settled Pre-2011 RSUs held by our directors and then current employees and approximately 55 million outstanding shares and approximately 55 million shares subject to stock options held by then current employees other than Mr. Zuckerberg
181 days after the date of this prospectus	1,338,453,216 outstanding shares and approximately 18 million shares underlying other net-settled Pre-2011 RSUs
211 days after the date of this prospectus	141,776,569 shares held by the selling stockholders other than Mr. Zuckerberg
366 days after the date of this prospectus	93,815,940 shares held by Mail.ru Group Limited and DST Global Limited and their respective affiliates

In addition, as of March 31, 2012, options to purchase 49,390,599 shares of Class B common stock held by former employees were outstanding and fully vested and the Class B common stock underlying such options will be eligible for sale 181 days after the date of this prospectus. Furthermore, following our initial public offering, the remaining 60,000,000 shares subject to the partially exercised stock option held by Mr. Zuckerberg will be eligible for sale 181 days after the date of this prospectus. We expect an additional approximately 2 million shares of Class B common stock to be delivered upon the net settlement of RSUs between the date of the initial settlement of RSUs described above and December 31, 2012 will be eligible for sale in the public market immediately following settlement.

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After our initial public offering, certain holders of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock will have rights, subject to some conditions, to require us to file registration statements covering their shares or to include their shares in registration statements that we may file for ourselves or our stockholders. All of these shares are subject to market standoff or lock-up agreements restricting their sale for specified periods of time after the date of this prospectus. We also intend to register shares of common stock that we have issued and may issue under our employee equity incentive plans. Once we register these shares, they will be able to be sold freely in the public market upon issuance, subject to existing market standoff or lock-up agreements.

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC may, with our prior written consent, permit our executive officers, our directors, and the selling stockholders to sell shares prior to the expiration of the restrictive provisions contained in the lock-up agreements with the underwriters. See Underwriting for a more complete description of the lock-up agreements that we and our directors, executive officers, and selling stockholders have entered into with the underwriters. In addition, we may, in our sole discretion, permit our employees and current stockholders who are subject to market standoff agreements or arrangements with us and who are not subject to a lock-up agreement with the underwriters to sell shares prior to the expiration of the restrictive provisions contained in those market standoff agreements or arrangements.

The market price of the shares of our Class A common stock could decline as a result of the sale of a substantial number of our shares of common stock in the public market or the perception in the market that the holders of a large number of shares intend to sell their shares.

In making your investment decision, you should not rely on information in public media that is published by third parties. You should rely only on statements made in this prospectus in determining whether to purchase our shares.

You should carefully evaluate all of the information in this prospectus. We have in the past received, and may continue to receive, a high degree of media coverage, including coverage that is not directly attributable to statements made by our officers and employees, that incorrectly reports on statements made by our officers or employees, or that is misleading as a result of omitting information provided by us, our officers, or employees. You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus in determining whether to purchase our shares of Class A common stock.

We have broad discretion in the use of the net proceeds from our initial public offering and may not use them effectively.

We cannot specify with any certainty the particular uses of the net proceeds that we will receive from our initial public offering. Our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds, including working capital, possible acquisitions, and other general corporate purposes, and we may spend or invest these proceeds in a way with which our stockholders disagree. The failure by our management to apply these funds effectively could harm our business and financial condition. Pending their use, we may invest the net proceeds from our initial public offering in a manner that does not produce income or that loses value.

If securities or industry analysts publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our stock price could decline.

The trading market for our Class A common stock will depend in part on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. If one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade our Class A common stock or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our Class A common stock price would likely decline.

We do not intend to pay dividends for the foreseeable future.

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our capital stock. We currently intend to retain any future earnings to finance the operation and expansion of our business, and we do not expect to declare or pay any

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dividends in the foreseeable future. As a result, you may only receive a return on your investment in our Class A common stock if the market price of our Class A common stock increases. In addition, our credit facilities contain restrictions on our ability to pay dividends.

If we are unable to implement and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting in the future, investors may lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports and the market price of our Class A common stock may be negatively affected.

As a public company, we will be required to maintain internal controls over financial reporting and to report any material weaknesses in such internal controls. In addition, beginning with our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K to be filed in 2014, we will be required to furnish a report by management on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. We are in the process of designing, implementing, and testing the internal control over financial reporting required to comply with this obligation, which process is time consuming, costly, and complicated. If we identify material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, if we are unable to comply with the requirements of Section 404 in a timely manner or assert that our internal control over financial reporting is effective, or if our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to express an opinion as to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, investors may lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports and the market price of our Class A common stock could be negatively affected, and we could become subject to investigations by the stock exchange on which our securities are listed, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or other regulatory authorities, which could require additional financial and management resources.

The requirements of being a public company may strain our resources and divert management's attention.

As a public company, we will be subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Dodd-Frank Act, the listing requirements of the NASDAQ Global Select Market, and other applicable securities rules and regulations. Compliance with these rules and regulations will increase our legal and financial compliance costs, make some activities more difficult, time-consuming, or costly, and increase demand on our systems and resources. The Exchange Act requires, among other things, that we file annual, quarterly, and current reports with respect to our business and operating results.

As a result of disclosure of information in this prospectus and in filings required of a public company, our business and financial condition will become more visible, which we believe may result in threatened or actual litigation, including by competitors and other third parties. If such claims are successful, our business and operating results could be harmed, and even if the claims do not result in litigation or are resolved in our favor, these claims, and the time and resources necessary to resolve them, could divert the resources of our management and harm our business and operating results.

If you purchase shares of our Class A common stock in our initial public offering, you will experience substantial and immediate dilution.

If you purchase shares of our Class A common stock in our initial public offering, you will experience substantial and immediate dilution in the pro forma net tangible book value per share of \$26.35 per share as of March 31, 2012, based on an assumed initial public offering price of our Class A common stock of \$31.50 per share, the midpoint of the price range on the cover page of this prospectus, because the price that you pay will be substantially greater than the pro forma net tangible book value per share of the Class A common stock that you acquire. This dilution is due in large part to the fact that our earlier investors paid substantially less than the initial public offering price when they purchased their shares of our capital stock. You will experience additional dilution upon exercise of options to purchase common stock under our equity incentive plans, upon vesting of

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RSUs, if we issue restricted stock to our employees under our equity incentive plans, or if we otherwise issue additional shares of our common stock. For more information, see [Dilution](#).

The dual class structure of our common stock and the voting agreements among certain stockholders have the effect of concentrating voting control with our CEO, and also with employees and directors and their affiliates; this will limit or preclude your ability to influence corporate matters.

Our Class B common stock has ten votes per share, and our Class A common stock, which is the stock we are offering in our initial public offering, has one vote per share. Stockholders who hold shares of Class B common stock, including our executive officers, employees, and directors and their affiliates, will together hold approximately 96.3% of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock following our initial public offering. Because of the ten-to-one voting ratio between our Class B and Class A common stock, the holders of our Class B common stock collectively will continue to control a majority of the combined voting power of our common stock and therefore be able to control all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval so long as the shares of Class B common stock represent at least 9.1% of all outstanding shares of our Class A and Class B common stock. This concentrated control will limit or preclude your ability to influence corporate matters for the foreseeable future.

Future transfers by holders of Class B common stock will generally result in those shares converting to Class A common stock, subject to limited exceptions, such as certain transfers effected for estate planning or charitable purposes. The conversion of Class B common stock to Class A common stock will have the effect, over time, of increasing the relative voting power of those holders of Class B common stock who retain their shares in the long term. If, for example, Mr. Zuckerberg retains a significant portion of his holdings of Class B common stock for an extended period of time, he could, in the future, continue to control a majority of the combined voting power of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock. For a description of the dual class structure, see [Description of Capital Stock](#) [Anti-Takeover Provisions](#).

We have elected to take advantage of the controlled company exemption to the corporate governance rules for NASDAQ-listed companies, which could make our Class A common stock less attractive to some investors or otherwise harm our stock price.

Because we qualify as a controlled company under the corporate governance rules for NASDAQ-listed companies, we are not required to have a majority of our board of directors be independent, nor are we required to have a compensation committee or an independent nominating function. In light of our status as a controlled company, our board of directors has determined not to have an independent nominating function and has chosen to have the full board of directors be directly responsible for nominating members of our board, and in the future we could elect not to have a majority of our board of directors be independent or not to have a compensation committee. Accordingly, should the interests of our controlling stockholder differ from those of other stockholders, the other stockholders may not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance rules for NASDAQ-listed companies. Our status as a controlled company could make our Class A common stock less attractive to some investors or otherwise harm our stock price.

Delaware law and provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws that will be in effect at the closing of our initial public offering could make a merger, tender offer, or proxy contest difficult, thereby depressing the trading price of our Class A common stock.

Following the closing of our initial public offering, our status as a Delaware corporation and the anti-takeover provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law may discourage, delay, or prevent a change in control by prohibiting us from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years after the person becomes an interested stockholder, even if a change of control would be beneficial to our existing stockholders. In addition, our restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws that will be in effect at

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the closing of our initial public offering will contain provisions that may make the acquisition of our company more difficult, including the following:

until the first date on which the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock represent less than 35% of the combined voting power of our common stock, any transaction that would result in a change in control of our company will require the approval of a majority of our outstanding Class B common stock voting as a separate class;

we have a dual class common stock structure, which provides Mr. Zuckerberg with the ability to control the outcome of matters requiring stockholder approval, even if he owns significantly less than a majority of the shares of our outstanding Class A and Class B common stock;

when the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock represent less than a majority of the combined voting power of common stock, certain amendments to our restated certificate of incorporation or bylaws will require the approval of two-thirds of the combined vote of our then-outstanding shares of Class A and Class B common stock;

when the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock represent less than a majority of the combined voting power of our common stock, vacancies on our board of directors will be able to be filled only by our board of directors and not by stockholders;

when the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock represent less than a majority of the combined voting power of our common stock, our board of directors will be classified into three classes of directors with staggered three-year terms and directors will only be able to be removed from office for cause;

when the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock represent less than a majority of the combined voting power of our common stock, our stockholders will only be able to take action at a meeting of stockholders and not by written consent;

only our chairman, our chief executive officer, our president, or a majority of our board of directors will be authorized to call a special meeting of stockholders;

advance notice procedures will apply for stockholders to nominate candidates for election as directors or to bring matters before an annual meeting of stockholders;

our restated certificate of incorporation will authorize undesignated preferred stock, the terms of which may be established, and shares of which may be issued, without stockholder approval; and

certain litigation against us can only be brought in Delaware.

For information regarding these and other provisions, see [Description of Capital Stock](#) [Anti-Takeover Provisions](#).

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements. All statements contained in this prospectus other than statements of historical fact, including statements regarding our future results of operations and financial position, our business strategy and plans, and our objectives for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The words believe, may, will, estimate, continue, anticipate, intend, expect, expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy, short-term and long-term business operations and objectives, and financial needs. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those described in the Risk Factors section. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time. It is not possible for our management to predict all risks, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the future events and trends discussed in this prospectus may not occur and actual results could differ materially and adversely from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. The events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements may not be achieved or occur. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements. We are under no duty to update any of these forward-looking statements after the date of this prospectus or to conform these statements to actual results or revised expectations.

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INDUSTRY DATA AND USER METRICS

This prospectus contains estimates and information concerning our industry, including market position, market size, and growth rates of the markets in which we participate, that are based on industry publications and reports. This information involves a number of assumptions and limitations, and you are cautioned not to give undue weight to these estimates. We have not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of the data contained in these industry publications and reports. The industry in which we operate is subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk due to variety of factors, including those described in the Risk Factors section. These and other factors could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in these publications and reports.

The numbers of monthly active users (MAUs) and daily active users (DAUs) and average revenue per user (ARPU) presented in this prospectus are based on internal company data and we use certain of these numbers in managing our business. These numbers are based on what we believe to be reasonable estimates of our user base for the applicable period of measurement, and we take steps to improve their accuracy, such as eliminating known false or duplicate accounts. There are inherent challenges in measuring usage across large online and mobile populations around the world. For example, there may be individuals who have multiple Facebook accounts in violation of our terms of service, despite our efforts to detect and suppress such behavior. We estimate that false or duplicate accounts may have represented approximately 5-6% of our MAUs as of December 31, 2011. However, this estimate is based on an internal review of a limited sample of accounts and we apply significant judgment in making this determination, such as identifying names that appear to be fake or other behavior that appears inauthentic to the reviewers. As such, our estimation of false or duplicate accounts may not accurately represent the actual number of such accounts. Our metrics are also affected by applications on certain mobile devices that automatically contact our servers for regular updates with no user action involved, and this activity can cause our system to count the user associated with such a device as an active user on the day such contact occurs. For example, we estimate that less than 5% of our estimated worldwide DAUs as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 resulted from this type of automatic mobile activity, and that this type of activity had a substantially smaller effect on our estimate of worldwide MAUs and mobile MAUs. As such, the calculations of DAUs as a percentage of MAUs presented in this prospectus may be affected by this activity. The impact of this automatic activity on our metrics varies by geography because mobile usage varies in different regions of the world. In addition, our data regarding the geographic location of our users is estimated based on a number of factors, such as the user's IP address and self-disclosed location. These factors may not always accurately reflect the user's actual location. For example, a mobile-only user may appear to be accessing Facebook from the location of the proxy server that the user connects to rather than from the user's actual location. In addition, our estimates for revenue by user location are also affected by these factors. We regularly review and may adjust our processes for calculating these metrics to improve their accuracy. In addition, our MAU and DAU estimates will differ from estimates published by third parties due to differences in methodology. For example, some third parties do not count mobile users.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that our net proceeds from the sale of the Class A common stock that we are offering will be approximately \$5.6 billion, or approximately \$5.8 billion if the underwriters exercise in full their right to purchase additional shares to cover over-allotments, assuming an initial public offering price of \$31.50 per share, which is the midpoint of the price range on the cover page of this prospectus, and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of \$31.50 per share would increase (decrease) the net proceeds to us from our initial public offering by \$178 million, assuming the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions.

The principal purposes of our initial public offering are to create a public market for our Class A common stock and thereby enable future access to the public equity markets by us and our employees, obtain additional capital, and facilitate an orderly distribution of shares for the selling stockholders. We intend to use the net proceeds to us from our initial public offering for working capital and other general corporate purposes; however, we do not currently have any specific uses of the net proceeds planned. We may use a portion of the net proceeds to us to satisfy a portion of the anticipated tax withholding and remittance obligations related to the initial settlement of our outstanding RSUs. Additionally, we may use a portion of the proceeds to us for acquisitions of complementary businesses, technologies, or other assets. However, we have no commitments to use the proceeds from this offering for any such acquisitions or investments at this time.

Pending other uses, we intend to invest the proceeds to us in investment-grade, interest-bearing securities such as money market funds, certificates of deposit, or direct or guaranteed obligations of the U.S. government, or hold as cash. We cannot predict whether the proceeds invested will yield a favorable return. Our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds we receive from our initial public offering, and investors will be relying on the judgment of our management regarding the application of the net proceeds.

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of Class A common stock by the selling stockholders. Mark Zuckerberg, our founder, Chairman, and CEO, will offer and sell 30,200,000 shares in our initial public offering. We expect that the substantial majority of the net proceeds Mr. Zuckerberg will receive upon such sale will be used to satisfy taxes that he will incur in connection with the partial exercise of an outstanding stock option.

DIVIDEND POLICY

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our capital stock. We currently intend to retain any future earnings for use in the operation of our business and do not intend to declare or pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any further determination to pay dividends on our capital stock will be at the discretion of our board of directors, subject to applicable laws, and will depend on our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, general business conditions, and other factors that our board of directors considers relevant. In addition, the terms of our credit facilities contain restrictions on our ability to pay dividends.

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities and capitalization as of March 31, 2012:

on an actual basis;

on a pro forma basis to give effect to (i) the automatic conversion of all of our outstanding shares convertible preferred stock into Class B common stock, (ii) the amendment and restatement of our certificate of incorporation in connection with our initial public offering, and (iii) a share-based compensation expense of approximately \$640 million, net of income taxes, associated with restricted stock units (RSUs) granted prior to January 1, 2011 (Pre-2011 RSUs) for which the service condition was satisfied as of March 31, 2012, and which we expect to record upon completion of our initial public offering, as described in footnote (1) below; and

on a pro forma as adjusted basis to give further effect to (i) the issuance and sale by us of 180,000,000 shares of Class A common stock in our initial public offering, and the receipt of the net proceeds from our sale of these shares at an assumed initial public offering price of the Class A common stock of \$31.50 per share, the midpoint of the price range on the cover page of this prospectus, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, (ii) the partial exercise by Mark Zuckerberg, our founder, Chairman, and CEO, of an outstanding stock option, resulting in the issuance of 60,000,000 shares of our Class B common stock, (iii) the automatic conversion of 121,788,489 shares of our Class B common stock held by the selling stockholders into an equivalent number of shares of our Class A common stock upon their sale by the selling stockholders in our initial public offering, and (iv) the conversion by certain of our existing stockholders of an aggregate of 179,058,237 shares of our Class B common stock into an equivalent number of shares of our Class A common stock in connection with our initial public offering.

The pro forma and pro forma as adjusted information below is illustrative only, and cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities, additional paid-in capital, retained earnings, total stockholders' equity, and total capitalization following the completion of our initial public offering will be adjusted based on the actual initial public offering price and other terms of our initial public offering determined at pricing. You should read this table in conjunction with the sections entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Description of Capital Stock" and our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

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	As of March 31, 2012		
	Actual	Pro Forma ⁽¹⁾	Pro Forma As Adjusted ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
	(in millions, except share and per share data)		
Cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities	\$ 3,910	\$ 3,910	\$ 9,511
Stockholders' equity:			
Convertible preferred stock, \$0.000006 par value; 569,001,400 shares authorized, 543,216,895 shares issued and outstanding actual; no shares authorized, issued and outstanding, pro forma and pro forma as adjusted	\$ 615	\$	\$
Preferred stock, \$0.000006 par value; no shares authorized, issued and outstanding, actual; 100,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding, pro forma and pro forma as adjusted			
Class A common stock, \$0.000006 par value; 4,141,000,000 shares authorized, 117,549,393 shares issued and outstanding, actual; 5,000,000,000 shares authorized, 117,549,393 shares issued and outstanding, pro forma; 5,000,000,000 shares authorized, 598,396,119 shares issued and outstanding, pro forma as adjusted			
Class B common stock, \$0.000006 par value; 4,141,000,000 shares authorized, 1,235,134,201 shares issued and outstanding, actual; 4,141,000,000 shares authorized, 1,780,535,644 shares issued and outstanding, pro forma; 4,141,000,000 shares authorized, 1,539,688,918 shares issued and outstanding, pro forma as adjusted			
Additional paid-in capital	2,853	4,433	10,034
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(7)	(7)	(7)
Retained earnings	1,811	1,171	1,171
Total stockholders' equity	5,272	5,597	11,198
Total capitalization	\$ 5,272	\$ 5,597	\$ 11,198

- (1) The pro forma data as of March 31, 2012 presents our cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities, total stockholders' equity, and total capitalization, and gives effect to a share-based compensation expense of approximately \$965 million associated with Pre-2011 RSUs, for which the service condition was completed as of March 31, 2012 and which we expect to record upon completion of our initial public offering, as further described in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates Share-based Compensation. The pro forma adjustment related to share-based compensation expense of approximately \$965 million has been reflected as an increase to additional paid-in capital and the associated tax effect of \$325 million has been netted against this charge, resulting in a net reduction of \$640 million to retained earnings. The income tax effects have been reflected as an increase to deferred tax assets included in prepaid expenses and other current assets, to reflect the anticipated future tax benefits upon settlement of these RSUs. We estimate that an aggregate of approximately 277 million shares underlying Pre-2011 RSUs outstanding as of March 31, 2012 will vest and settle on dates that are 151 to 181 days following our initial public offering, resulting in the net issuance of an aggregate of approximately 155 million shares to the holders. These shares have not been included in our pro forma or pro forma as adjusted shares outstanding.
- (2) A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of \$31.50 per share would increase (decrease) each of cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities, additional paid-in capital, total stockholders' equity, and total capitalization by \$178 million, assuming that the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same, and after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions. If the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares to cover over-allotments is exercised in full, the pro forma as adjusted amount of each of cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities, additional paid-in capital, total stockholders' equity, and total capitalization would increase by approximately \$188 million, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions, and we would have 644,455,091 shares of our Class A common stock and 1,499,659,934 shares of our Class B common stock issued and outstanding, pro forma as adjusted.
- (3) The pro forma as adjusted information discussed above is illustrative only and will be adjusted based on the actual initial public offering price and other terms of our initial public offering determined at pricing.

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The table above excludes the following shares:

116,756,442 shares of Class B common stock issuable upon the exercise of options outstanding as of March 31, 2012 under our 2005 Stock Plan, with a weighted-average exercise price of approximately \$0.94 per share;

60,000,000 shares of Class B common stock issuable upon the exercise of the remaining portion of an option held by Mr. Zuckerberg, with an exercise price of \$0.06 per share;

378,429,048 shares of Class B common stock subject to RSUs outstanding as of March 31, 2012 under our 2005 Stock Plan;

22,999,412 shares of common stock issuable upon completion of our acquisition of Instagram, Inc.;

25,257,815 shares of Class B common stock subject to RSUs granted under our 2005 Stock Plan and 40,000 shares of Class A common stock issued between April 1, 2012 and May 3, 2012; and

77,466,293 shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance under our equity compensation plans, consisting of 25,000,000 shares of Class A common stock reserved for issuance under our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, and 52,466,293 shares of Class B common stock reserved as of March 31, 2012 for issuance under our 2005 Stock Plan (which reserve includes the 25,257,815 shares of Class B common stock subject to RSUs granted after March 31, 2012). On the date of this prospectus, any remaining shares available for issuance under our 2005 Stock Plan will be added to the shares reserved under our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and we will cease granting awards under the 2005 Stock Plan. Our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan also provides for automatic annual increases in the number of shares reserved thereunder and for increases based on forfeited or withheld shares and other events as more fully described in Executive Compensation Employee Benefit Plans.

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If you invest in our Class A common stock, your interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the initial public offering price per share of our Class A common stock and the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per share of our Class A common stock immediately after our initial public offering.

Our pro forma net tangible book value as of March 31, 2012 was \$5.4 billion, or \$2.85 per share of common stock. Our pro forma net tangible book value per share represents the amount of our total tangible assets reduced by the amount of our total liabilities and divided by the total number of shares of our common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2012, after giving effect to the automatic conversion of all outstanding shares of our convertible preferred stock into Class B common stock in connection with our initial public offering.

After giving effect to (i) our sale in our initial public offering of 180,000,000 shares of Class A common stock at an assumed initial public offering price of the Class A common stock of \$31.50 per share, the midpoint of the price range on the cover page of this prospectus, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us and (ii) the partial exercise by Mark Zuckerberg, our founder, Chairman, and CEO, of an outstanding stock option, resulting in the issuance of 60,000,000 shares of our Class B common stock, our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value as of March 31, 2012 would have been approximately \$11 billion, or \$5.15 per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value of \$2.30 per share to our existing stockholders and an immediate dilution of \$26.35 per share to investors purchasing shares in our initial public offering.

The following table illustrates this per share dilution.

Assumed initial offering price per share	\$ 31.50
Pro forma net tangible book value per share as of March 31, 2012	\$ 2.85
Increase in pro forma net tangible book value per share attributable to investors purchasing shares in our initial public offering	2.30
Pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per share after our initial public offering	5.15
Dilution in pro forma net tangible book value per share to investors in this offering	\$ 26.35

A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of \$31.50 per share would increase (decrease) our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per share after our initial public offering by \$0.08, assuming that the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same, and after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions payable by us.

If the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares to cover over-allotments is exercised in full, the pro forma net tangible book value per share after giving effect to our initial public offering would be approximately \$5.22 per share, and the dilution in pro forma net tangible book value per share to investors in our initial public offering would be approximately \$26.28 per share.

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The following table summarizes, as of March 31, 2012, the differences between the number of shares of our common stock purchased from us, after giving effect to the conversion of our convertible preferred stock into Class B common stock and the partial exercise by Mark Zuckerberg of an outstanding stock option, the total cash consideration paid, and the average price per share paid by our existing stockholders and by our new investors purchasing shares in our initial public offering at the assumed initial public offering price of the Class A common

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stock of \$31.50 per share, the midpoint of the price range on the cover page of this prospectus, before deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us:

	Shares Purchased		Total Consideration		Average Price Per Share
	Number	Percent	Amount	Percent	
Existing stockholders	1,958,085,037	91.6%	\$ 2,167,000,000	27.7%	\$ 1.11
New investors	180,000,000	8.4	5,670,000,000	72.3	31.50
Total	2,138,085,037	100%	\$ 7,837,000,000	100%	

A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of \$31.50 per share would increase (decrease) total consideration paid by new investors by \$180 million, assuming that the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same.

Sales of shares of Class A common stock by the selling stockholders in our initial public offering will reduce the number of shares of common stock held by existing stockholders to 1,800,669,685, or approximately 84.2% of the total shares of common stock outstanding after our initial public offering, and will increase the number of shares held by new investors to 337,415,352, or approximately 15.8% of the total shares of common stock outstanding after our initial public offering.

After giving effect to the sale of shares in this offering by us and the selling stockholders, if the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares to cover over-allotments is exercised in full, our existing stockholders would own 81.9% and our new investors would own 18.1% of the total number of shares of our common stock outstanding after our initial public offering.

The above table and discussion include: (i) 117,549,393 shares of our Class A common stock and 1,780,535,644 shares of our Class B common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2012; and (ii) the issuance of 60,000,000 shares of our Class B common stock upon the partial exercise by Mark Zuckerberg, our founder, Chairman, and CEO, of an outstanding stock option to purchase 120,000,000 shares of our Class B common stock, and exclude:

116,756,442 shares of Class B common stock issuable upon the exercise of options outstanding as of March 31, 2012 under our 2005 Stock Plan, with a weighted-average exercise price of approximately \$0.94 per share;

60,000,000 shares of Class B common stock issuable upon the exercise of the remaining portion of an option held by Mr. Zuckerberg, with an exercise price of \$0.06 per share;

378,429,048 shares of Class B common stock subject to RSUs outstanding as of March 31, 2012 under our 2005 Stock Plan;

22,999,412 shares of common stock issuable upon completion of our acquisition of Instagram, Inc.;

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25,257,815 shares of Class B common stock subject to RSUs granted under our 2005 Stock Plan and 40,000 shares of Class A common stock issued between April 1, 2012 and May 3, 2012; and

77,466,293 shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance under our equity compensation plans, consisting of 25,000,000 shares of Class A common stock reserved for issuance under our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, and 52,466,293 shares of Class B common stock reserved as of March 31, 2012 for issuance under our 2005 Stock Plan (which reserve includes the 25,257,815 shares of Class B common stock subject to RSUs granted after March 31, 2012). On the date of this prospectus, any remaining shares available for issuance under our 2005 Stock Plan will be added to the shares reserved under our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and we will cease granting awards under the 2005 Stock Plan. Our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan also provides for automatic annual increases in the number of shares reserved thereunder and for increases based on forfeited or withheld shares and other events, as more fully described in Executive Compensation Employee Benefit Plans.

To the extent that any outstanding options are exercised or RSUs are settled, there will be further dilution to new investors.

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The consolidated statements of income data for each of the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010, and 2011 and the consolidated balance sheets data as of December 31, 2010 and 2011 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements that are included elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008 and the consolidated balance sheets data as of December 31, 2007, 2008, and 2009 are derived from audited consolidated financial statements that are not included in this prospectus. The consolidated statements of income data for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2012, and the consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2012 have been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. In our opinion, such financial statements include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of the financial information set forth in those statements. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of our results in any future period.

You should read this information together with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	2007	Year Ended December 31,			2011	Three Months Ended March 31,	
		2008	2009	2010		2011	2012
	(in millions, except per share data)						
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:							
Revenue	\$ 153	\$ 272	\$ 777	\$ 1,974	\$ 3,711	\$ 731	\$ 1,058
Costs and expenses ⁽¹⁾ :							
Cost of revenue	41	124	223	493	860	167	277
Marketing and sales	32	76	115	184	427	68	159
Research and development	81	47	87	144	388	57	153
General and administrative	123	80	90	121	280	51	88
Total costs and expenses	277	327	515	942	1,955	343	677
Income (loss) from operations	(124)	(55)	262	1,032	1,756	388	381
Interest and other income (expense), net	(11)	(1)	(8)	(24)	(61)	10	1
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	(135)	(56)	254	1,008	1,695	398	382
Provision for income taxes	3		25	402	695	165	177
Net income (loss)	\$ (138)	\$ (56)	\$ 229	\$ 606	\$ 1,000	\$ 233	\$ 205
Net income (loss) attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders	\$ (138)	\$ (56)	\$ 122	\$ 372	\$ 668	\$ 153	\$ 137
Earnings (loss) per share attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders ⁽²⁾ :							
Basic	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.10
Diluted	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.09
Pro forma earnings per share attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders ⁽²⁾ :							
Basic					\$ 0.49		\$ 0.10

Diluted

\$ 0.43

\$ 0.09

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(1) Costs and expenses include share-based compensation expense as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,					Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012
	(in millions)						
Cost of revenue	\$ 1	\$	\$	\$	\$ 9	\$	\$ 4
Marketing and sales	3	4	2	2	43		23
Research and development	56	7	6	9	114	4	60
General and administrative	13	19	19	9	51	3	16
Total share-based compensation expense	\$ 73	\$ 30	\$ 27	\$ 20	\$ 217	\$ 7	\$ 103

(2) See note 2 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements for a description of how we compute basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders and pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders.

	As of December 31,					As of	
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	March 31, 2012	
	(in millions)						
Consolidated Balance Sheets Data:							
Cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities	\$ 305	\$ 297	\$ 633	\$ 1,785	\$ 3,908	\$ 3,910	
Working capital	250	279	703	1,857	3,705	3,655	
Property and equipment, net	82	131	148	574	1,475	1,855	
Total assets	448	505	1,109	2,990	6,331	6,859	
Total liabilities	174	170	241	828	1,432	1,587	
Total stockholders' equity	273	335	868	2,162	4,899	5,272	

Free Cash Flow

In addition to other financial measures presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), we monitor free cash flow (FCF) as a non-GAAP measure to manage our business, make planning decisions, evaluate our performance, and allocate resources. We define FCF as net cash provided by operating activities reduced by purchases of property and equipment and property and equipment acquired under capital leases.

We believe that FCF is one of the key financial indicators of our business performance over the long term and provides useful information regarding whether cash provided by operating activities is sufficient to fund the ongoing property and equipment investments required to maintain and grow our business. We have chosen to subtract both purchases of property and equipment and property and equipment acquired under capital leases in our calculation of FCF because we believe that these two items collectively represent the amount of property and equipment we need to procure to support our business, regardless of whether we finance such property or equipment with a capital lease. The market for financing servers and other technical equipment is dynamic and we expect our use of capital leases could vary significantly from year to year.

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We have chosen our definition for FCF because we believe that this methodology can provide useful supplemental information to help investors better understand underlying trends in our business. We present FCF in this document in the same manner it is shared with our senior management and board of directors.

FCF has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of other GAAP financial measures, such as net cash provided by operating activities. Some of the limitations of FCF are:

FCF does not reflect our future contractual commitments; and

other companies in our industry present similarly titled measures differently than we do, limiting their usefulness as comparative measures.

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Management compensates for the inherent limitations associated with using the FCF measure through disclosure of such limitations, presentation of our financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and reconciliation of FCF to the most directly comparable GAAP measure, net cash provided by operating activities, as presented below.

The following is a reconciliation of FCF to the most comparable GAAP measure, net cash provided by operating activities:

	2007	Year Ended December 31,			2011	Three Months Ended March 31,	
		2008	2009	2010		2011	2012
				(in millions)			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 11	\$ 8	\$ 155	\$ 698	\$ 1,549	\$ 345	\$ 441
Purchases of property and equipment	(55)	(70)	(33)	(293)	(606)	(153)	(453)
Property and equipment acquired under capital leases	(11)	(26)	(56)	(217)	(473)	(211)	(38)
Free cash flow	\$ (55)	\$ (88)	\$ 66	\$ 188	\$ 470	\$ (19)	\$ (50)

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL
CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes that appear in this prospectus. In addition to historical consolidated financial information, the following discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates, and beliefs. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include those discussed below and elsewhere in this prospectus, particularly in Risk Factors. For a discussion of limitations in the measurement of certain of our user metrics, see the section entitled Industry Data and User Metrics.

Overview

Our mission is to make the world more open and connected. Facebook enables you to express yourself and connect with the world around you instantly and freely.

We build products that support our mission by creating utility for users, developers, and advertisers:

Users. We enable people who use Facebook to stay connected with their friends and family, to discover what is going on in the world around them, and to share and express what matters to them to the people they care about.

Developers. We enable developers to use the Facebook Platform to build applications (apps) and websites that integrate with Facebook to reach our global network of users and to build products that are more personalized, social, and engaging.

Advertisers. We enable advertisers to engage with more than 900 million monthly active users (MAUs) on Facebook or subsets of our users based on information they have chosen to share with us such as their age, location, gender, or interests. We offer advertisers a unique combination of reach, relevance, social context, and engagement to enhance the value of their ads.

We generate substantially all of our revenue from advertising and from fees associated with our Payments infrastructure that enables users to purchase virtual and digital goods from our Platform developers. In 2011, we recorded revenue of \$3,711 million, operating income of \$1,756 million, and net income of \$1,000 million. In the first quarter of 2012, we recorded revenue of \$1,058 million, operating income of \$381 million, and net income of \$205 million. We were incorporated in July 2004 and are headquartered in Menlo Park, California.

Highlights in our history are depicted in the graphic on the next page.

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Trends in Our User Metrics

Monthly Active Users (MAUs). We define a monthly active user as a registered Facebook user who logged in and visited Facebook through our website or a mobile device, or took an action to share content or activity with his or her Facebook friends or connections via a third-party website that is integrated with Facebook, in the last 30 days as of the date of measurement. MAUs are a measure of the size of our global active user community, which has grown substantially in the past several years.

Note: For purposes of reporting MAUs, DAUs, and ARPU by geographic region, Europe includes all users in Russia and Turkey, Asia includes all users in Australia and New Zealand, and Rest of World includes Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

As of March 31, 2012, we had 901 million MAUs, an increase of 33% from March 31, 2011. We experienced growth across different geographies, with users in Brazil, India, and the United States representing key sources of growth. We had 45 million MAUs in Brazil as of March 31, 2012, an increase of 180% from the same period in the prior year, and we had 51 million MAUs in India as of March 31, 2012, an increase of 107% from the same period in the prior year. Additionally, we had 169 million MAUs in the United States as of March 31, 2012, an increase of 15% from the same period in the prior year.

There are more than two billion global Internet users, according to an IDC report dated August 2011, and we aim to connect all of them. We have achieved varying levels of penetration within the population of Internet users in different countries. For example, as of December 31, 2011, in countries such as Chile, Turkey, and Venezuela we estimate that we had penetration rates of greater than 85%

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of Internet users; in countries such as India, the United Kingdom and the United States we estimate that we had penetration rates of approximately 60%; in countries such as Brazil and Germany we estimate that we had penetration rates of approximately 30-40%; in countries such as Japan, Russia, and South Korea we estimate that we had penetration rates of 20% or lower; and in China, where Facebook access is restricted, we have near 0% penetration. We continue to invest in growing our user base, particularly in markets where we are relatively less penetrated. We expect MAU growth will benefit from increases in worldwide Internet users, in particular as a result of increasing broadband penetration and usage of mobile devices in developing markets. Growth in MAUs depends on our ability to retain our current users, re-engage with inactive users, and add new users, including by extending our reach across mobile platforms.

Daily Active Users (DAUs). We define a daily active user as a registered Facebook user who logged in and visited Facebook through our website or a mobile device, or took an action to share content or activity with his or her Facebook friends or connections via a third-party website that is integrated with Facebook, on a given day. We view DAUs, and DAUs as a percentage of MAUs, as measures of user engagement.

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Worldwide DAUs increased 41% to 526 million on average during March 2012 from 372 million during March 2011. We experienced growth in DAUs across major markets including the United States, Brazil, and India. Increased mobile usage was a key contributor to this growth. DAUs as a percentage of MAUs increased from 55% in March 2011 to 58% in March 2012, which we believe was driven entirely by increased mobile usage of Facebook. We believe that increases in DAUs and in DAUs as a percentage of MAUs generally positively affect our revenue because increases in user engagement may enable us to deliver more relevant commercial content to our users and may provide us with more opportunities for monetization.

We believe that we have the opportunity to continue to grow our DAUs around the world. Growth in DAUs depends on our ability to attract new users and increase the frequency of engagement for existing users. We aim to increase DAUs by developing products that are more compelling for our users, increasing the relevance of the information we display for each user, increasing the number of compelling Platform apps and website integrations, and improving the quality of our products across mobile platforms. We also believe that younger users have higher levels of engagement with the web and mobile devices in general and with Facebook specifically. We anticipate that demographic trends over the long term may contribute to growth in engagement as a greater number of users will come from demographic groups that have grown up with the web and mobile devices and who spend more time online every day.

Mobile MAUs. We define a mobile MAU as a user who accessed Facebook via a mobile app or via mobile-optimized versions of our website such as m.facebook.com, whether on a mobile phone or tablet such as the iPad, during the period of measurement.

Worldwide mobile MAUs increased by 69% from 288 million as of March 31, 2011 to 488 million as of March 31, 2012. In all regions, an increasing number of our MAUs are accessing Facebook through mobile devices, with users in the United States, India, Indonesia, and Brazil representing key sources of mobile growth over this period. We estimate that approximately 83 million mobile MAUs accessed Facebook solely through mobile apps or our mobile website during the month ended March 31, 2012, and we believe that mobile-only users increased relative to the same period in the prior year. The remaining 405 million mobile MAUs accessed Facebook from both personal computers and mobile devices during that month. We believe that our mobile MAU growth was driven by increased consumer usage of mobile devices generally and also by our product enhancements across several mobile platforms. For example, we improved our product offerings on feature phones following our acquisition of Snaptu in April 2011 and we launched the Facebook app for the iPad in October 2011. Improving our mobile products and increasing mobile usage of Facebook are key company priorities that we believe are critical to help us maintain and grow our user base and engagement over the long term. We expect consumers around the world will increase the amount of time they spend and the information they share and consume through mobile devices.

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We have historically not shown ads to users accessing Facebook through mobile apps or our mobile website. To the extent that increasing usage of Facebook through mobile apps or our mobile website substitutes for the use of Facebook through personal computers where we do show ads, the number of ads that we deliver to users and our revenue may be negatively affected unless and until we are successful with monetization strategies for mobile usage of Facebook, such as the implementation of sponsored stories in users' mobile News Feeds, which we began in March 2012. We believe that people around the world will continue to increase their mobile usage of Facebook, and that some of this mobile usage has been and will continue to be a substitute for use of Facebook through personal computers.

Trends in Our Monetization by User Geography

Note: Our revenue by user geography in the charts above is geographically apportioned based on our estimation of the geographic location of our users when they perform a revenue-generating activity. This allocation differs from our revenue by geography disclosure in our consolidated financial statements where revenue is geographically apportioned based on the location of the advertiser or developer.

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We estimate our revenue by user geography based on the geography in which ad impressions are delivered or virtual goods are purchased. We define average revenue per user (ARPU) as our total revenue in a given geography during a given period, divided by the average of the number of MAUs in the geography at the beginning and end of the period. Our revenue and ARPU in markets such as the United States, Canada, and Europe are relatively higher due to the size and maturity of those advertising markets as well as our greater sales presence and the number of payment methods that we make available to advertisers and users.

In the first quarter of 2012, 50% of our revenue was generated by users in the United States and Canada, a decrease from 54% of our revenue for the first quarter of 2011, and in 2011, 52% of our revenue was generated by users in the United States and Canada, as compared to 58% in 2010, as we experienced more rapid revenue growth in markets such as Germany, Brazil, Australia, and India.

During the first quarter of 2012, worldwide ARPU was \$1.21, an increase of 6% from the first quarter of 2011. Over this period, ARPU increased across all geographies. User growth was more rapid in geographies with relatively lower ARPU, such as Asia and Rest of World. These user growth dynamics resulted in worldwide ARPU increasing at a slower rate than the rate experienced in any geographic region. ARPU in the first quarter of 2012 declined 12% from the fourth quarter of 2011. We believe the sequential quarterly decline was driven by seasonal trends, which also affected ARPU trends from the fourth quarter of 2010 to the first quarter of 2011, during which period ARPU declined by 10%. In addition, the sequential decline in ARPU in the first quarter of 2012 was affected by the fact that our user growth was higher in geographies with relatively lower ARPU. We expect that user growth in the future will continue to be higher in those regions where ARPU is relatively lower, such as Asia and Rest of World, such that worldwide ARPU may continue to increase at a slower rate relative to ARPU in any geographic region, or potentially decrease even if ARPU increases in each geographic region.

ARPU increased 32% from \$3.08 in 2009 to \$4.08 in 2010 and 25% to \$5.11 in 2011. In these periods, we experienced ARPU growth across all regions.

Factors Affecting Our Performance

Growth in MAUs, DAUs, and Mobile MAUs. Growth trends in MAUs, DAUs, and mobile MAUs are critical variables that affect our revenue and financial results by influencing the number of ads we are able to show, the value of those ads, the volume of Payments transactions, as well as our expenses and capital expenditures. We expect our user growth rates to decline as the size of our active user base increases and as we achieve higher market penetration rates. Additionally, as we grow our business and expand internationally, we expect to face challenges entering new markets such as China, where access to Facebook is restricted in whole or in part. As user growth rates slow, we expect the rate of growth in revenue will likely decline over time, which will affect our income from operations and net income.

Growth in Users by Geography. We expect future user growth to be relatively higher in Asia and Rest of World where on average users generate less revenue as compared with users in the United States or Europe. In general, new users in Asia and Rest of World do not require material incremental infrastructure investments because we are able to utilize existing infrastructure such as our data centers in the United States to make our products available to these users. In addition, we do not believe that user growth by geography materially affects our overall headcount requirements or headcount-related expenses since we are generally able to support users in all geographies from our existing facilities.

User Engagement. Changes in user engagement also affect our revenue and financial performance. Growth in user engagement may increase the opportunities for us to display advertising and our ability to deliver relevant commercial content to users. Growth in user engagement also generally results in increases in our expenses and capital expenditures required to support user activity. We believe that overall engagement as measured by the percentage of users who create content (such as wall posts, messages, or photos) or generate feedback (such as by Liking or

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Commenting on the content created) has remained stable or increased as our user base has grown. Moreover, the average amount of content and feedback created by each user has continued to increase over time.

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Increasing Mobile Usage. Increasing use of Facebook on mobile devices will also affect our performance, particularly if mobile use substitutes for use on personal computers. Historically, we have not shown ads to users accessing Facebook through mobile apps or our mobile website and we cannot be certain that our mobile monetization approaches will be successful in generating meaningful revenue. We cannot quantify the extent to which mobile usage of Facebook is substituting for, rather than incremental to, usage of Facebook through personal computers, but we generally expect mobile usage to increase at a faster rate than usage through personal computers for the foreseeable future.

Value of Advertising Products. We believe that increasing the value of our advertising products and the consequent return on investment to advertisers from working with Facebook will increase advertiser demand and thereby increase the amount advertisers spend with us. We aim to increase the value of our advertising products through such means as increasing the size and engagement of our user base, improving our ability to select relevant content of interest to individual users, developing new formats and products such as ads with social context, and improving the measurement tools available to advertisers to optimize their campaigns. For example, in 2011, we launched sponsored stories as a new format to leverage social context, and in March 2012, we began to include sponsored stories in users' mobile News Feeds.

Management of Ad Inventory. Our revenue trends are also affected by ad inventory management changes affecting the number, size, or prominence of ads we display. For example, in the fourth quarter of 2010, we significantly increased the number of ads on many Facebook pages. As another example, in the fourth quarter of 2011, we increased the reserve price (i.e., the minimum price threshold) in our advertising auction system in order to reduce the frequency with which low quality ads are displayed to users. This change caused a reduction in the overall number of ads shown and increased the average price per ad as a result of factors including the removal of ads with bids that were below the reserve price and some advertisers raising their bids in response to this change. For this particular change, we estimate that the decrease in the number of ads displayed and the increase in average price per ad approximately offset each other such that the impact on total revenue was minimal.

Product Innovation. We make ongoing product changes intended to enhance the user experience. In September 2011, at our f8 conference, we announced the launch of Timeline as an enhanced and updated version of the Facebook Profile to enable users to better organize and access the growing quantity of their updates, photos, comments, and other content. Timeline was rolled out broadly around the world in the first quarter of 2012. Also in September 2011, we announced the launch of the next iteration of Open Graph APIs, which enables Platform developers to create new types of social apps that facilitate sharing, self-expression, and serendipitous discovery across a broad variety of activities and interests. We expanded the Open Graph to include more types of sharing activities in the first quarter of 2012.

Investment in Infrastructure. In 2011, we continued to make significant investments in our technical infrastructure to ensure that our growing user base can access Facebook rapidly and reliably. In April 2011 and March 2012, respectively, we began serving user traffic out of our owned and built data centers in Prineville, Oregon and Forest City, North Carolina. We developed designs for data centers, server hardware, and software that were optimized for use in our new data center facilities, resulting in significant increases in energy efficiency while significantly reducing our server operation costs compared to the usage of traditional servers and leased data centers. We are investing in additional Facebook-owned data centers in the United States and Europe and we aim to deliver Facebook products rapidly and reliably to all users around the world.

Investment in Talent. At the end of the first quarter of 2012, we had 3,539 full-time employees, an increase of 46% from the same period in 2011. Our employee headcount has increased significantly and we expect this growth to continue for the foreseeable future. We have also made and intend to make acquisitions with the primary objective of adding software engineers, product designers, and other personnel with certain technology expertise. While our organization is growing rapidly, we are focused on increasing our talent base at a rate that allows us to preserve our culture.

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Business Development and Acquisitions. As part of our business strategy, we have made and intend to make acquisitions to add specialized employees, complementary companies, products, technologies, or other assets. For example, in April 2012, we entered into an agreement to acquire Instagram, Inc. and an agreement with Microsoft Corporation to obtain certain patent assets from AOL Inc. Our acquisitions will affect our future financial results due to factors such as the amortization of acquired intangible assets or other potential charges such as restructuring costs or impairment expense.

Share-based Compensation Expense. We have granted restricted stock units (RSUs) to our employees and members of our board of directors. RSUs granted prior to January 1, 2011 (Pre-2011 RSUs) under our 2005 Stock Plan vest upon the satisfaction of both a service condition and a liquidity condition. The service condition for the majority of these awards is satisfied over four years. The liquidity condition is satisfied upon the occurrence of a qualifying event, defined as a change of control transaction or six months following the effective date of our initial public offering. Pre-2011 RSUs for which the service condition has been satisfied are not forfeited should an employee terminate prior to the liquidity condition being met.

As of March 31, 2012, we have recognized no share-based compensation expense for Pre-2011 RSUs because a qualifying event described above had not occurred. In the quarter in which our initial public offering is completed, we will recognize share-based compensation expense using the accelerated attribution method, net of forfeitures, based on the grant date fair value of the Pre-2011 RSUs. For the Pre-2011 RSUs, if the initial public offering had been completed on March 31, 2012, we would have recognized \$965 million of share-based compensation expense for all RSUs that met the service condition as of that date, and would have approximately \$235 million of additional future period expense to be recognized over the remaining service periods through 2018.

RSUs granted on or after January 1, 2011 (Post-2011 RSUs) are not subject to a liquidity condition in order to vest. Share-based compensation expense related to these grants is based on the grant date fair value of the RSUs and is recognized on a straight-line basis over the applicable service period. The majority of Post-2011 RSUs are earned over a service period of four to five years. In 2011 and the first quarter of 2012, we recognized \$189 million and \$97 million, respectively, of share-based compensation expense related to the Post-2011 RSUs, and we anticipate recognizing \$1,119 million of future period expense related to Post-2011 RSUs outstanding as of March 31, 2012.

As of March 31, 2012, there was \$2,381 million of unrecognized share-based compensation expense, of which \$2,319 million is related to RSUs and \$62 million is related to restricted shares and stock options. This unrecognized share-based compensation expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately two years.

See [Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates](#) [Share-based Compensation](#) for additional information regarding our share-based compensation expense.

Components of Results of Operations

Revenue

We generate substantially all of our revenue from advertising and from fees associated with our Payments infrastructure that enables users to purchase virtual and digital goods from our Platform developers.

Advertising. Our advertising revenue is generated by displaying ad products on our website. Advertisers pay for ad products displayed on Facebook, either directly or through their relationships with advertising agencies, based on the number of impressions delivered or the number of clicks made by our users. We recognize revenue from the display of impression-based ads on our website in the contracted period in which the impressions are delivered. Impressions are considered delivered when an ad appears in pages displayed to users. We recognize revenue from the delivery of click-based ads on our website in the period in which a user clicks on an ad.

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Payments and other fees. We enable Payments from our users to our Platform developers. Our users can transact and make payments on the Facebook Platform by using credit cards, PayPal or other payment methods available on our website. We receive a fee from our Platform developers when users make purchases from our Platform developers using our Payments infrastructure. We recognize revenue net of amounts remitted to our Platform developers. We have mandated the use of our Payments infrastructure for game apps on Facebook, and fees related to Payments are generated almost exclusively from games. To date, games from Zynga have generated the majority of our payments and other fees revenue. In addition, we generate other fees revenue in connection with arrangements related to business development transactions and fees from various mobile providers; in recent periods, other fees revenue has been immaterial.

Cost of Revenue and Operating Expenses

Cost of revenue. Our cost of revenue consists primarily of expenses associated with the delivery and distribution of our products. These include expenses related to the operation of our data centers such as facility and server equipment depreciation, facility and server equipment rent expense, energy and bandwidth costs, support and maintenance costs, and salaries, benefits, and share-based compensation for employees on our operations teams. Cost of revenue also includes credit card and other transaction fees related to processing customer transactions.

Marketing and sales. Our marketing and sales expenses consist primarily of salaries, benefits, and share-based compensation for our employees engaged in sales, sales support, marketing, business development, and customer service functions. Our marketing and sales expenses also include user-, developer-, and advertiser-facing marketing and promotional expenditures.

Research and development. Research and development expenses consist primarily of salaries, benefits, and share-based compensation for employees on our engineering and technical teams who are responsible for building new products as well as improving existing products. We expense substantially all of our research and development costs as they are incurred.

General and administrative. Our general and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries, benefits, and share-based compensation for our executives as well as our finance, legal, human resources, and other administrative employees. In addition, general and administrative expenses include outside consulting, legal and accounting services, and facilities and other supporting overhead costs. General and administrative expenses also include legal settlements.

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The following table summarizes our historical consolidated statements of income data:

	2009	Year Ended December 31, 2010	2011 (in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011	2012
Consolidated Statements of Income Data:					
Revenue	\$ 777	\$ 1,974	\$ 3,711	\$ 731	\$ 1,058
Costs and expenses ⁽¹⁾ :					
Cost of revenue	223	493	860	167	277
Marketing and sales	115	184	427	68	159
Research and development	87	144	388	57	153
General and administrative	90	121	280	51	88
Total costs and expenses	515	942	1,955	343	677
Income from operations	262	1,032	1,756	388	381
Interest and other income (expense), net	(8)	(24)	(61)	10	1
Income before provision for income taxes	254	1,008	1,695	398	382
Provision for income taxes	25	402	695	165	177
Net income	\$ 229	\$ 606	\$ 1,000	\$ 233	\$ 205

(1) Costs and expenses include share-based compensation expense as follows:

	2009	Year Ended December 31, 2010	2011 (in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011	2012
Cost of revenue	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 9	\$ 4	\$ 4
Marketing and sales	6	9	43	4	23
Research and development	19	9	114	4	60
General and administrative			51	3	16
Total share-based compensation expense	\$ 27	\$ 20	\$ 217	\$ 7	\$ 103

The following table summarizes our historical consolidated statements of income data as a percentage of revenue for the periods shown:

	2009	Year Ended December 31, 2010	2011	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011	2012
Consolidated Statements of Income Data:					
Revenue	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Costs and expenses ⁽¹⁾ :					

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Cost of revenue	29	25	23	23	26
Marketing and sales	15	9	12	9	15
Research and development	11	7	10	8	14
General and administrative	12	6	8	7	8
Total costs and expenses	66	48	53	47	64
Income from operations	34	52	47	53	36
Interest and other income (expense), net	(1)	(1)	(2)	1	
Income before provision for income taxes	33	51	46	54	36
Provision for income taxes	3	20	19	23	17
Net income	29%	31%	27%	32%	19%

(1) Costs and expenses include the following share-based compensation expense as a percentage of revenue:

	Year Ended December 31,			Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012	
Cost of revenue	%	%		%	%	%
Marketing and sales			1			2
Research and development	1		3	1		6
General and administrative	2		1			2
Total share-based compensation expense	3%	1%	6%	1%		10%

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	Three Months Ended March 31,		% Change
	2011	2012	
	(in millions)		
Advertising revenue	\$ 637	\$ 872	37%
Payments and other fees revenue	94	186	98%
Total revenue	\$ 731	\$ 1,058	45%

Revenue in the first quarter of 2012 increased \$327 million, or 45%, compared to the same period in 2011. The increase was due primarily to a 37% increase in advertising revenue to \$872 million. Advertising revenue grew due to a 35% increase in the number of ads delivered. The increase in ads delivered was driven primarily by user growth; MAUs grew 33% from March 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012 and average DAUs grew 41% from March 2011 to March 2012. Average price per ad for the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011 was unchanged, as an increase in the average price per ad in the United States and Canada was offset by an increased percentage of our worldwide ads being delivered in the Asia and Rest of World geographies where the average price per ad, while growing on a year-over-year basis, is relatively lower. The average price per ad was also affected by a decline in the average price per ad in Europe in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 due, we believe, to continuing weak economic conditions in that region.

Payments and other fees revenue in the first quarter of 2012 increased to \$186 million, or 98%, compared to the first quarter of 2011. Facebook Payments became mandatory for all game developers accepting payments on the Facebook Platform with limited exceptions on July 1, 2011. Accordingly, comparisons of Payments and other fees revenue to periods before this date may not be meaningful.

Based upon our experience in the second quarter of 2012 to date, the trend we saw in the first quarter of DAUs increasing more rapidly than the increase in number of ads delivered has continued. We believe this trend is driven in part by increased usage of Facebook on mobile devices where we have only recently begun showing an immaterial number of sponsored stories in News Feed, and in part due to certain pages having fewer ads per page as a result of product decisions. For additional information on factors that may affect these matters, see Risk Factors Growth in use of Facebook through our mobile products, where our ability to monetize is unproven, as a substitute for use on personal computers may negatively affect our revenue and financial results and Risk Factors Our culture emphasizes rapid innovation and prioritizes user engagement over short-term financial results.

Thirteen percent and 11% of our total revenue for the first quarter of 2011 and 2012, respectively, came from a single customer, Zynga. This revenue consisted of Payments processing fees related to Zynga's sale of virtual goods and from direct advertising purchased by Zynga. Additionally, Zynga's apps generate pages on which we display ads from other advertisers; for the first quarter of 2012, we estimate that an additional approximately 4% of our total revenue was generated from the display of these ads. In May 2010, we entered into an addendum to our standard terms and conditions with Zynga pursuant to which it agreed to use Facebook Payments as the primary means of payment within Zynga games played on the Facebook Platform. Under this addendum, we retain a fee of up to 30% of the face value of user purchases in Zynga's games on the Facebook Platform. This addendum expires in May 2015.

Cost of revenue

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2011	2012	% Change
	(in millions)		
Cost of revenue	\$ 167	\$ 277	66%
Percentage of revenue	23%	26%	

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Cost of revenue in the first quarter of 2012 increased \$110 million, or 66%, compared to the same period in 2011. The increase was primarily due to expenses related to expanding our data center operations, including a \$59 million increase in depreciation, and to a lesser extent, an increase in payroll and benefits expenses resulting from a 66% increase in employee headcount. These expenses supported our user growth, the increased usage of our products by users, developers, and advertisers, and the launch of new products.

We anticipate that cost of revenue will increase in dollar amount for the foreseeable future as we expand our data center capacity to support user growth, increased user engagement, and the delivery of new products and offerings. We expect costs will also rise for payment processing as we increase Payments volumes. The expected increase in cost of revenue may be partially mitigated to the extent we are able to realize improvements in server performance and the efficiency of our technical operations. We expect cost of revenue as a percentage of revenue to increase in 2012 compared to 2011 as we continue to invest in our technical infrastructure.

Marketing and sales

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2011	2012	% Change
	(in millions)		
Marketing and sales	\$68	\$159	134%
Percentage of revenue	9%	15%	

Marketing and sales expenses in the first quarter of 2012 increased \$91 million, or 134%, compared to the same period in 2011. The increase was primarily due to an increase in our user-, developer-, and advertiser-facing marketing, and to a lesser extent, an increase in payroll and benefits expenses resulting from a 34% increase in employee headcount to support global sales, business development, and customer service. Additionally, share-based compensation expense increased to \$23 million in the first quarter of 2012 due to recognition of expense related to Post-2011 RSUs. In the same period in 2011, share-based compensation expense was immaterial.

We anticipate that marketing and sales expenses will increase in dollar amount and as a percentage of revenue in 2012 compared to 2011 as a result of continued growth in headcount and headcount-related expenses, including share-based compensation expense related to Post-2011 RSUs. We plan to add sales, business development and customer service employees, open new offices, and continue our investment in user-, developer-, and advertiser-facing marketing. Assuming we complete our initial public offering in 2012, we also anticipate a significant increase in marketing and sales expenses in 2012 due to the inclusion of share-based compensation expense from Pre-2011 RSUs as described in Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates Share-based Compensation.

Research and development

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2011	2012	% Change
	(in millions)		
Research and development	\$57	\$153	168%
Percentage of revenue	8%	15%	

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Research and development expenses in the first quarter of 2012 increased \$96 million, or 168%, compared to the same period in 2011. The increase was primarily due to an increase of share-based compensation expense related to Post-2011 RSUs from \$4 million in the first quarter of 2011 to \$60 million in the same period in 2012. Payroll and benefits expense also increased due to a 55% growth in employee headcount in engineering, design, product management, and other technical functions. This investment supported our efforts to improve existing products and build new products for users, developers, and advertisers.

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We anticipate that research and development expenses will increase in dollar amount and as a percentage of revenue in 2012 compared to 2011 as a result of continued growth in headcount and headcount-related expenses, including share-based compensation expense related to Post-2011 RSUs. We plan to continue rapidly hiring engineering, design, product management, and other technical employees. Assuming we complete our initial public offering in 2012, we also anticipate a significant increase in research and development expenses in 2012 due to the inclusion of share-based compensation expense from Pre-2011 RSUs as described in Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates Share-based Compensation.

General and administrative

	Three Months Ended March 31,		% Change
	2011	2012	
	(in millions)		
General and administrative	\$51	\$88	73%
Percentage of revenue	7%	8%	

General and administrative expenses in the first quarter of 2012 increased \$37 million, or 73%, compared to the same period in 2011. The increase was primarily due to an increase in payroll and benefits expenses resulting from a 57% increase in employee headcount in finance, legal, human resources, and other functions, and to a lesser extent, outside consulting and legal fees. Additionally, share-based compensation expense increased from \$3 million in the first quarter of 2011 to \$16 million in the same period in 2012 due to recognition of expense related to Post-2011 RSUs.

We anticipate that general and administrative expenses will increase in dollar amount and increase as a percentage of revenue in 2012 compared to 2011 as a result of growth in headcount and headcount-related expenses, including share-based compensation related to the Post-2011 RSUs. We plan to continue to increase general and administrative employee headcount to support our growth. Assuming we complete our initial public offering in 2012, we also anticipate a significant increase in general and administrative expenses in 2012 due to the inclusion of share-based compensation expense from Pre-2011 RSUs as described in Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates Share-based Compensation.

Interest and other income (expense), net

	Three Months Ended March 31,		% Change
	2011	2012	
	(in millions)		
Interest expense	\$ (7)	\$ (13)	86%
Other income, net	17	14	(18)%
Interest and other income (expense), net	\$ 10	\$ 1	(90)%

Interest and other income (expense), net in the first quarter of 2012 decreased \$9 million, or 90%, compared to the same period in 2011. Interest expense increased by \$6 million, primarily due to an increased volume of property and equipment financed by capital leases. The change in other income, net was primarily due to a \$6 million decrease in foreign exchange related gains. Foreign exchange gains resulted from the periodic re-measurement of our intercompany Euro balances. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in interest income driven by larger invested cash balances.

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	Three Months Ended March 31,		% Change
	2011	2012	
	(in millions)		
Provision for income taxes	\$ 165	\$ 177	7%
Effective tax rate	41%	46%	

Our provision for income taxes in the first quarter of 2012 increased \$12 million, or 7%, compared to the same period in 2011. Our effective tax rate increased primarily due to the impact of non-deductible share-based compensation expense, losses arising outside the United States in jurisdictions where we do not receive a tax benefit, and the expiration of the federal tax credit for research and development activities at the end of 2011.

Assuming we complete our initial public offering in 2012, there will be a significant increase in our share-based compensation expense from Pre-2011 RSUs for the remainder of 2012. We expect that our effective tax rates in the quarter we complete our offering and the subsequent quarters of 2012 will be significantly greater than our effective tax rate was in the first quarter of 2012, primarily because certain share-based compensation expense will not be tax deductible in the United States. In addition, our effective tax rate may fluctuate significantly in any quarter in which there is significant share-based compensation expense or significant exercises or settlements of stock awards.

Our effective tax rate has exceeded the U.S. statutory rate in part because of losses arising outside the United States in jurisdictions where we do not receive a tax benefit. These losses were primarily due to the initial start-up costs incurred by our foreign subsidiaries to operate in certain foreign markets, including the costs incurred by those subsidiaries to license, develop, and use our intellectual property. Our effective tax rate in the future will depend on the portion of our profits earned within and outside the United States, which will also be affected by our methodologies for valuing our intellectual property and intercompany transactions.

Net income

Our net income in the first quarter of 2012 decreased compared to the same period in 2011. Total costs and expenses grew more than revenue, due in particular to a significant increase in share-based compensation expense for Post-2011 RSUs during the first quarter of 2012, which expense was not significant in the first quarter of 2011 due to the timing of RSU grants. We expect to incur a net loss in the second quarter of 2012 as a result of the share-based compensation expense associated with Pre-2011 RSUs that we will incur upon the effectiveness of our initial public offering, as described in [Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates](#) [Share-based Compensation](#).

Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2010, and 2011*Revenue*

Year Ended December 31,

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	2009	2010	2011	2009 to 2010 % Change	2010 to 2011 % Change
	(in millions)				
Advertising revenue	\$ 764	\$ 1,868	\$ 3,154	145%	69%
Payments and other fees revenue	13	106	557	NM	NM
Total revenue	\$ 777	\$ 1,974	\$ 3,711	154%	88%

2011 Compared to 2010. Revenue in 2011 increased \$1,737 million, or 88% compared to 2010. The increase was due primarily to a 69% increase in advertising revenue to \$3,154 million. Advertising revenue grew due to a 42% increase in the number of ads delivered and an 18% increase in the average price per ad delivered.

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The increase in ads delivered was driven primarily by user growth; MAUs grew 39% from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011 and average DAUs grew 48% from December 2010 to December 2011. The number of ads delivered was also affected by many other factors including product changes that significantly increased the number of ads on many Facebook pages beginning in the fourth quarter of 2010, partially offset by an increase in usage of our mobile products, where we did not show ads, and by various product changes implemented in 2011 that in aggregate modestly reduced the number of ads on certain pages. The increase in average price per ad delivered was affected by factors including improvements in our ability to deliver more relevant ads to users and product changes that contributed to higher user interaction with the ads by increasing their relative prominence.

Payments and other fees revenue increased to \$557 million in 2011 due to the adoption of Facebook Payments, which has been gradually adopted by our Platform developers and began generating significant revenue in the fourth quarter of 2010. We estimate that approximately 5 million and 15 million users purchased virtual or digital goods using Facebook Payments during the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively. Facebook Payments became mandatory for all game developers accepting payments on the Facebook Platform with limited exceptions on July 1, 2011. Accordingly, comparisons of payments and other fees revenue to periods before that date may not be meaningful. In 2011, other fees revenue was immaterial.

In 2011, we generated approximately 56% of our revenue from advertisers and Platform developers based in the United States, compared to 62% in 2010. This change is due to factors including a faster growth rate of international users and the expansion of international sales offices and payment methods. The majority of our revenue outside of the United States came from customers located in western Europe, Canada, and Australia.

2010 Compared to 2009. Revenue in 2010 increased \$1,197 million, or 154%, compared to 2009. The increase was primarily due to a 145% increase in advertising revenue to \$1,868 million in 2010. Advertising revenue grew primarily due to an increase in the number of ads delivered driven by growth in users and engagement as well as the number of ads per page. MAUs grew 69% from December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2010 and average DAUs grew 77% from December 2009 to December 2010. Payments and other fees revenue increased to \$106 million in 2010 due to the initial adoption of Facebook Payments during the year. In 2010, we generated approximately 62% of our revenue from advertisers and Platform developers based in the United States, compared to 67% in 2009.

Twelve percent of our total revenue in 2011, and less than 10% in 2010 and 2009, came from a single customer, Zynga. This revenue consisted of Payments processing fees related to Zynga's sales of virtual goods and from direct advertising purchased by Zynga. Additionally, Zynga's apps generate pages on which we display ads from other advertisers; for 2011, we estimate that an additional approximately 7% of our revenue was generated from the display of these ads.

Cost of revenue

	Year Ended December 31,			2009 to 2010	2010 to 2011
	2009	2010	2011	% Change	% Change
	(dollars in millions)				
Cost of revenue	\$ 223	\$ 493	\$ 860	121%	74%
Percentage of revenue	29%	25%	23%		

2011 Compared to 2010. Cost of revenue in 2011 increased \$367 million, or 74%, compared to 2010. The increase was primarily due to expenses related to expanding our data center operations, including a \$164 million increase in depreciation and a \$35 million increase in data center facility rent. These expenses supported our user growth, the increased usage of our products by users, developers, and advertisers, and the launch of new products. Additionally, credit card and other related revenue processing fees increased by \$60 million.

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2010 Compared to 2009. Cost of revenue in 2010 increased \$270 million, or 121%, compared to 2009. The increase was primarily due to expenses related to expanding our data center operations, including a \$77 million increase in equipment rent, a \$49 million increase in depreciation, and a \$33 million increase in data center facility rent. Additionally, credit card and other related revenue processing fees increased by \$25 million.

Marketing and sales

	Year Ended December 31,			2009 to 2010	2010 to 2011
	2009	2010	2011	% Change	% Change
	(dollars in millions)				
Marketing and sales	\$ 115	\$ 184	\$ 427	60%	132%
Percentage of revenue	15%	9%	12%		

2011 Compared to 2010. Marketing and sales expenses in 2011 increased \$243 million, or 132%, compared to 2010. The increase was primarily due to an increase in payroll and benefits expenses resulting from a 46% increase in employee headcount to support global sales, business development, and customer service, and to a lesser extent, an increase in our user-, developer-, and advertiser-facing marketing. Additionally, share-based compensation expense increased from \$2 million in 2010 to \$43 million in 2011 due to recognition of expense related to Post-2011 RSUs.

2010 Compared to 2009. Marketing and sales expenses in 2010 increased \$69 million, or 60%, compared to 2009. The increase was primarily due to an increase in payroll and benefits expenses resulting from a 90% increase in employee headcount to support global sales, business development, and customer service. Additionally, we increased our spending to support our user-, developer-, and advertiser-facing marketing as well as our market research and analytics capabilities.

Research and development

	Year Ended December 31,			2009 to 2010	2010 to 2011
	2009	2010	2011	% Change	% Change
	(dollars in millions)				
Research and development	\$ 87	\$ 144	\$ 388	66%	169%
Percentage of revenue	11%	7%	10%		

2011 Compared to 2010. Research and development expenses in 2011 increased \$244 million, or 169%, compared to 2010. The increase was primarily due to an increase from \$9 million in 2010 to \$114 million in 2011 for share-based compensation expense related to Post-2011 RSUs. Payroll and benefits expense also increased due to a 57% growth in employee headcount in engineering, design, product management, and other technical functions. This investment supported our efforts to improve existing products and build new products for users, developers, and advertisers.

2010 Compared to 2009. Research and development expenses in 2010 increased \$57 million, or 66%, compared to 2009. The increase was primarily due to an increase in payroll and benefits expenses resulting from an 81% increase in employee headcount in engineering and related functions. This investment supported our efforts to improve existing products and build new products for users, developers, and advertisers.

General and administrative

	Year Ended December 31,			2009 to 2010	2010 to 2011
	2009	2010	2011	% Change	% Change
	(dollars in millions)				
General and administrative	\$ 90	\$ 121	\$ 280	34%	131%
Percentage of revenue	12%	6%	8%		

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2011 Compared to 2010. General and administrative expenses in 2011 increased \$159 million, or 131%, compared to 2010. The increase was primarily due to an increase in payroll and benefits expenses resulting from a 54% increase in employee headcount in finance, legal, human resources, and other functions. Additionally, outside consulting and legal fees contributed to the increase. Share-based compensation expense increased from \$9 million in 2010 to \$51 million in 2011 due to recognition of expense related to Post-2011 RSUs.

2010 Compared to 2009. General and administrative expenses in 2010 increased \$31 million, or 34%, compared to 2009. The increase was primarily due to an increase in payroll and benefits expenses resulting from a 61% increase in employee headcount in general and administrative functions and, to a lesser extent, an increase in outside consulting and legal fees.

Interest and other income (expense), net

	Year Ended December 31,			2009 to 2010 % Change	2010 to 2011 % Change
	2009	2010	2011		
	(in millions)				
Interest expense	\$ (10)	\$ (22)	\$ (42)	120%	91%
Other income (expense), net	2	(2)	(19)	NM	NM
Interest and other income (expense), net	\$ (8)	\$ (24)	\$ (61)	200%	154%

2011 Compared to 2010. Interest and other income (expense), net in 2011 increased \$37 million, or 154%, compared to 2010. Interest expense increased by \$20 million, driven by an increase in fees related to our credit facility as described in Liquidity and Capital Resources, and the payments related to an increased volume of property and equipment financed by capital leases. The change in other income (expense), net was primarily due to \$29 million in foreign exchange related losses in 2011. Foreign exchange losses in 2011 stemmed from the periodic re-measurement of our intercompany Euro balances. Foreign currency balances were immaterial in 2010. These expenses were partially offset by an increase in interest income driven by larger invested cash balances.

2010 Compared to 2009. Interest expense in 2010 increased as a result of an increased use of capital leases and interest payments related to our \$250 million credit facility as described in Liquidity and Capital Resources. This loan was repaid in full in March 2011.

Provision for income taxes

	Year Ended December 31,			2009 to 2010 % Change	2010 to 2011 % Change
	2009	2010	2011		
	(dollars in millions)				
Provision for income taxes	\$ 25	\$ 402	\$ 695	NM	73%
Effective tax rate	10%	40%	41%		

2011 Compared to 2010. Our provision for income taxes in 2011 increased \$293 million, or 73%, compared to 2010 primarily due to an increase in pre-tax income. Our effective tax rate increased primarily due to losses arising outside the United States in jurisdictions where we do not receive a tax benefit and the impact of non-deductible share-based compensation expense during the year.

2010 Compared to 2009. Our provision for income taxes in 2010 increased \$377 million compared to 2009 primarily due to an increase in pre-tax income. Our effective tax rate increased primarily due to a benefit recorded in 2009 related to the release of a valuation allowance, which did not recur in 2010.

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The following tables set forth our quarterly consolidated statements of income data in dollars and as a percentage of total revenue for each of the nine quarters in the period ended March 31, 2012. We have prepared the quarterly consolidated statements of income data on a basis consistent with the audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. In the opinion of management, the financial information reflects all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, which we consider necessary for a fair presentation of this data. This information should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. The results of historical periods are not necessarily indicative of the results for any future period.

	Three Months Ended								
	Mar 31, 2010	Jun 30, 2010	Sep 30, 2010	Dec 31, 2010	Mar 31, 2011	Jun 30, 2011	Sep 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	Mar 31, 2012
(in millions)									
Consolidated Statements of Income Data:									
Revenue:									
Advertising revenue	\$ 340	\$ 424	\$ 450	\$ 655	\$ 637	\$ 776	\$ 798	\$ 943	\$ 872
Payments and other fees revenue	5	8	17	76	94	119	156	188	186
Total revenue	345	431	467	731	731	895	954	1,131	1,058
Costs and expenses⁽¹⁾:									
Cost of revenue	100	111	131	150	167	210	236	247	277
Marketing and sales	36	44	45	59	68	103	124	132	159
Research and development	25	32	41	45	57	99	108	124	153
General and administrative	22	26	34	40	51	76	72	80	88
Total costs and expenses	183	213	251	294	343	488	540	583	677
Income from operations	162	218	216	437	388	407	414	548	381
Net income	\$ 95	\$ 129	\$ 131	\$ 251	\$ 233	\$ 240	\$ 227	\$ 302	\$ 205

(1) Costs and expenses include share-based compensation expense as follows:

	Three Months Ended								
	Mar 31, 2010	Jun 30, 2010	Sep 30, 2010	Dec 31, 2010	Mar 31, 2011	Jun 30, 2011	Sep 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	Mar 31, 2012
(in millions)									
Cost of revenue	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 4
Marketing and sales		1		1		11	16	16	23
Research and development	2	2	2	3	4	35	33	42	60
General and administrative	3	2	2	2	3	15	18	15	16
Total share-based compensation	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 7	\$ 64	\$ 70	\$ 76	\$ 103

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	Mar 31, 2010	Jun 30, 2010	Sep 30, 2010	Three Months Ended			Sep 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	Mar 31, 2012
				Dec 31, 2010	Mar 31, 2011	Jun 30, 2011			
Consolidated Statements of Income Data:									
Revenue:									
Advertising revenue	99%	98%	96%	90%	87%	87%	84%	83%	82%
Payments and other fees revenue	1	2	4	10	13	13	16	17	18
Total revenue	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Costs and expenses⁽¹⁾:									
Cost of revenue	29%	26%	28%	21%	23%	23%	25%	22%	26%
Marketing and sales	10	10	10	8	9	12	13	12	15
Research and development	7	7	9	6	8	11	11	11	14
General and administrative	6	6	7	5	7	8	8	7	8
Total costs and expenses	53	49	54	40	47	55	57	52	64
Income from operations	47	51	46	60	53	45	43	48	36
Net income	28%	30%	28%	34%	32%	27%	24%	27%	19%

(1) Costs and expenses include share-based compensation expense as follows:

	Mar 31, 2010	Jun 30, 2010	Sep 30, 2010	Three Months Ended			Sep 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	Mar 31, 2012
				Dec 31, 2010	Mar 31, 2011	Jun 30, 2011			
(as a percentage of total revenue)									
Cost of revenue	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Marketing and sales						1	2	1	2
Research and development	1				1	4	3	4	6
General and administrative	1					2	2	1	2
Total share-based compensation	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	7%	7%	7%	10%

Quarterly Trends*Revenue*

Advertising spending is traditionally seasonally strong in the fourth quarter of each year. We believe that this seasonality in advertising spending affects our quarterly results, which generally reflect strong growth in advertising revenue between the third and fourth quarters and slower growth, and for certain years a decline, in advertising spending between the fourth and subsequent first quarters. For instance, our advertising revenue increased 64%, 46%, and 18% between the third and fourth quarters of 2009, 2010, and 2011, respectively, while advertising revenue in the first quarter of 2010 increased 5% as compared to the fourth quarter of 2009 and advertising revenue for the first quarter of 2011 and 2012 declined 3% and 8% compared to the fourth quarters of 2010 and 2011, respectively. The rapid growth in our business may have partially masked these seasonal trends to date and the seasonal impacts may be more pronounced in the future.

Cost of revenue and operating expenses

Cost of revenue and operating expenses increased during every quarter presented, primarily due to increased expenses related to the continued expansion of our technical infrastructure and increases in employee headcount.

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The increases in marketing and sales, research and development, and general and administrative expenses in the 2011 quarterly periods also reflect significant increases for share-based compensation expense related to Post-2011 RSUs.

For additional information on matters that may affect our quarterly results, see **Risk Factors**. Our financial results will fluctuate from quarter to quarter, which makes them difficult to predict.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

	Year Ended December 31,			Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012
	(in millions)				
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Data:					
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 155	\$ 698	\$ 1,549	\$ 345	\$ 441
Net cash used in investing activities	(62)	(324)	(3,023)	(153)	(720)
Net cash provided by financing activities	243	781	1,198	798	50
Purchases of property and equipment	(33)	(293)	(606)	(153)	(453)
Depreciation and amortization	78	139	323	51	110
Share-based compensation	27	20	217	7	103

Our principal sources of liquidity are our cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, and cash generated from operations. Cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities consist primarily of cash on deposit with banks and investments in money market funds and U.S. government and U.S. government agency securities. Cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities totaled \$3,910 million as of March 31, 2012, an increase of \$2 million from December 31, 2011. The most significant cash flow activities consisted of \$441 million of cash generated from operations, offset by \$453 million used for capital expenditures. Cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities totaled \$3,908 million as of December 31, 2011, an increase of \$2,123 million from December 31, 2010. This increase primarily reflects \$1,549 million of cash generated from operations and \$998 million of proceeds from the sale of common stock, partially offset by \$606 million used for capital expenditures and repayment of a \$250 million credit facility. We currently anticipate that our available funds, credit facilities, and cash flow from operations will be sufficient to meet our operational cash needs for the foreseeable future.

In April 2012, we entered into an agreement to acquire Instagram, Inc., which has built a mobile phone-based photo-sharing service, for 22,999,412 shares of our common stock and \$300 million in cash. The value of the equity component of the final purchase price will be determined for accounting purposes based on the fair value of our common stock on the closing date and it is possible that the per share price of our common stock on that date could be significantly higher or lower than the initial public offering price. Following the closing of this acquisition, we plan to maintain Instagram's products as independent mobile applications to enhance our photos product offerings and to enable users to increase their levels of mobile engagement and photo sharing. This acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions, including the expiration or early termination of all applicable waiting periods under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act of 1976, as amended (HSR), and is currently expected to close in the second quarter of 2012. We have agreed to pay Instagram a \$200 million termination fee if governmental authorities permanently enjoin or otherwise prevent the completion of the merger or if either party terminates the agreement after December 10, 2012.

Also, in April 2012, we entered into an agreement with Microsoft Corporation pursuant to which we will be assigned Microsoft's rights to acquire approximately 615 U.S. patents and patent applications and their foreign counterparts, consisting of approximately 170 foreign patents and patent applications, that are subject to the agreement between AOL Inc. and Microsoft entered into on April 5, 2012, in exchange for a total cash payment of approximately \$550 million. As part of this transaction, we will obtain a non-exclusive license to the other

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AOL patents and patent applications being purchased by Microsoft and will grant Microsoft a non-exclusive license to the AOL patents and patent applications that we are acquiring. In addition, we will be assigned Microsoft's rights to acquire the outstanding shares of a wholly-owned, non-operating subsidiary of AOL that holds a portion of the aforementioned patents and patent applications. The transaction is subject to the closing of Microsoft's transaction with AOL as well as customary closing conditions, including the expiration or early termination of all applicable waiting periods under HSR.

Pre-2011 RSUs vest upon the satisfaction of both a service condition and a liquidity condition. The liquidity condition will be satisfied six months following our initial public offering. Under settlement procedures applicable to these awards, we are permitted to deliver the underlying shares within 30 days before or after the date on which the liquidity condition is satisfied. As a result, we expect that a portion of these RSUs that are held by our directors and then current employees will be settled on a date that is 151 to 180 days after the date of this prospectus. In addition, a portion of these RSUs that are held by former employees will be settled approximately 181 days after the date of this prospectus. On the settlement dates, we plan to withhold and remit income taxes at applicable minimum statutory rates based on the then current value of the underlying shares. We currently expect that the average of these withholding tax rates will be approximately 45%. If the price of our common stock at the time of settlement were equal to the midpoint of the price range on the cover page of this prospectus, and based on Pre-2011 RSUs outstanding as of March 31, 2012 for which the service condition will be satisfied as of the date of settlement, we estimate that this tax obligation would be approximately \$4 billion in the aggregate. The amount of this obligation could be higher or lower, depending on the price of our shares on the RSU settlement date. To settle these RSUs, assuming an approximate 45% tax withholding rate, we anticipate that we will net settle the awards by delivering an aggregate of approximately 155 million shares of Class B common stock to RSU holders and withholding an aggregate of approximately 122 million shares of Class B common stock. In connection with these net settlements we will withhold and remit the tax liabilities on behalf of the RSU holders to the relevant tax authorities in cash.

To fund the withholding and remittance obligations, we expect to sell equity securities near the initial settlement date in an amount substantially equivalent to the number of shares of common stock that we withhold in connection with these net settlements, such that the newly issued shares should not be dilutive. However, in the event that we issue equity securities, we cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully match the proceeds to the amount of this tax liability. If we elect not to fully fund tax withholding and remittance obligations through the issuance of equity or we are unable to complete such an offering due to market conditions or otherwise, we may choose to borrow funds from our credit facilities, use a substantial portion of our existing cash, or rely upon a combination of these alternatives.

In 2011, we entered into an agreement for an unsecured five-year revolving credit facility that allowed us to borrow up to \$2,500 million, with interest payable on borrowed amounts set at the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 1.0%. In February 2012, we terminated this credit facility and we entered into a new agreement for an unsecured five-year revolving credit facility that allows us to borrow up to \$5,000 million for general corporate purposes, with interest payable on the borrowed amounts set at LIBOR plus 1.0%. Prior to our initial public offering, we can borrow up to \$2,500 million under this facility. We paid origination fees at closing and these fees are amortized over the remaining term of the credit facility. Under the terms of the new agreement, we are obligated to pay a commitment fee of 0.10% per annum on the daily undrawn balance. No amounts were drawn down under this agreement as of March 31, 2012.

Concurrent with our entering into the new revolving credit facility, we also entered into a bridge credit facility that allows us to borrow up to \$3,000 million to fund tax withholding and remittance obligations related to the settlement of RSUs in connection with our initial public offering, with interest payable on the borrowed amounts set at LIBOR plus 1.0% and an additional 0.25% payable on drawn balances outstanding from and after the 180th day of borrowing. We may make a single borrowing under this bridge facility beginning on the closing date of our initial public offering and ending on the date that is 240 days after that date. Any amounts outstanding under this facility will be due one year after the date we draw on the facility but no later than June 30, 2014. During the term of this bridge facility, the lenders' commitments are subject to reduction and amounts borrowed thereunder are subject to

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repayment in the event we raise capital through certain asset sales, debt issuances, or equity issuances. We paid origination fees at closing and these fees are amortized over the remaining term of the facility, and we are obligated to pay an additional upfront fee of 0.20% of the aggregate amount of the borrowings requested on any applicable funding date. Under the terms of the agreement, we are obligated to pay a commitment fee of 0.10% per annum on the daily undrawn balance from and after the 90th day following the date we entered into the bridge facility. No amounts were drawn down under this agreement as of March 31, 2012.

As of March 31, 2012, \$486 million of the \$3,910 million in cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities was held by our foreign subsidiaries. We have provided for the additional taxes that would be due if we repatriated these funds for use in our operations in the United States.

Cash provided by operating activities

Cash flow from operating activities during the first quarter of 2012 primarily consisted of net income of \$205 million, adjusted for certain non-cash items, including total depreciation and amortization of \$110 million, and share-based compensation expense of \$103 million. The increase in cash flow from operating activities during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 was mainly due to an increase in net income as adjusted for non-cash items such as depreciation, amortization, and share-based compensation.

Cash flow from operating activities during 2011 primarily resulted from net income of \$1,000 million, adjusted for certain non-cash items, including total depreciation and amortization of \$323 million, and share-based compensation expense of \$217 million.

Cash flow from operating activities during 2010 primarily resulted from net income of \$606 million, adjusted for certain non-cash items, including total depreciation and amortization of \$139 million and share-based compensation expense of \$20 million, partially offset by cash consumed by working capital of \$70 million.

Cash flow from operating activities during 2009 primarily resulted from net income of \$229 million, adjusted for certain non-cash items, including total depreciation and amortization of \$78 million and share-based compensation of \$27 million, partially offset by cash consumed by working capital of \$179 million.

Cash used in investing activities

Cash used in investing activities during the first quarter of 2012 primarily resulted from capital expenditures of \$453 million related to the purchase of servers, networking equipment, storage infrastructure, and the construction of data centers as well as \$240 million for the net purchase of marketable securities. The increase in cash used in investing activities during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 was mainly due to increases in capital expenditures and the purchase of marketable securities which were not in our investment portfolio in the prior period.

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Cash used in investing activities during 2011 primarily resulted from the use of approximately \$2,396 million for the net purchase of marketable securities. Our cash used in investing activities in 2011 also consisted of capital expenditures of \$606 million related to the purchase of servers, networking equipment, storage infrastructure, and the construction of data centers.

Cash used in investing activities during 2010 and 2009 primarily consisted of capital expenditures related to the purchases of property and equipment and the construction of data centers. Changes in restricted cash and deposits consumed \$9 million and \$32 million of cash related to security deposits in support of real estate expansion in 2010 and 2009, respectively. Acquisitions, net of cash acquired, also consumed \$22 million of cash in 2010.

We anticipate making capital expenditures in 2012 of approximately \$1.6 billion to \$1.8 billion, a portion of which we will finance through leasing arrangements. We also anticipate spending \$300 million in cash as part of the purchase price for the acquisition of Instagram and approximately \$550 million in cash in exchange for the

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assignment of Microsoft Corporation's rights to acquire certain patent assets of AOL Inc. as well as the entity holding a portion of those assets.

Cash provided by financing activities

Our financing activities have primarily consisted of equity issuances, lease financing, and debt financing. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$50 million and \$798 million, respectively, for the first quarters of 2012 and 2011, and \$1,198 million, \$781 million, and \$243 million, respectively, for 2011, 2010, and 2009. This includes excess tax benefits from stock award activities of \$54 million, \$69 million, \$433 million, \$115 million, and \$51 million, respectively.

In January 2011, we completed an offering of our Class A common stock to certain non-U.S. investors that generated \$998 million in net proceeds. In December 2010, we completed an offering of our Class A common stock that generated \$500 million in proceeds. In May 2009, we completed an offering of Series E preferred stock that generated \$200 million in proceeds.

In March 2010, we entered into a credit facility with certain lenders. This facility allowed for the drawdown of up to \$250 million in unsecured senior loans. In April 2010, we drew down the full amount available under the facility, and in March 2011, we repaid the entire \$250 million balance.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements in the first quarter of 2012, or in 2011, 2010, or 2009.

Contingencies

We are involved in claims, lawsuits, government investigations, and proceedings arising from the ordinary course of our business. We record a provision for a liability when we believe that it is both probable that a liability has been incurred, and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Significant judgment is required to determine both probability and the estimated amount. Such legal proceedings are inherently unpredictable and subject to significant uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control. Should any of these estimates and assumptions change or prove to be incorrect, it could have a material impact on our results of operations, financial position, and cash flows.

Commitments

Our principal commitments consist of obligations under capital and operating leases for equipment and office and data center facilities. The following table summarizes our commitments to settle contractual obligations in cash as of December 31, 2011.

	Payment Due by Period				
	Total	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
Operating lease obligations	\$ 945	\$ 180	\$ 243	\$ 197	\$ 325
Capital lease obligations	817	322	337	28	130
Other contractual commitments ⁽¹⁾	500	450	25	25	
Total contractual obligations	\$ 2,262	\$ 952	\$ 605	\$ 250	\$ 455

(1) Other contractual commitments primarily relate to equipment and supplies for our data center operations, and to a lesser extent, construction of our data center sites.

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In addition, our other liabilities include \$60 million related to uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2011. Due to uncertainties in the timing of the completion of tax audits, the timing of the resolution of these positions is uncertain and we are unable to make a reasonably reliable estimate of the timing of payments in individual years beyond 12 months. As a result, this amount is not included in the above table.

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

Comprehensive Income

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued guidance that changed the requirement for presenting Comprehensive Income in the consolidated financial statements. The update requires an entity to present the components of other comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. The update is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011 and should be applied retrospectively. We adopted this new guidance on January 1, 2012.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, costs and expenses, and related disclosures. These estimates form the basis for judgments we make about the carrying values of our assets and liabilities, which are not readily apparent from other sources. We base our estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates and assumptions. Our actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe that of our significant accounting policies, which are described in note 1 to our consolidated financial statements, the following accounting policies involve a greater degree of judgment and complexity. Accordingly, these are the policies we believe are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating our financial condition and results of operations.

Revenue Recognition for Payments and Other Fees

We enable Payments from our users to our Platform developers. Our users can make payments on the Facebook Platform by using credit cards or other payment methods available on our website. The primary process for these transactions is through the purchase of our virtual currency. Our users then use this virtual currency to purchase virtual and digital goods in games and apps from developers on the Facebook Platform. Upon the initial sale of the virtual currency, we record consideration received from a user as a deposit.

When a user engages in a payment transaction utilizing the virtual currency for the purchase of a virtual or digital good from a Platform developer, we reduce the virtual currency balance of the user by the price of the purchase, which is a price that is solely determined by the Platform developer. We remit to the Platform developer an amount that is based on the total amount of virtual currency redeemed less the

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processing fee that we charge the Platform developer for the service performed. Our revenue is the net amount of the transaction representing our processing fee for the transaction. We record revenue on a net basis as we do not consider ourselves to be the principal in the sale of the virtual or digital good to the user. Under GAAP guidance related to reporting revenue gross as a principal versus net as an agent, the indicators used to determine whether an entity is a principal or an agent to a transaction are subject to judgment. We consider ourselves the agent to these transactions when we apply the indicators to our facts. Should material subsequent changes in the substance or nature of the transactions with Platform developers result in us being considered the principal in such sales, we would reflect the virtual and digital goods sale as revenue and the amounts paid to the Platform developers as an

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associated cost. This would have no impact upon our operating income, but our revenue and associated costs would increase by a similar amount.

Income Taxes

We are subject to income taxes in the United States and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Significant judgment is required in determining our provision for income taxes and income tax assets and liabilities, including evaluating uncertainties in the application of accounting principles and complex tax laws.

We record a provision for income taxes for the anticipated tax consequences of the reported results of operations using the asset and liability method. Under this method, we recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, as well as for operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the tax rates that are expected to apply to taxable income for the years in which those tax assets and liabilities are expected to be realized or settled. We record a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets to the net amount that we believe is more likely than not to be realized.

We recognize tax benefits from uncertain tax positions only if we believe that it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities based on the technical merits of the position. Although we believe that we have adequately reserved for our uncertain tax positions, we can provide no assurance that the final tax outcome of these matters will not be materially different. We make adjustments to these reserves when facts and circumstances change, such as the closing of a tax audit or the refinement of an estimate. To the extent that the final tax outcome of these matters is different than the amounts recorded, such differences will affect the provision for income taxes in the period in which such determination is made and could have a material impact on our financial condition and operating results. The provision for income taxes includes the effects of any reserves that we believe are appropriate, as well as the related net interest and penalties.

Share-based Compensation

Overview

We have granted RSUs to our employees and members of our board of directors. Pre-2011 RSUs vest upon the satisfaction of both a service condition and a liquidity condition. The service condition for the majority of these awards is satisfied over four years. The liquidity condition is satisfied upon the occurrence of a qualifying event, defined as a change of control transaction or six months following the effective date of an initial public offering. Under the terms of our 2005 Stock Plan, the shares underlying RSUs that satisfy both of these conditions are to be delivered to holders six months following our initial public offering.

Post-2011 RSUs are not subject to a liquidity condition in order to vest. The majority of Post-2011 RSUs are earned over a service period of four or five years.

Share-based Compensation Expense

We account for share-based employee compensation plans under the fair value recognition and measurement provisions in accordance with applicable accounting standards, which require all share-based payments to employees, including grants of stock options and RSUs, to be measured based on the grant-date fair value of the awards.

Share-based compensation expense is recorded net of estimated forfeitures in our consolidated statements of income and as such is recorded for only those share-based awards that we expect to vest. We estimate the forfeiture rate based on historical forfeitures of equity awards and adjust the rate to reflect changes in facts and circumstances, if any. We will revise our estimated forfeiture rate if actual forfeitures differ from our initial estimates. We record share-based compensation expense for service-based equity awards such as stock options,

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restricted shares, and Post-2011 RSUs using the straight-line attribution method over the period during which the employee is required to perform service in exchange for the award. We record share-based compensation expense for performance-based equity awards such as Pre-2011 RSUs using the accelerated attribution method. Upon the effectiveness of our initial public offering, we will recognize a significant cumulative share-based compensation expense for the portion of the Pre-2011 RSUs that had met the service condition as of that date.

We have historically issued unvested restricted shares to employee stockholders of certain acquired companies. As these awards are generally subject to continued post-acquisition employment, we have accounted for them as post-acquisition share-based compensation expense. We recognize compensation expense equal to the grant date fair value of the common stock on a straight-line basis over the employee's required service period, net of estimated forfeitures.

We capitalize share-based employee compensation expense when appropriate. We did not capitalize any share-based compensation expense in the first quarter of 2012 or in the three years ended December 31, 2011.

As of March 31, 2012, no share-based compensation expense had been recognized for Pre-2011 RSUs because the qualifying events described above had not occurred. In the quarter in which our initial public offering is completed, we will begin recording share-based compensation expense using the accelerated attribution method net of forfeitures based on the grant date fair value of the Pre-2011 RSUs. For Pre-2011 RSUs, if our initial public offering had occurred on March 31, 2012, we would have recognized \$965 million of cumulative share-based compensation expense on that date.

The following table summarizes, on a pro forma basis, the number of vested and unvested Pre-2011 RSUs outstanding at March 31, 2012 and the share-based compensation expense related to Pre-2011 RSUs that we would have incurred, assuming our initial public offering had occurred on March 31, 2012.

Vested Pre-2011 RSUs as of Mar 31, 2012 ⁽¹⁾	Unvested Pre-2011 RSUs as of Mar 31, 2012 ⁽²⁾	Pro Forma Share-based Compensation Expense
(in thousands)		(in millions)
240,457	84,590	\$965

(1) For purposes of this table, Vested RSUs include those RSUs for which the service condition had been fulfilled as of March 31, 2012.

(2) For purposes of this table, Unvested RSUs include those RSUs for which the service condition had not been fulfilled as of March 31, 2012 and exclude an estimate of forfeited RSUs.

This table is based on Pre-2011 RSUs outstanding as of March 31, 2012 and is intended to be illustrative only. The actual timing of compensation expense we will recognize related to outstanding Pre-2011 RSU awards will depend on the date of the closing of our initial public offering. The actual amount of compensation expense we will incur will vary because the service condition of additional RSUs will be fulfilled between March 31, 2012 and the closing date of our initial public offering.

We estimate that the remaining unrecognized share-based compensation expense relating to Pre-2011 RSUs would be approximately \$235 million, after giving effect to estimated forfeitures and would be recognized in the remainder of 2012 and thereafter as shown on the table below, if our initial public offering had occurred on March 31, 2012.

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In addition, as of March 31, 2012, we had 53 million Post-2011 RSUs outstanding. For these Post-2011 RSUs, \$97 million in expense was recognized in the first quarter of 2012 and, after giving effect to estimated forfeitures, a remaining \$1,119 million will be recognized in the remainder of 2012 and thereafter as shown in the table below. This table estimates future share-based compensation expense related to all outstanding equity grants, consisting of RSUs, restricted shares, and stock options through March 31, 2012. The table does not take into account any share-based compensation expense related to future awards that may be granted to employees, directors, or other service providers. Additionally, the amounts in the table include an estimate of unvested

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awards that may be forfeited in future periods due to the departure of employees or directors. Our forfeiture estimates are subject to adjustment based on actual experience.

	Remainder of 2012	2013	2014 (in millions)	2015	Beyond 2015
Pre-2011 RSUs ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 107	\$ 79	\$ 31	\$ 8	\$ 10
Post-2011 RSUs ⁽³⁾	215	289	291	240	84
Restricted shares	10	11	10	3	
Stock options	6	7	5	4	6
Total	\$ 338	\$ 386	\$ 337	\$ 255	\$ 100

(1) Assumes our initial public offering was completed on March 31, 2012.

(2) Excludes the estimated \$965 million expense related to Pre-2011 RSUs for which the service condition had been achieved as of March 31, 2012 and which would have been incurred assuming our initial public offering had occurred on March 31, 2012.

(3) Does not reflect the share-based compensation expense that we will incur in future periods in connection with the grant of an aggregate of 25,257,815 Post-2011 RSUs on May 3, 2012.

The aggregate intrinsic value of vested and unvested stock options and vested and unvested RSUs as of March 31, 2012, based on an assumed initial public offering price of \$31.50 per share, the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus, was \$7,019 million, \$323 million, \$7,764 million, and \$4,157 million, respectively.

We estimated the fair value of stock option awards included in the table above using the Black-Scholes-Merton single option-valuation model, which requires inputs such as expected term, expected volatility, and risk-free interest rate. The estimated forfeiture rate of stock option awards also affects the amount of aggregate compensation expense we will incur. These inputs are subjective and generally require significant analysis and judgment to develop.

We estimate the expected term for stock option awards based upon the historical behavior of our employees. The expected volatility is based on a study of publicly traded industry peer companies. The forfeiture rate is derived primarily from our historical data, and the risk-free interest rate is based on the yield available on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues. Our dividend yield is 0%, since we have not paid, and do not expect to pay, dividends.

We estimated the fair value of employee stock options granted in 2009 and 2010 as of the date of the grant using the following weighted-average assumptions:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2009	2010
Expected term from grant date (in years)	5.04	7.15
Risk-free interest rate	2.01%	1.69%
Expected volatility	0.57	0.46
Dividend yield		

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The weighted-average grant date fair value of employee stock options granted during 2009 and 2010 was \$1.12 and \$5.26, respectively, per share. We did not grant any stock options in 2011 or in the first quarter of 2012.

Tax Withholding and Remittance Obligations

We estimate that an aggregate of approximately 277 million shares underlying Pre-2011 RSUs will settle on dates that are 151 to 181 days after the date of this prospectus, based on Pre-2011 RSUs outstanding as of March 31, 2012 for which the service condition will be satisfied as of the dates of settlement. In addition, we estimate that an additional approximately 3 million Pre-2011 RSUs will settle following such dates through the

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end of 2012. We estimate that an aggregate of approximately 56 million Pre-2011 RSUs and Post-2011 RSUs will settle in 2013.

RSU holders generally will recognize taxable income based upon the value of the shares on the date they are settled and we are required to withhold taxes on such value at applicable minimum statutory rates. We currently expect that the average of these withholding rates will be approximately 45%. For additional information on our tax withholding and remittance obligations related to RSU vesting, see [Liquidity and Capital Resources](#) above.

Corporate Income Taxes

The RSU activity discussed above, as well as activity from other equity awards including stock options, will also have corporate income tax effects. The most significant effect is that the settlement of awards or exercise of nonstatutory stock options generates a corporate income tax deduction that will reduce our U.S. corporate income tax liability. The exercise of incentive stock options (ISOs) may also result in a corporate income tax deduction, but only in certain circumstances where the holder of the ISOs also sells the acquired shares in a disqualifying disposition. The amount of this corporate income tax deduction will be based on the value of shares at the exercise or settlement date, which differs from the value of the shares at the grant date that is used to determine the share-based compensation expense. Depending on the value of the shares on the date the equity awards are settled or options are exercised, we could generate a corporate income tax deduction that exceeds our other U.S. taxable income in that year, which would result in a taxable loss for U.S. corporate income tax purposes that reduces our U.S. corporate income tax liability to an immaterial amount for that year. In 2012, we expect to settle approximately 280 million RSUs. In addition, as of March 31, 2012, we had vested nonstatutory options outstanding to purchase approximately 185 million shares of our Class B common stock. As of March 31, 2012, we also had vested ISOs outstanding to purchase approximately 40 million shares of our Class B common stock, but given the uncertainty in predicting whether the ISO holders will choose to make disqualifying dispositions, we are assuming that no corporate income tax deductions will be generated by these ISOs. Assuming all of these vested nonstatutory stock options are exercised during 2012 and assuming the value of our Class B common stock at settlement or upon option exercise is the midpoint of the price range on the cover page of this prospectus, we estimate that this settlement and option exercise activity by U.S. employees would generate a corporate income tax deduction of approximately \$14 billion. The amount that this deduction exceeds our other U.S. taxable income will result in a net operating loss (NOL) that can be carried back to the preceding two years to offset our taxable income for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as well as in some states, which would allow us to receive a refund of some of the corporate income taxes we paid in those years. Based on the assumptions above, we anticipate that this refund could be up to \$500 million and payable to us during the first six months of 2013. Any portion of the NOL remaining after this carryback would be carried forward to offset our other U.S. taxable income generated in future years, which taxable income will also be reduced by deductions generated from new stock award settlement and stock option exercise activity occurring in those future years.

Utilization of our NOL carryforwards may be subject to annual limitations due to the ownership change limitations provided by the Internal Revenue Code and similar state provisions. Such annual limitations could result in the expiration of the NOL carryforwards before their utilization. The events that may cause ownership changes include, but are not limited to, a cumulative stock ownership change of greater than 50% over a three-year period.

The corporate income tax deductions generated by this settlement and exercise activity described above do not reduce our effective tax rate reflected in our consolidated statements of income. Our provision for income taxes reflects the tax benefits that are recorded at the time the share-based compensation is initially recognized as an expense, which is based on the fair value of shares at grant date, and is different than the corporate income tax deduction, which is based on the value of shares at settlement or at exercise. If the reduction in our corporate income tax liability from settlements and exercises is greater than the tax benefits that we recognized when the share-based compensation expense was initially recorded, which will generally occur if our share price has appreciated between grant date and settlement or exercise date, this will create an excess tax benefit that is recorded as a component of additional paid-in capital and not as a reduction of our provision for income taxes in

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our consolidated statements of income. The timing in which these excess tax benefits are reflected on our balance sheet generally matches the timing in which the reduction in prior or future income tax liability occurs. Thus, if we have these types of NOLs remaining after any carryback claims, we would not record a deferred tax asset for such NOLs, but rather we would record an adjustment to additional paid-in capital and a reduction to our corporate income tax liability during the period in which those NOLs are used to reduce our corporate income tax liability. These excess tax benefits would be recorded in our statements of cash flows as cash provided by financing activities.

Valuation of Our Common Stock

The valuations of our Class B common stock were determined in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Practice Aid, *Valuation of Privately-Held-Company Equity Securities Issued as Compensation*. We considered numerous objective and subjective factors to determine our best estimate of the fair value of our Class B common stock, including but not limited to, the following factors:

recent private stock sale transactions;

our historical financial results and estimated trends and prospects for our future financial performance;

our performance and market position relative to our competitors and/or similar publicly traded companies;

the economic and competitive environment, including the industry in which we operate; and

independent third-party valuations completed as of the end of each quarter.

We have granted the following RSUs since January 1, 2011:

Grant Date	Shares Underlying RSUs (thousands)	Grant Date Fair Value	Aggregate Grant Date Fair Value (millions)
2011			
First Quarter			
February 16, 2011	2,022	\$ 24.10	\$ 49
March 25, 2011	40,006	25.43	1,017
Second Quarter			
May 11, 2011	2,580	27.58	71
June 6, 2011	1,643	28.88	47
June 22, 2011	1,010	29.67	30
Third Quarter			
July 21, 2011	2,898	30.07	87
September 1, 2011	1,426	30.07	43
September 6, 2011	20	30.07	1
September 22, 2011	1,649	30.07	50

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Fourth Quarter

November 11, 2011	670	29.91	20
December 22, 2011	1,202	29.76	36

2012

First Quarter

January 12, 2012	944	30.18	28
January 27, 2012	1,003	30.73	31

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Through the first quarter of 2012, we conducted valuations of our Class B common stock that took into account the factors described above and used a combination of financial and market-based methodologies to determine our business enterprise value (BEV) including the following approaches:

Discounted Cash Flow Method (DCF_M). DCF_M involves estimating the future cash flows of a business for a certain discrete period and discounting such cash flows to present value. If the cash flows are expected to continue beyond the discrete time period, then a terminal value of the business is estimated and discounted to present value. The discount rate reflects the risks inherent in the cash flows and the market rates of return available from alternative investments of similar type and quality as of the valuation date.

Guideline Public Company Method (GPCM). GPCM assumes that businesses operating in the same industry will share similar characteristics and that the subject business's value will correlate to those characteristics. Therefore, a comparison of the subject business to similar businesses whose financial information and public market value are available may provide a reasonable basis to estimate the subject business's value. The GPCM provides an estimate of value using multiples derived from the stock prices of publicly traded companies. In selecting guideline public companies for this analysis, we focused primarily on quantitative considerations, such as financial performance and other quantifiable data, as well as qualitative considerations, such as industry and economic drivers.

Market Transaction Method (MTM). MTM considers transactions in the equity securities of the business being valued. During 2011, there were private stock sale transactions in our common stock. These transactions are considered if they occur with or among willing and unrelated parties. For our MTM estimates, we evaluate all transactions in the quarter with particular focus on transactions that are closer in proximity to the valuation date. We choose the weighting for the MTM each quarter based on factors such as the volume of transactions in each period, the timing of these transactions, and whether the transactions involved investors with access to our financial information.

We performed all three methodologies for each quarter listed above, and weighted the methodologies based on the facts and circumstances in the quarter. Our indicated BEV at each valuation date was then allocated to the shares of preferred stock, common stock, warrants, options, and RSUs, using the option pricing method (OPM).

First Quarter 2011

We determined the fair value of our Class B common stock to be \$25.54 per share as of March 31, 2011. We assigned a 50% weighting to the MTM due to the significant volume of third-party private stock sale transactions in March 2011, including a third-party Class B common stock tender offer transaction for employee shares for \$25.00 per share which commenced on March 1, 2011 and became binding upon the selling stockholders on March 29, 2011. The tender offer was undertaken by investors who had access to our historical financial information. To calculate the MTM, we used the weighted average price of all transactions originating in March 2011 that were expected to be consummated, including the tender offer. We based our MTM estimate on March 2011 transactions because we believe transactions occurring closer to the quarter-end valuation date are more relevant to fair value than those transactions occurring earlier in the quarter. We assigned a 35% weighting to the GPCM which reflected the stock prices and market multiples of guideline public companies. We assigned a 15% weighting to the DCF_M which was based on a weighted average cost of capital of 15% and a perpetual growth rate of 5%. The DCF_M received the lowest weight because our financial plan had not been recently updated, and therefore we believed the cash flow assumptions used in the DCF_M were less relevant to the determination of fair value as of the measurement date. The BEV resulting from this analysis was then allocated using the OPM and a 7.5% marketability discount was applied.

The fair value of the RSUs granted in February 2011 was determined using a straight-line methodology, with the benefit of hindsight, between the fair value determined as of December 31, 2010 of \$20.85 per share and the \$25.00 per share offer price for the tender offer described above that commenced on March 1, 2011. The fair value of the RSUs granted in March 2011 was determined using a similar straight-line methodology

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tender offer price of \$25.00 per share as of March 1, 2011, and the fair value determined as of March 31, 2011 of \$25.54 per share. We determined that the straight-line methodology provides the most reasonable basis for the valuations for the RSUs granted on the interim dates because we did not identify any single event that occurred during this interim period (other than the March 2011 tender offer) that would have caused a material change in fair value.

Second Quarter 2011

We determined the fair value of our Class B common stock to be \$30.07 per share as of June 30, 2011. We assigned a 50% weighting to the MTM due to the significant volume of third-party private stock sale transactions in June 2011, including transactions involving investors who had access to our historical financial information. To calculate the MTM, we used the weighted average price of all transactions originating in June 2011 that were expected to be consummated. We based our MTM estimate on June 2011 transactions because we believe transactions occurring closer to the quarter-end valuation date are more relevant to the determination of fair value than those transactions occurring earlier in the quarter. We made no change to the weightings assigned to the GPCM and DCFM from the previous quarter. In this period, we added certain Internet companies that had recently completed initial public offerings to our set of guideline public companies, which increased the value of the GPCM from the prior valuation period. The DCFM was based on a weighted average cost of capital of 15% and a perpetual growth rate of 5%. The BEV resulting from this analysis was then allocated using the OPM and a 6.5% marketability discount was applied. Significant factors influencing the change in valuation relative to the prior quarter included the foregoing private stock sale transactions and the addition to our set of guideline public companies of newly public companies whose valuation multiples were relatively higher than others in the comparison group. We believe our valuation increase was affected by media speculation that we were planning an initial public offering in 2012, investor speculation that our financial performance was better than investors had previously believed, and the successful public offerings and trading performance of certain Internet companies in the second quarter.

The fair values of the RSUs granted in May and June 2011 were determined using a straight-line methodology, with the benefit of hindsight, between the fair value determined as of March 31, 2011 of \$25.54 per share and the fair value determined as of June 30, 2011 of \$30.07 per share. We determined that the straight-line methodology provides the most reasonable basis for the valuations for the RSUs granted on the interim dates because we did not identify any single event that occurred during this interim period that would have caused a material change in fair value.

Third Quarter 2011

We determined the fair value of our Class B common stock to be \$30.07 per share as of September 30, 2011. We used a combination of the GPCM, the DCFM, and the MTM to determine BEV. We assigned a 50% weighting to the DCFM because we had recently completed a comprehensive update to our financial plan and therefore we believed the assumptions used in the DCFM closely reflected BEV. The BEV resulting from this DCFM analysis was allocated using the OPM and a 6.0% marketability discount was applied. Relative to the first and second quarters, in the third quarter we assigned a lower weighting of 25% to the MTM due to the lower overall volume of third-party private stock sale transactions and the lack of significant transactions with investors that had access to our financial information. To calculate the MTM, we used the weighted average price of all transactions originating in September 2011 that were expected to be consummated. We based our MTM estimate on September 2011 transactions because we believe transactions occurring closer to the quarter-end valuation date are more relevant to the determination of fair value than those transactions occurring earlier in the quarter.

Because there was no change to fair value between the two valuation periods, and because we did not identify any events during the period that would have caused a material change in fair value, we used \$30.07 per share as the fair value for all RSU grants during the period.

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Fourth Quarter 2011

We determined the fair value of our Class B common stock to be \$29.73 per share as of December 31, 2011. We assigned a 50% weighting to the MTM due to the significant volume of third-party private stock sale transactions in December 2011, including transactions involving investors who had access to our historical financial information. To calculate the MTM, we used the weighted average price of all transactions originating in December 2011 that were expected to be consummated. We based our MTM estimate on December 2011 transactions because we believe transactions occurring closer to the quarter-end valuation date are more relevant to the determination of fair value than those transactions occurring earlier in the quarter. We assigned a 25% weighting to the GPCM and the DCFM to determine fair value. In this period, we included additional Internet companies that had recently completed initial public offerings to our set of guideline public companies for use in estimating the GPCM. Compared to our valuation as of September 30, 2011, we assigned a lower weight to the DCFM in this period because time had passed since key elements of our financial plan had been updated, and therefore the cash flow assumptions used in the DCFM were less relevant to the determination of fair value as of the measurement date. The DCFM was based on a weighted average cost of capital of 15% and a perpetual growth rate of 5%. The BEV resulting from this analysis was then allocated using the OPM and a 5.5% marketability discount was applied. The primary factor influencing the change in valuation relative to the prior quarter was the foregoing private stock sale transactions, and we believe our valuation decrease was affected by continued public market volatility.

The fair values of the RSUs granted in November and December 2011 were determined using a straight-line methodology, with the benefit of hindsight, between the fair value determined as of September 30, 2011 of \$30.07 per share and the fair value determined as of December 31, 2011 of \$29.73 per share. We determined that the straight-line methodology provides the most reasonable basis for the valuation for the RSUs granted on the interim dates because we did not identify any single event that occurred during this interim period that would have caused a material change in fair value.

First Quarter 2012

We determined the fair value of our Class B common stock to be \$30.89 per share as of January 31, 2012. We assigned a 50% weighting to the MTM due to the significant volume of third-party private stock sale transactions in January 2012, including transactions involving investors who had access to our historical financial information. To calculate the MTM, we used the weighted average price of all transactions originating in January 2012 that were expected to be consummated. We made no change to the weightings assigned to the GPCM and DCFM from the previous quarter. The DCFM was based on a weighted average cost of capital of 15% and a perpetual growth rate of 5%. The BEV resulting from this analysis was then allocated using the OPM and a 5% marketability discount was applied. We believe the primary factors influencing the increase in valuation from the prior period were the foregoing private stock sale transactions and a general increase in the prices of publicly traded equities.

The fair values of the RSUs granted in January 2012 were determined using a straight-line methodology, with the benefit of hindsight, between the fair value determined as of December 31, 2011 of \$29.73 per share and the fair value determined as of January 31, 2012 of \$30.89 per share. We determined that the straight-line methodology provides the most reasonable basis for the valuations for the RSUs granted on the interim dates because we did not identify any single event that occurred during this interim period that would have caused a material change in fair value.

May 2012 Grant

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On May 3, 2012, we granted an aggregate of 25,257,815 RSUs. We will determine the fair value of these grants during the second quarter. If the fair value of our Class A common stock was \$31.50, the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, the aggregate grant date fair value would be approximately \$796 million.

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Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosures about Market Risk

We are exposed to market risk, including changes to interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and inflation.

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

International revenue as a percentage of revenue was 42% and 49% for the first quarter of 2011 and 2012, respectively, and 33%, 38%, and 44% for 2009, 2010, and 2011, respectively. We have foreign currency risks related to our revenue and operating expenses denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, primarily the Euro. In general, we are a net receiver of currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Accordingly, changes in exchange rates, and in particular a strengthening of the U.S. dollar, will negatively affect our revenue and other operating results as expressed in U.S. dollars.

We have experienced and will continue to experience fluctuations in our net income as a result of transaction gains or losses related to revaluing certain current asset and current liability balances that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the entities in which they are recorded. We recognized foreign currency gains of \$16 million and \$10 million in the first quarter of 2011 and 2012, respectively, and a foreign currency loss of \$29 million in 2011. Foreign currency losses were not significant in 2009 or 2010. At this time we do not, but we may in the future, enter into derivatives or other financial instruments in an attempt to hedge our foreign currency exchange risk. It is difficult to predict the impact hedging activities would have on our results of operations.

Interest Rate Sensitivity

Our cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities consist of cash, certificates of deposit, time deposits, money market funds and U.S. government treasury and agency debt securities. Our investment policy and strategy are focused on preservation of capital, supporting our liquidity requirements, and compliance with the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Changes in U.S. interest rates affect the interest earned on our cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities and the market value of those securities. A hypothetical 100 basis point increase in interest rates would result in a decrease of approximately \$19 million and \$15 million in the market value of our available-for-sale debt securities as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. Any realized gains or losses resulting from such interest rate changes would only occur if we sold the investments prior to maturity.

Inflation Risk

We do not believe that inflation has had a material effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

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LETTER FROM MARK ZUCKERBERG

Facebook was not originally created to be a company. It was built to accomplish a social mission — to make the world more open and connected.

We think it's important that everyone who invests in Facebook understands what this mission means to us, how we make decisions and why we do the things we do. I will try to outline our approach in this letter.

At Facebook, we're inspired by technologies that have revolutionized how people spread and consume information. We often talk about inventions like the printing press and the television — by simply making communication more efficient, they led to a complete transformation of many important parts of society. They gave more people a voice. They encouraged progress. They changed the way society was organized. They brought us closer together.

Today, our society has reached another tipping point. We live at a moment when the majority of people in the world have access to the internet or mobile phones — the raw tools necessary to start sharing what they're thinking, feeling and doing with whomever they want. Facebook aspires to build the services that give people the power to share and help them once again transform many of our core institutions and industries.

There is a huge need and a huge opportunity to get everyone in the world connected, to give everyone a voice and to help transform society for the future. The scale of the technology and infrastructure that must be built is unprecedented, and we believe this is the most important problem we can focus on.

We hope to strengthen how people relate to each other.

Even if our mission sounds big, it starts small — with the relationship between two people.

Personal relationships are the fundamental unit of our society. Relationships are how we discover new ideas, understand our world and ultimately derive long-term happiness.

At Facebook, we build tools to help people connect with the people they want and share what they want, and by doing this we are extending people's capacity to build and maintain relationships.

People sharing more — even if just with their close friends or families — creates a more open culture and leads to a better understanding of the lives and perspectives of others. We believe that this creates a greater number of stronger relationships between people, and that it helps people get exposed to a greater number of diverse perspectives.

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By helping people form these connections, we hope to rewire the way people spread and consume information. We think the world's information infrastructure should resemble the social graph—a network built from the bottom up or peer-to-peer, rather than the monolithic, top-down structure that has existed to date. We also believe that giving people control over what they share is a fundamental principle of this rewiring.

We have already helped more than 900 million people map out more than 100 billion connections so far, and our goal is to help this rewiring accelerate.

We hope to improve how people connect to businesses and the economy.

We think a more open and connected world will help create a stronger economy with more authentic businesses that build better products and services.

As people share more, they have access to more opinions from the people they trust about the products and services they use. This makes it easier to discover the best products and improve the quality and efficiency of their lives.

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One result of making it easier to find better products is that businesses will be rewarded for building better products — ones that are personalized and designed around people. We have found that products that are social by design tend to be more engaging than their traditional counterparts, and we look forward to seeing more of the world's products move in this direction.

Our developer platform has already enabled hundreds of thousands of businesses to build higher-quality and more social products. We have seen disruptive new approaches in industries like games, music and news, and we expect to see similar disruption in more industries by new approaches that are social by design.

In addition to building better products, a more open world will also encourage businesses to engage with their customers directly and authentically. More than four million businesses have Pages on Facebook that they use to have a dialogue with their customers. We expect this trend to grow as well.

We hope to change how people relate to their governments and social institutions.

We believe building tools to help people share can bring a more honest and transparent dialogue around government that could lead to more direct empowerment of people, more accountability for officials and better solutions to some of the biggest problems of our time.

By giving people the power to share, we are starting to see people make their voices heard on a different scale from what has historically been possible. These voices will increase in number and volume. They cannot be ignored. Over time, we expect governments will become more responsive to issues and concerns raised directly by all their people rather than through intermediaries controlled by a select few.

Through this process, we believe that leaders will emerge across all countries who are pro-internet and fight for the rights of their people, including the right to share what they want and the right to access all information that people want to share with them.

Finally, as more of the economy moves towards higher-quality products that are personalized, we also expect to see the emergence of new services that are social by design to address the large worldwide problems we face in job creation, education and health care. We look forward to doing what we can to help this progress.

Our Mission and Our Business

As I said above, Facebook was not originally founded to be a company. We've always cared primarily about our social mission, the services we're building and the people who use them. This is a different approach for a public company to take, so I want to explain why I think it works.

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I started off by writing the first version of Facebook myself because it was something I wanted to exist. Since then, most of the ideas and code that have gone into Facebook have come from the great people we've attracted to our team.

Most great people care primarily about building and being a part of great things, but they also want to make money. Through the process of building a team and also building a developer community, advertising market and investor base I've developed a deep appreciation for how building a strong company with a strong economic engine and strong growth can be the best way to align many people to solve important problems.

Simply put: we don't build services to make money; we make money to build better services.

And we think this is a good way to build something. These days I think more and more people want to use services from companies that believe in something beyond simply maximizing profits.

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By focusing on our mission and building great services, we believe we will create the most value for our shareholders and partners over the long term and this in turn will enable us to keep attracting the best people and building more great services. We don't wake up in the morning with the primary goal of making money, but we understand that the best way to achieve our mission is to build a strong and valuable company.

This is how we think about our IPO as well. We're going public for our employees and our investors. We made a commitment to them when we gave them equity that we'd work hard to make it worth a lot and make it liquid, and this IPO is fulfilling our commitment. As we become a public company, we're making a similar commitment to our new investors and we will work just as hard to fulfill it.

The Hacker Way

As part of building a strong company, we work hard at making Facebook the best place for great people to have a big impact on the world and learn from other great people. We have cultivated a unique culture and management approach that we call the Hacker Way.

The word hacker has an unfairly negative connotation from being portrayed in the media as people who break into computers. In reality, hacking just means building something quickly or testing the boundaries of what can be done. Like most things, it can be used for good or bad, but the vast majority of hackers I've met tend to be idealistic people who want to have a positive impact on the world.

The Hacker Way is an approach to building that involves continuous improvement and iteration. Hackers believe that something can always be better, and that nothing is ever complete. They just have to go fix it often in the face of people who say it's impossible or are content with the status quo.

Hackers try to build the best services over the long term by quickly releasing and learning from smaller iterations rather than trying to get everything right all at once. To support this, we have built a testing framework that at any given time can try out thousands of versions of Facebook. We have the words "Done is better than perfect" painted on our walls to remind ourselves to always keep shipping.

Hacking is also an inherently hands-on and active discipline. Instead of debating for days whether a new idea is possible or what the best way to build something is, hackers would rather just prototype something and see what works. There's a hacker mantra that you'll hear a lot around Facebook offices: Code wins arguments.

Hacker culture is also extremely open and meritocratic. Hackers believe that the best idea and implementation should always win not the person who is best at lobbying for an idea or the person who manages the most people.

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To encourage this approach, every few months we have a hackathon, where everyone builds prototypes for new ideas they have. At the end, the whole team gets together and looks at everything that has been built. Many of our most successful products came out of hackathons, including Timeline, chat, video, our mobile development framework and some of our most important infrastructure like the HipHop compiler.

To make sure all our engineers share this approach, we require all new engineers – even managers whose primary job will not be to write code – to go through a program called Bootcamp where they learn our codebase, our tools and our approach. There are a lot of folks in the industry who manage engineers and don't want to code themselves, but the type of hands-on people we're looking for are willing and able to go through Bootcamp.

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The examples above all relate to engineering, but we have distilled these principles into five core values for how we run Facebook:

Focus on Impact

If we want to have the biggest impact, the best way to do this is to make sure we always focus on solving the most important problems. It sounds simple, but we think most companies do this poorly and waste a lot of time. We expect everyone at Facebook to be good at finding the biggest problems to work on.

Move Fast

Moving fast enables us to build more things and learn faster. However, as most companies grow, they slow down too much because they're more afraid of making mistakes than they are of losing opportunities by moving too slowly. We have a saying: Move fast and break things. The idea is that if you never break anything, you're probably not moving fast enough.

Be Bold

Building great things means taking risks. This can be scary and prevents most companies from doing the bold things they should. However, in a world that's changing so quickly, you're guaranteed to fail if you don't take any risks. We have another saying: The riskiest thing is to take no risks. We encourage everyone to make bold decisions, even if that means being wrong some of the time.

Be Open

We believe that a more open world is a better world because people with more information can make better decisions and have a greater impact. That goes for running our company as well. We work hard to make sure everyone at Facebook has access to as much information as possible about every part of the company so they can make the best decisions and have the greatest impact.

Build Social Value

Once again, Facebook exists to make the world more open and connected, and not just to build a company. We expect everyone at Facebook to focus every day on how to build real value for the world in everything they do.

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter. We believe that we have an opportunity to have an important impact on the world and build a lasting company in the process. I look forward to building something great together.

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BUSINESS

Overview

A digital display of the Facebook user community and the connections between users. On a blank background, the connections form a picture that approximates a global map.

Our mission is to make the world more open and connected.

We believe that some of the most important innovations in history have been tools that make it easier or faster for one human being to share something with another.

Facebook enables you to share the things you care about with the people you care about. You can publish your ideas, opinions, pictures and activities to your friends, family, colleagues or the world. We believe that Facebook gives every person a voice – an opportunity to say: I exist, and this is my story.

Facebook also enables you to discover what’s going on in the world around you, through the eyes and ears of people you trust. Every day hundreds of millions of people come to Facebook to find out what their friends have to share – the best new music they’ve listened to, photos from their recent honeymoon, who they plan to vote for in the next election. Each person’s experience on Facebook is unique and completely personalized – akin to reading a real-time newspaper of stories compiled just for them that they can carry with them wherever they go.

People connect with Facebook to connect with people. We believe that we are at the forefront of enabling faster, easier and richer communication between people around the world.

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How We Create Value for Users

Users can
share photos
with their
friends and
family

Friends and
family can
Like or
Comment on
the photos

Our top priority is to build useful and engaging products that enable you to:

Connect with Your Friends. With more than 900 million monthly active users (MAUs) worldwide, our users are increasingly able to find and stay connected with their friends, family, and colleagues on Facebook. Users can share major life events such as the birth of a child, upload photos of their latest vacation, congratulate a friend on a new job by Liking or Commenting on the friend's post, and stay in touch through messages and chat.

Discover and Learn. We believe that users come to Facebook to discover and learn more about what is going on in the world around them, particularly in the lives of their friends and family and with public figures and organizations that interest them. Each user's experience on Facebook is unique based on the content shared by his or her friends and connections. This content is personalized for each user in our products such as News Feed and Timeline.

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Express Yourself. We enable our users to share and publish their opinions, ideas, photos, and activities to audiences ranging from their closest friends to our 900 million users, giving every user a voice within the Facebook community.

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Control What You Share. Through Facebook's privacy and sharing settings, our users can control what they share and with whom they share it.

Example of User Control Over Sharing

Users can control what they share and with whom they share it. For example, each time a user updates his or her status, he or she can choose to share with everyone, with all friends, or with a subset of friends that the user can customize.

Experience Facebook Across the Web. Through applications (apps) and websites built by developers using the Facebook Platform, our users can interact with their Facebook friends while playing games, listening to music, watching movies, reading news, and engaging in other activities.

Stay Connected with Your Friends on Mobile Devices. Through the combination of our mobile sites, smartphone apps, and feature phone products, users can bring Facebook with them on mobile devices wherever they go.

Foundations of the Social Web

We believe that the web, including the mobile web, is evolving to become more social and personalized. Historically, most people surfed the web anonymously and visited websites where they saw the same content as everyone else. Recent innovations in software development along with advances in large-scale database and computing infrastructure have enabled web experiences that are more personalized to each user's interests and created new ways of real-time sharing and communicating. The social web creates rewarding experiences that are centered on people, their connections, and their interests. We believe that the following elements form the foundation of the social web:

Authentic Identity. We believe that using your real name, connecting to your real friends, and sharing your genuine interests online create more engaging and meaningful experiences. Representing yourself with your authentic identity online encourages you to behave with the same norms that foster trust and respect in your daily life offline. Authentic identity is core to the Facebook experience, and we believe that it is central to the future of the web. Our terms of service require you to use your real name and we encourage you to be your true self online, enabling us and Platform developers to provide you with more personalized experiences. We deploy a variety of algorithmic and manual checks to help ensure the integrity of user accounts, however, we cannot verify the identity and authenticity of every one of our users or their actions.

Social Graph. The Social Graph represents the connections between people and their friends and interests. Every person or entity is represented by a point within the graph, and the affiliations between people and their friends and interests form billions of connections between the points. Our mapping of the Social Graph enables Facebook and Platform developers to build more engaging user experiences that are based on these connections.

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Illustration of the Social Graph

Social Distribution. Over time, people are consuming and creating more kinds of information at a faster pace across a broader range of devices. The growing volume of information makes it challenging to find meaningful and trusted content and to effectively make your voice heard. Facebook organizes and prioritizes content and serves as a powerful social distribution tool delivering to users what we believe they will find most compelling based on their friends and interests. Facebook's social distribution enables users, Platform developers, and advertisers to share information with target audiences large or small.

Our Size and Scale

Building on our use of authentic identity, the Social Graph, and social distribution, Facebook has grown from our beginnings in a college dorm room in 2004 to a service that is fundamentally changing the way people connect, discover, and share around the world. We believe that Facebook has become an integral part of many of our users' daily lives. Users add value to the overall Facebook ecosystem each time they engage with friends, developers, or advertisers. Increases in user engagement enable us to attract more users, developers, and advertisers. Growth in the number of users, developers, and advertisers and the interactions among them enhances the value we deliver to all of our constituencies.

We had 901 million MAUs as of March 31, 2012, an increase of 33% as compared to 680 million MAUs as of March 31, 2011.

We had 526 million daily active users (DAUs) on average in March 2012, an increase of 41% as compared to 372 million DAUs in March 2011.

We had 488 million MAUs who used Facebook mobile products in March 2012, and we surpassed 500 million mobile MAUs as of April 20, 2012.

During the month of March 2012, we had on average 398 million users who were active with Facebook on at least six out of the last seven days, providing perspective on the number of people for whom Facebook is essentially an everyday activity.

There were more than 125 billion friend connections on Facebook as of March 31, 2012.

On average more than 300 million photos per day were uploaded to Facebook in the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Our users generated an average of 3.2 billion Likes and Comments per day during the first quarter of 2012. Since users Like and Comment on content they find interesting, we believe that the number of Likes and Comments provides some insight into how engaging users find the content available to them on Facebook and through our Platform developers.

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As of March 31, 2012, there were more than 42 million Pages with ten or more Likes. Anyone, including artists, public figures, businesses, brands, or charities can set up a Facebook Page to engage with our users. Examples of popular Pages on Facebook include Lady Gaga, Disney, and Manchester United, each of which has more than 20 million Likes.

How We Create Value for Developers Through the Facebook Platform

The Facebook Platform is a set of development tools and application programming interfaces (APIs) that enables developers to easily integrate with Facebook to create social apps and websites and to reach our 900 million users. Platform developers build experiences that allow our users to connect and share with friends while engaging in activities such as playing games, listening to music, watching movies, reading news articles, discovering new recipes, and exploring new running routes. Platform developers range from a student on his or her computer at home to teams of programmers at leading websites. More than nine million apps and websites were integrated with Facebook as of March 31, 2012. We are focused on the growth and success of Platform developers in creating compelling user experiences by enabling:

Personalized and Social Experiences. We enable Platform developers to create better products that are personalized and social and that offer new ways for our users to engage with friends and share experiences across the web and on mobile devices. For example, a Facebook user can visit the Pandora website and immediately begin listening to a personalized radio station that is customized based on the bands the user Likes on Facebook. As another example, a Facebook user can visit *The New York Times* website and see which articles have been recommended by friends. Our Platform developers can only access information that our users agree to share with them.

Social Distribution. We enable Platform developers to reach our global user base and use our social distribution channels to increase traffic to their apps and websites. For example, users can invite their Facebook friends to play a game or see when their friends have achieved a new high score.

Payments. We provide an online payments infrastructure that enables Platform developers to receive payments from our users in an easy-to-use, secure, and trusted environment. In 2011, our Platform developers received more than \$1.4 billion from transactions enabled by our Payments infrastructure.

How We Create Value for Advertisers and Marketers

We offer advertisers and marketers a unique combination of reach, relevance, social context, and engagement:

Reach. With over 900 million MAUs, Facebook offers the ability to reach a vast consumer audience with our advertising solutions. For example, a movie studio seeking to increase awareness of an upcoming film release can reach a broad audience of Facebook users on the day or week before the film's opening. By advertising the release of *Transformers: Dark of the Moon* on Facebook, Paramount Studios reached 65 million users in the United States in a single day.

Advertising Example Reach

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Relevance. Advertisers can specify that we show their ads to a subset of our users based on demographic factors such as age, location, gender, education, work history, and specific interests that they have chosen to share with us on Facebook or by using the Like button around the web or on mobile devices. We allow advertisers to select relevant and appropriate audiences for their ads, ranging from millions of users in the case of global brands to hundreds of users in the case of smaller, local businesses. We believe that users have a better experience when ads are effectively tailored to them. Examples of Facebook ads that allowed advertisers to reach a relevant audience include:

Procter & Gamble chose to advertise on Facebook to generate awareness for Secret deodorant's Mean Stinks program and selected a female audience likely to be receptive to the campaign. The ad featured a confessional-style video of a girl admitting that she had bullied others, realizing the damage she had caused, and apologizing. In the 26 weeks after the Mean Stinks campaign launched, Secret experienced a 9% increase in U.S. sales and an increase in engagement with its Facebook Page.

CM Photographics, a wedding photography business based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, used Facebook ads to reach the users it cared most about: women aged 24 to 30 living near Minneapolis who shared their relationship status on Facebook as engaged. In 2011, CM Photographics generated a significant increase in revenue after spending \$1,544 to purchase advertising on Facebook.

Because authentic identity is core to the user experience on Facebook and users generally share information that reflects their real interests and demographics, we are able to deliver ads that reach the intended audience with higher accuracy rates compared to online industry averages. For broadly targeted campaigns, for example, adults between the ages of 25 and 49, we were able to reach the desired audience with 95% accuracy as measured by industry-standard analytics tools. This compares to an industry average of 72%, as publicly reported by Nielsen in 2011. For more narrowly targeted campaigns, for example, females between the ages of 25 and 34, Facebook was able to reach the desired audience with 90% accuracy compared to an industry average of 35%. As our users maintain and expand their authentic identity on Facebook, they are increasingly choosing to share their interests and preferences regarding products and services. We use this information to improve our ability to deliver relevant ads that we believe are more interesting and compelling for each user.

Social Context. We believe that the recommendations of friends have a powerful influence on consumer interest and purchase decisions. We offer advertisers the ability to include social context with their marketing messages. Social context is information that highlights a friend's connections with a particular brand or business. We believe that users find marketing messages more engaging when they include social context. Some current examples of social context that we offer include the following:

Social Ads. We offer tools to advertisers to display social context alongside their ads. As a result, advertisers are able to differentiate their products and complement their marketing messages with trusted recommendations from users' friends. Our recent analysis of 79 advertising campaigns on Facebook demonstrated a greater than 50% increase in ad recall for Facebook ads with social context as compared to Facebook ads that did not have social context.

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Advertising Example without Social Context

Advertising Example with Social Context

Sponsored Stories. Sponsored stories enable marketers to amplify the distribution of stories that users have already shared that are relevant to their marketing efforts. For example, when a user posts on Facebook that he or she has checked in to a Starbucks store, this check-in creates a story that can be shown in the friends News Feeds. Although all of a user's friends may be eligible to view this check-in story, only a fraction of the user's friends will typically see it (based on factors such as when the user's friends check their News Feeds and our ranking of all the content that is available to show to each of the user's friends). Starbucks can purchase sponsored stories to significantly increase the reach, frequency of distribution, and prominence of this story to the user's friends. Marketers can also use sponsored stories to promote the stories they publish from their Facebook Page to users who have connected with the Page. Sponsored stories are shown on the right hand side of the page, and in January 2012, we began including them in users' News Feeds on personal computers. In March 2012, we also began to include sponsored stories in users' mobile News Feeds.

Engagement. We believe that the shift to a more social web creates new opportunities for businesses to engage with interested customers. Many of our ad products offer new and innovative ways for our advertisers to interact with our users, such as ads that include polls, encourage comments, or invite users to an event. Additionally, any brand or business can have a presence on Facebook by creating a Facebook Page. Through Pages, we give brands the opportunity to form direct and ongoing relationships with their customers, with the potential to turn them into valuable advocates. When a Facebook user Likes a Page, the Page owner has the opportunity to publish stories to the user's News Feed on an ongoing basis. We believe that this ongoing connection provides a significant advantage for Facebook Pages as compared to traditional business websites. In addition, businesses can use Pages to influence fans and drive referral traffic to their e-commerce websites or physical stores. We do not charge businesses for their Pages, nor do we charge for the resulting organic distribution. However, we believe that Page owners can use Facebook ads and sponsored stories to increase awareness of and engagement with their Pages. Examples of brands utilizing Facebook Pages include:

Burberry used its Page and an innovative marketing campaign on Facebook to announce the launch of a new luxury fragrance to its nearly ten million Facebook fans in order to drive traffic to and purchases at Burberry stores globally, including its e-commerce site. When users Liked or Commented on the Burberry Page or the perfume story, the users' actions were shared with their friends via News Feed, driving awareness to a wider circle of users and increasing brand exposure, recognition, and engagement.

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PF Chang's created a coupon offer on its Page for a free Lettuce Wrap appetizer and promoted the offer with a three-week ad campaign. The Facebook ads targeted users who had connected to PF Chang's Page, those users' friends, and users in markets where PF Chang's has a high density of restaurants. Over 50,000 customers, of whom 40% were first-time customers, redeemed the coupon at PF Chang's restaurants.

Our Market Opportunity

Our Advertising Market Opportunity

Advertisers' objectives range from building long-term brand awareness to stimulating an immediate purchase. We offer advertising solutions that are designed to be engaging for users and personalized to users' demographics and interests in order to help advertisers better achieve their goals. Facebook's combination of reach, relevance, social context, and engagement gives advertisers enhanced opportunities to generate brand awareness and affiliation, while also creating new ways to generate near-term demand for their products from consumers likely to have purchase intent. According to an IDC report dated August 2011, total worldwide advertising spending in 2010 was \$588 billion. Our addressable market opportunity includes portions of many existing advertising markets, including the traditional offline branded advertising, online display advertising, online performance-based advertising, and mobile advertising markets.

Traditional Offline Branded Advertising. Television, print, and radio accounted for \$363 billion, or 62% of the total advertising market in 2010 according to an IDC report dated August 2011. Historically, advertisers interested in generating awareness of and demand for their brands have heavily relied on these offline media to reach their audiences at scale. We believe that these brand advertisers will increasingly dedicate a portion of their advertising dollars to Facebook because the broad audiences they are trying to reach are active on Facebook on a daily basis, because we can reach their desired audiences with precision, and because they can spark word of mouth marketing through Facebook. In December 2011, an advertiser could reach an estimated audience of more than 65 million U.S. users in a typical day on Facebook. By comparison, the 2011 season finale of American Idol was viewed by an estimated U.S. audience of 29 million people. In 2011, our advertising customers included each of the 100 largest global advertising spenders, as ranked by Advertising Age. Examples of Facebook advertising campaigns by large brand advertisers include:

Nike launched its "Write the Future" campaign on Facebook as an integral part of its 2010 World Cup marketing effort. The launch placement was seen by 140 million users in 20 countries and users engaged with the message more than seven million times by taking actions such as watching the three-minute embedded video, or Liking, clicking, or Commenting on the ad.

American Express purchased ads on Facebook and put its Facebook Page at the center of its advertising campaign in November 2010 to introduce and promote "Small Business Saturday," a new local initiative designed to encourage shopping at small businesses on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The ads reached 84 million Facebook users over the three week campaign. American Express continued the campaign in 2011. The campaign reached 91 million people, including 74 million who were shown an ad that featured a connection with their Facebook friends, successfully leveraging social context at scale. We believe that advertising on Facebook contributed to the successful results of the Small Business Saturday campaign; in 2011 public awareness of Small Business Saturday rose to 65% from 37% in 2010. Additionally, American Express saw a 23% increase in Cardmember transactions at small business merchants on Small Business Saturday.

Online Advertising. From 2010 to 2015, the worldwide online advertising market, excluding mobile advertising, is projected to increase from \$68 billion to \$120 billion, representing 12% and 16%, respectively, of the worldwide advertising market according to an IDC report dated August 2011. Currently, the online advertising market is generally divided between display advertising, where the

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advertiser is seeking impressions, and performance-based advertising, where the advertiser is seeking clicks or conversions.

Display Advertising. Online display advertising typically includes banner ads, interstitials, video ads, and rich media ads that aim to reach large numbers of consumers within a particular audience segment. Display advertisers run impression-based campaigns on Facebook in order to reach our large user base and because of the amount of time that users spend with us. From January 2011 through January 2012, Facebook.com has been the number one online property accessed through personal computers worldwide as measured by total minutes spent and total page views, according to a comScore Media Metrix report dated February 2012. On average, users in the aggregate spent more than 10.5 billion minutes per day on Facebook on personal computers during January 2012. Aggregate minutes per day increased 57% and average minutes per user per day increased 14% during January 2012 compared to January 2011. Display advertisers also use Facebook in order to more precisely reach their target audiences among our users and to leverage social context and our social distribution channels to increase engagement. Examples of display advertising campaigns on Facebook include:

Walmart U.S. purchased advertising on Facebook targeting users in the United States between the ages of 18 and 49 during the days surrounding Black Friday in November 2011. The campaign, which encouraged users to download a Black Friday shopping map of their local Walmart U.S. store to help them find great prices faster, reached 60 million Facebook users.

Diageo, the world's largest producer of spirits, purchased advertising on Facebook for a portfolio of its brands, including Captain Morgan rum and Smirnoff vodka, in order to increase market share for its products by targeting users in the United States over the age of 21. The campaign reached 25 million Facebook households and drove a 20% increase in offline sales in households that were exposed to the campaign compared to demographically similar households that were not exposed to the campaign. These results were determined using analytics tools that employ industry-standard methodologies.

Performance-based Advertising. Performance-based online advertising has typically involved advertisers seeking a specific user behavior such as a click on a search ad or a keyword-based content ad, a response to an email campaign, or an online purchase. We enable new forms of performance-based advertising, where advertisers can connect with users who are likely to have demand for their products based on the information that our users have chosen to share. We believe that performance-based campaigns on Facebook allow advertisers to offer their products to users with inferred intent and enhance users' experiences by showing them relevant ads tailored to their specific interests. Examples of performance-based advertising on Facebook include:

A local concert promoter advertised available tickets for an upcoming concert to users who lived in the metropolitan area where the concert was to be held and who had also Liked the artist.

1-800-FLOWERS.COM purchased a Mother's Day advertising campaign on Facebook targeted at its fans and friends of its fans in order to drive traffic to its website and increase sales.

Social game developers including Disney, Electronic Arts, and Zynga purchased performance-based advertising on Facebook to drive player acquisition by promoting new game launches and existing games.

Mobile Advertising. The global mobile advertising market was \$1.5 billion in 2010 and is expected to grow at a 64% compound annual rate to \$17.6 billion in 2015 according to an IDC report dated August 2011. We had 488 million MAUs who used Facebook mobile products in March 2012. According to a January 2012 Nielsen report, the Facebook mobile app had more unique combined Android and iPhone users in 2011 in the United States than any other mobile app. We have historically not shown

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ads to users accessing Facebook through mobile apps or our mobile website. In March 2012, we began to include sponsored stories in users' mobile News Feeds.

Advertising on the social web is a significant market opportunity that is still emerging and evolving. We believe that most advertisers are still learning and experimenting with the best ways to leverage reach, relevance, social context, and engagement offered by Facebook. We will continue to balance our efforts to build effective products for advertisers while also prioritizing the overall user experience, and this balancing effort will influence the number of ads we show and the formats and prominence of the ads. Our strategy centers on the belief that more social and relevant ad products are more valuable for both users and advertisers.

Currently the substantial majority of our revenue is generated by advertisers from more developed online advertising markets including the United States, western Europe, Canada, and Australia. There are also many emerging ad markets in which we sell ads and other commercial content, and we expect continued growth in advertiser demand as these markets mature, we achieve increased levels of user penetration and engagement, and we further expand our sales resources dedicated to these markets.

Our Market Opportunity for Payments

When users purchase virtual and digital goods from our Platform developers using our Payments infrastructure, we receive fees that represent a portion of the transaction value. Currently, substantially all of the Payments transactions between our users and Platform developers are for virtual goods used in social games, for example virtual tractors in the social game FarmVille. According to an NPD In-Stat report dated April 2012, the worldwide revenue generated from the sale of virtual goods on social networking sites, online worlds, and casual games was \$9 billion in 2011, and is forecasted to increase to \$14 billion by 2016. Payments integration is currently required in apps on Facebook that are categorized as games, and we may seek to extend the use of Payments to other types of apps in the future. Our future revenue from Payments will depend on many factors, including our success in enabling Platform developers to build experiences that engage users and create user demand for their products, and the fee arrangements we are able to negotiate in the future.

Our Strategy

We are in the early days of pursuing our mission to make the world more open and connected. We have a significant opportunity to further enhance the value we deliver to users, developers, and advertisers. Key elements of our strategy are:

Expand Our Global User Community. There are more than two billion global Internet users according to an IDC report dated August 2011 and we aim to connect all of them. We had 901 million MAUs globally with approximately 80% accessing Facebook from outside the United States as of March 31, 2012. We continue to focus on growing our user base across all geographies, including relatively less-penetrated, large markets such as Brazil, Germany, India, Japan, Russia, and South Korea. We intend to grow our user base by continuing our marketing and user acquisition efforts and enhancing our products, including mobile apps, in order to make Facebook more accessible and useful.

Build Great Social Products to Increase Engagement. We prioritize product development investments that we believe will create engaging interactions between our users, developers, and advertisers on Facebook, across the web, and on mobile devices. We continue to invest significantly in improving our core products such as News Feed, Photos, and Groups, developing new products such as Timeline and Ticker, and enabling new Platform apps and website integrations.

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Provide Users with the Most Compelling Experience. Facebook users are sharing and receiving more information across a broader range of devices. To provide the most compelling user experience, we continue to develop products and technologies focused on optimizing our social distribution channels

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to deliver the most useful content to each user by analyzing and organizing vast amounts of information in real time.

Build Engaging Mobile Experiences. We are devoting substantial resources to developing engaging mobile products and experiences for a wide range of platforms, including smartphones and feature phones. In addition, we are working across the mobile industry with operators, hardware manufacturers, operating system providers, and developers to improve the Facebook experience on mobile devices and make Facebook available to more people around the world. We had 488 million MAUs who used Facebook mobile products in March 2012. In April 2012, we entered into an agreement to acquire Instagram, Inc., which has built a mobile phone-based photo-sharing service. Following the closing of this acquisition, we plan to maintain Instagram's products as independent mobile applications to enhance our photos product offerings and to enable users to increase their levels of mobile engagement and photo sharing. We believe that mobile usage of Facebook is critical to maintaining user growth and engagement over the long term, and we are actively seeking to grow mobile usage, although such usage does not currently directly generate any meaningful revenue.

Enable Developers to Build Great Social Products Using the Facebook Platform. The success of Platform developers and the vibrancy of our Platform ecosystem are key to increasing user engagement. Social games have achieved significant levels of adoption by Facebook users, and we are also focused on enabling the development of apps in categories beyond games. For example, our latest enhancements to the Facebook Platform have enabled new types of social apps that facilitate sharing and serendipitous discovery of music, news, movies, television programming, and other everyday interests such as cooking and running. User engagement with our Platform developers' apps and websites creates value for Facebook in multiple ways: our Platform supports our advertising business because apps on Facebook create user engagement that enables us to show ads; our Platform developers purchase advertising on Facebook to drive traffic to their apps and websites; Platform developers use our Payment system to facilitate transactions with users; and users' engagement with Platform apps and websites contributes to our understanding of users' interests and preferences, improving our ability to personalize content. We continue to invest in tools and APIs that enhance the ability of Platform developers to deliver products that are more social and personalized and better engage users on Facebook, across the web, and on mobile devices. Additionally, we plan to invest in enhancing our Payments offerings and in making the Payments experience on Facebook as seamless and convenient as possible for users and Platform developers.

Improve Ad Products for Advertisers and Users. We plan to continue to improve our ad products in order to create more value for advertisers and enhance their ability to make their advertising more social and relevant for users. Our advertising strategy centers on the belief that ad products that are social, relevant, and well-integrated with other content on Facebook can enhance the user experience while providing an attractive return for advertisers. We intend to invest in additional products for our advertisers and marketers, such as our recent introduction of sponsored stories in users' News Feeds on personal computers and mobile devices, while continuing to balance our monetization objectives with our commitment to optimizing the user experience. We also continue to focus on analytics and measurement tools to evaluate, demonstrate, and improve the effectiveness of ad campaigns on Facebook.

Our Products for Users, Developers, and Advertisers

Products for Users

Our product development approach is centered on building the most useful tools that enable users to connect, share, discover, and communicate with each other. Our products for users are free of charge and available on the web, mobile web, and mobile platforms such as Android and iOS.

Timeline. We launched Timeline in September 2011 as an enhanced and updated version of the Facebook Profile to add structure and organization to the growing quantities of each user's activities

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and social content. Timeline allows users to organize and display the events and activities that matter most to them, enabling them to curate their memories in a searchable personal narrative that is organized chronologically. Users choose what information to share on their Timeline, such as their interests, photos, education, work history, relationship status, and contact information, and users can control with whom each piece of content is shared on their Timeline.

News Feed. The Facebook News Feed is the core feature of a user's homepage and is a regularly updating list of stories from friends, Pages, and other entities to which a user is connected on Facebook. It includes posts, photos, event updates, group memberships, app updates, and other activities. Each user's News Feed is personalized based on his or her interests and the sharing activity of the user's friends. Stories in a user's News Feed are prioritized based on several factors, including how many friends have Liked or Commented on a certain piece of content, who posted the content, and what type of content it is. News Feed is a key component of our social distribution capability.

Example of Facebook News Feed

Photos and Videos. Facebook is the most popular photo uploading service on the web. On average, more than 300 million photos per day were uploaded to Facebook in the first quarter of 2012. Users can upload an unlimited number of high resolution photos, create photo albums, and share them with their friends or any audience they choose. Users can also upload and share videos. Users can set specific privacy settings for each of their photo albums and videos, making them visible to everyone, or only to certain friends. Users can easily arrange their photos, add captions, and tag people in a photo or video. Tagging allows users to identify a person in a photo or video as one of their friends.

Messages. Our messaging products include email, chat, and text messaging. The delivery of messages is optimized for the device through which the user is accessing Facebook. For example, users on their

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mobile phones will receive messages via text or Facebook mobile messenger, while the conversation is also stored in their Facebook message inbox. We aim to be the fastest and most reliable way for users to communicate through:

Email. Users can set up a free @facebook.com address.

Chat. Users can send messages to their friends in an instant message format.

Text Messaging. Users can activate text messaging on Facebook, allowing the texts they exchange with friends to be incorporated into their respective conversations along with their message and chat history.

Groups. Groups are shared Facebook pages for groups of users to discuss common interests. For example, members of a soccer team can plan the season's schedule together and share photos with each other. Users are able to customize the privacy settings for each Group they create.

Lists. Lists allow users to organize their friends in order to filter the stories shown in their News Feeds and reach or exclude specific people when they share on Facebook. For example, users can see News Feed posts from a List of just their closest friends or announce a garage sale to a List of friends who reside in the user's current city. Users are able to customize the privacy settings for each List they create.

Events. Through Events, users can organize gatherings, manage invitations, and send event notifications and reminders to their friends. From the Events page, users can create a new event, check out upcoming events of interest to them and their friends, and view previous events. For example, users can use Events to invite their friends to a dinner party or organize a run in the Race for the Cure to raise awareness for breast cancer. There are currently more than 16 million events created on Facebook each month.

Places. Through Places, users can share their location and see where their friends are. They are able to see if any of their friends are nearby and connect with them easily. Users can also check in to Places to tell their friends where they are, tag their friends in the Places they visit, or view Comments their friends have made about the Places they visit.

Subscribe. Using Subscribe, users can sign up to receive public posts in their News Feeds from other Facebook users of interest such as celebrities, thought leaders, and other public figures.

Ticker. Ticker is a live stream of the real-time activities of a user's friends and the Pages and other entities to which the user is connected.

Notifications. On the top of each Facebook page, a highlighted icon is displayed to users when there is relevant and new information available to them, such as a new friend request, a new message from a friend, or an alert that the user has been tagged in a photo posted by a friend. We believe that Notifications are an important part of Facebook's distribution capability.

Facebook Pages. A Facebook Page is a public profile that allows anyone including artists, public figures, businesses, brands, organizations, and charities to create a presence on Facebook and engage with the Facebook community. A Page owner can connect with interested users in order to provide updates, answer questions, receive feedback, or otherwise stimulate interest in the owner's messages, products, and services. When a Facebook user Likes a Page, the Page owner has the opportunity to publish stories to the user's News Feed on an ongoing basis. In addition, when a Facebook user Likes or Comments on a post by a Page owner, that user's action may be shared with the user's friends via News Feed to drive awareness to a wider circle of users, increasing the Page's exposure, recognition, and engagement. We do not charge for Pages, nor do we charge for the resulting organic distribution. However, we believe that awareness of and engagement with Pages can be amplified and complemented by the use of Facebook ads

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and sponsored stories by Page owners. As of March 31, 2012, there were more than 42 million Pages with ten or more Likes, including Harvard, Lady Gaga, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Starbucks, and Boo (the World's Cutest Dog), as well as millions of local businesses.

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Products for Developers

The Facebook Platform is a set of tools and APIs that developers can use to build social apps on Facebook or to integrate their websites with Facebook. As of March 31, 2012, more than nine million apps and websites were integrated with Facebook. Our goal is to make it easy for Platform developers to integrate with Facebook and build valuable products and businesses. Key elements of the Facebook Platform include:

Open Graph. Our Open Graph is a set of APIs that developers can use to build apps and websites that enable users to share their activities with friends on Facebook. For example, a user who is listening to music through a developer's app or website can publish his or her music selections to Facebook where the music can be shared with friends.

Social Plugins. Social plugins are social features that developers can easily integrate with their websites by incorporating a single line of HTML code. For example, a developer can put a box on its website that shows Facebook users what their friends have Liked and recommended on the site. Social plugins also allow users to easily share interesting content back to Facebook that can be distributed to their friends through News Feed, Timeline, and Ticker. The following features are examples of functionality provided through social plugins:

Like Button. Allows users to share content from a third-party website to Facebook and their friends with one click.

Recommendations. Allows a website to display to Facebook users what their friends have recommended.

Single Sign-On Registration and Log-In. Allows users to easily sign up for access to third-party websites with their Facebook accounts, eliminating the need for users to create another username and password.

Comments. Allows users to post their views, questions, and critiques on any piece of content on a website.

Payments. Facebook provides an online payments infrastructure that enables developers to receive payments from users through an efficient and secure system. Developers can focus on creating engaging apps and content rather than spending time and resources to build payment processing and fraud management capabilities. Our users can store their payment credentials with Facebook in a trusted and safe environment, facilitating easy and fast purchases across the Facebook Platform rather than having to re-authenticate and re-enter payment information for each developer. We designed our Payments infrastructure to streamline the buying process between our users and developers. Our Payments system enables users to purchase virtual or digital goods from developers and third-party websites by using debit and credit cards, PayPal, mobile phone payments, gift cards or other methods. We have also extended our Payments infrastructure to support mobile web apps on certain mobile platforms. Currently, substantially all of our Payments revenue is from users' purchases of virtual goods used in social games. We receive a fee of up to 30% when users make such purchases from our Platform developers using our Payments infrastructure. In the future, if we extend Payments outside of games, the percentage fee we receive from developers may vary.

Zynga is the largest Platform developer, in terms of revenue generated for Facebook, using our Payments infrastructure. In May 2010, we entered into an addendum to our standard terms and conditions with Zynga that govern the promotion, distribution, and operation of Zynga games on the Facebook Platform, pursuant to which Zynga agreed to use Facebook Payments as the primary means of payment within its games played on the Facebook Platform. Under this addendum, we retain a fee of up to 30% of the face value of user purchases in Zynga's games on the Facebook Platform. This addendum expires in May 2015.

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Developers have used the Facebook Platform to build a variety of user experiences, including apps on Facebook, desktop apps, mobile apps, and Platform-integrated websites, each of which can take advantage of the capabilities of the Facebook Platform.

Apps on Facebook. Apps on Facebook run within the Facebook website. Social games are currently the most successful apps on Facebook. The Facebook Platform has also enabled new types of social apps on Facebook beyond games to facilitate social sharing and discovery of music, news, television programming, and everyday interests such as cooking, fitness, and travel. For example, *The Washington Post Social Reader* is an app on Facebook that offers a personalized news reading experience in which each user sees a unique set of stories tailored to the user's interests and based on what his or her friends are reading. Assuming the user has given the app permission, stories read by a user are instantly shared with friends, creating a socially powered newswire of relevant articles. Apps on Facebook generally have Facebook ads visible on the right side of the page and can integrate with Facebook Payments.

Desktop Apps. Developers can also build desktop apps that run on the operating system of a personal computer and offer experiences that are integrated with the Facebook Platform. For example, Spotify, an online music service, provides a desktop app integrated with Facebook that offers a social listening experience by giving users the ability to share their playlists, listen to songs with friends, and explore new music through their friends.

Mobile Apps. The Facebook Platform for mobile has enabled developers to create engaging mobile apps that integrate with Facebook's social and personalization capabilities.

Platform-Integrated Websites. Websites can integrate with Facebook using simple social plugins such as the Like button or design more deeply integrated social experiences built around users and their friends. For example, by tapping into our rich social data, TripAdvisor connects users to their friends and shares relevant content about where their friends have traveled and where they would like to visit in the future. While on the TripAdvisor website, friends can discuss their travel plans and recommendations and build out personal profiles of places they have been.

Example of Platform-Integrated Third-Party Website: TripAdvisor

Users can log in
with their Facebook
account and receive
personalized reviews
and recommendations
based on the activities of

their Facebook friends

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Products for Advertisers and Marketers

Facebook offers products that enable advertisers and marketers to leverage our unique combination of reach, relevance, social context, and engagement. Customers can purchase advertising inventory through our self-service ad platform or through a contract-based process from our global sales force. Advertisers using our self-service ad platform launch and manage their advertising campaigns online. Our contract-based customers work with our global sales force, which is focused on attracting and retaining advertisers and providing support to them throughout the stages of the advertising campaign cycle. Advertising purchased through either sales mechanism is served through the Facebook ad system described below.

Facebook Ads. When creating a Facebook ad, advertisers can specify a title, content, image, and destination web page or Facebook Page to which a user is directed if he or she clicks on the ad. Because we have a standard format for Facebook ads, our users benefit from a consistent ad experience, and our advertisers are able to deploy and adjust campaigns rapidly. Advertisers can further engage their intended audiences by incorporating social context with their marketing messages. Social context includes actions a user's friends have taken, such as Liking the advertiser's Facebook Page. Ads with social context are shown only to a user's friends, and the user's privacy settings apply to social ads. We offer a range of ads with social context, from an ad with a single Like button to our Premium Ad paired with social context, which allows advertisers to highlight the interactions of a user's friends with a brand or product.

Sponsored Stories. Sponsored stories enable marketers to promote the stories they publish from their Facebook Page to users who have connected with the Page or to amplify the distribution of stories users are already sharing that are relevant to their marketing efforts. For example, when a user Likes Red Bull, Red Bull can pay to amplify the reach, frequency of distribution, and prominence with which the story is shown to friends of that user.

Examples of Facebook Products for Advertisers and Marketers

Facebook Ad System. When advertisers create an ad campaign with Facebook, they specify the types of users they would like to reach based on information that users chose to share about their age, location, gender, relationship status, educational history, workplace, and interests. For example, a self-storage company ran a campaign to reach students on college campuses prior to summer break. Additionally, advertisers indicate the maximum price they are willing to pay for their ad and their maximum budget. Advertisers choose to pay for their ads based on either cost per thousand impressions (CPM) on a fixed or bid basis or cost per click (CPC) on a bid basis. Our system also supports guaranteed delivery of a fixed number of ad impressions for a fixed price. Facebook's ad serving technology dynamically determines the best available ad to show each user based on the combination of the user's unique attributes and the real-time comparison of bids from eligible ads.

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Examples of How Our Ad System Matches Relevant Ads to Information a User has Chosen to Share

Information user chooses to share	Potential ads displayed based on information the user has shared
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Ad Analytics and Facebook Insights. Advertisers can use our analytics platform to track and optimize the performance of their campaigns in real time. Facebook ad analytics enable advertisers to gain insights into which ads were displayed and clicked on. These analytics help advertisers make modifications to their ad campaigns in order to maximize results. For advertisers with Facebook Pages, Facebook Insights also provides real-time information about the performance of their Page and related posts whether through paid or organic channels. The data include the number of users who Liked and Commented on the Page as well as a metric, *People Talking About This*, which shows how many stories about the advertiser's brand are being created and shared.

Building and Maintaining User Trust

Trust is a cornerstone of our business. We dedicate significant resources to the goal of building user trust through developing and implementing programs designed to protect user privacy, promote a safe environment, and assure the security of user data. The resources we dedicate to this goal include engineers, analysts, lawyers, policy experts, and operations specialists, as well as hardware and software from leading vendors and solutions we have designed and built.

Privacy and Sharing. People come to Facebook to connect and share. Protecting user privacy is an important part of our product development process. Our objective is to give users choice over what they share and with whom they share it. This effort is fundamental to our business and focuses on control, transparency, and accountability.

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Control. We believe that by providing our users with clear and easy-to-use controls, we will continue to promote trust in our products. For example, when a user posts a status update or uploads a photo to Facebook, our in-line controls allow the user to select his or her audience at the same time that he or she is publishing the post. In addition, we have introduced other personal information control tools and techniques. Activity Log was recently introduced and is a unified tool that users can use to review and manage the content they have posted and the actions they have taken on Facebook. For example, using the Activity Log, a user can view his or her activity with a particular app, delete a specific post, change who can see a photo, or remove an app completely. Additionally, our Download Your Information tool enables users to remove or store their personal information off of Facebook.

Transparency. Our Data Use Policy describes in plain language our data use practices and how privacy works on Facebook. We also offer a number of tools and features that provide users with transparency about their information on Facebook. Our application settings feature enables users to view each of the apps they have chosen to use, the information needed by each app, and the audience with whom the user has chosen to share his or her interactions with each app. We believe that this transparency enables users to make more informed decisions about their activities on Facebook.

Accountability. We continue to build new procedural safeguards as part of our comprehensive privacy program. These include a dedicated team of privacy professionals who are involved in new product and feature development from design through launch; ongoing review and monitoring of the way data is handled by existing features and apps; and rigorous data security practices. We regularly work with online privacy and safety experts and regulators around the world. In November 2011, we announced a 20-year agreement with the Federal Trade Commission to enhance our privacy program. We made a clear and formal long-term commitment to giving users tools to control how they share on Facebook. We also have undergone an audit by the Office of the Irish Data Protection Commissioner. The audit comprehensively reviewed our compliance with Irish data protection law, which is grounded in European data protection principles. As part of the audit process, we agreed to enhance various data protection and privacy practices to ensure compliance with the law and adherence to industry best practices.

Safety. We design our products to include robust safety tools. These tools are coupled with educational resources and partnerships with online safety experts to offer protections for all users, particularly teenagers. We take into account the unique needs of teenagers who use our service and employ age-appropriate settings that restrict their visibility, limit the audience with whom they can share, and help prevent unwanted contact from strangers.

Our abuse reporting infrastructure allows anyone on Facebook to report inappropriate, offensive, or dangerous content through report links found on nearly every page of our site. We have enhanced this reporting system to include Social Reporting, which gives users the option to report content to us, to report content to a trusted friend, or to block the person who posted the content with one easy-to-use tool. Our Safety Advisory Board, comprised of five leading online safety organizations from around the world, advises us on product design and helps us to create comprehensive safety resources for everyone who uses our service. These resources are located in our multimedia Family Safety Center on our website, which also offers special information for parents, educators, teenagers, and members of the law enforcement community. Additionally, we work with law enforcement to help promote the safety of our users as required by law.

Security. We invest in technology, processes, and people as part of our commitment to safeguarding our users' information. We use a variety of techniques to protect the data that we are entrusted with, and we rely on multiple layers of network segregation using firewalls to protect against attacks or unauthorized access. We also employ proprietary technologies to protect our users. For example, if we suspect that a user's account may have been compromised, we may use a process that we refer to as social authentication to validate that the person accessing the account is the actual account

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holder. The process of social authentication may include asking the person accessing the account to identify photos of the account holder's friends. Our security team actively scans for security vulnerabilities using commercial tools, penetration tests, code security reviews, and internal and external audits. We also have a network of geographically distributed single-tenant data centers, and we take measures to protect the information stored in these data centers.

Competition

We face significant competition in almost every aspect of our business, including from companies such as Google, Microsoft, and Twitter, which offer a variety of Internet products, services, content, and online advertising offerings, as well as from mobile companies and smaller Internet companies that offer products and services that may compete with specific Facebook features. We also face competition from traditional and online media businesses for a share of advertisers' budgets and in the development of the tools and systems for managing and optimizing advertising campaigns. We compete broadly with Google's social networking offerings, including Google+, which it has integrated with certain of its products, including search and Android. In addition, we compete with other, largely regional, social networks that have strong positions in particular countries, including Cyworld in Korea, Mixi in Japan, Orkut (owned by Google) in Brazil and India, and vKontakte in Russia. As we introduce new products, as our existing products evolve, or as other companies introduce new products and services, we may become subject to additional competition.

The areas in which we compete include:

Users and Engagement. We compete to attract, engage, and retain users. Because our products for users are free of charge, we compete based on the utility, ease of use, performance, and quality of our products.

Advertising. We compete to attract and retain advertisers. We distinguish our products by providing reach, relevance, social context, and engagement to amplify the effectiveness of advertisers' messages.

Platform. We compete to attract and retain developers to build compelling apps and websites that integrate with Facebook. We compete in this area primarily based on the value of the tools and APIs we provide to developers to enable them to access our large global base of engaged users and their connections and to drive traffic to their apps and websites.

Talent. We compete to attract and retain highly talented individuals, especially software engineers, designers, and product managers. Competition for employee talent is particularly intense in the San Francisco Bay Area, where we are headquartered. We compete for these potential employees by providing a work environment that fosters creativity and innovation and by providing compensation packages that we believe will enable us to attract and retain key employees.

While our industry is evolving rapidly and is becoming increasingly competitive, we believe that we compete favorably on the factors described above. For additional information, see **Risk Factors**. Our business is highly competitive. Competition presents an ongoing threat to the success of our business.

Technology

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We have assembled a team of highly skilled engineers and computer scientists whose expertise spans a broad range of technical areas. We make significant investments in product and feature development, data management and personalization technologies, large-scale systems and scalable infrastructure, and advertising technologies, as follows:

Product and Feature Development. We aim to continuously improve our existing products and to develop new products for our users, developers, and advertisers. Our product development philosophy is centered on continuous innovation in creating products that are social by design, which means that our products are designed to place our users and their social interactions at the core of the product experience.

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Data Management and Personalization Technologies. To provide each user with a personalized Facebook experience, we must process and analyze a vast and growing amount of content shared by our users, developers, and advertisers and surface the most relevant content in real time. For example, loading a user's home page typically requires accessing hundreds of servers, processing tens of thousands of individual pieces of data, and delivering the information selected in less than one second. In addition, the data relationships have grown exponentially and are constantly changing. As such, we have invested extensively in developing technologies and analytics in areas including:

Content optimization and delivery. We use a proprietary distributed system that is able to query thousands of pieces of content that may be of interest to an individual user to determine the most relevant and timely stories and deliver them to the user in milliseconds.

Graph query. Our graph query technology enables us to efficiently process subjective queries about the Social Graph by utilizing a proprietary set of search indices, query processors, and caching systems.

Media storage and serving. We store more than 100 petabytes (100 quadrillion bytes) of photos and videos. We have built a number of storage and serving technologies, such as Haystack, which allow us to efficiently serve and store the data.

Large-scale data management. We developed Apache Hive, a data warehouse infrastructure built on top of Hadoop, to provide tools to enable easy data summarization, ad hoc querying, and analysis of large datasets.

Software performance. Facebook.com is largely written in PHP, or Hypertext Preprocessor, a widely used, general-purpose scripting language. We developed HipHop, which programmatically transforms PHP source code into highly optimized C++ code. HipHop offers significant performance gains when compared to traditional PHP.

Large-Scale Systems and Scalable Infrastructure. Our products are built on a shared computing infrastructure. We use a combination of off-the-shelf and custom software running on clusters of commodity computers to amass substantial computing capability. Our infrastructure has enabled the storage and processing of large datasets and facilitated the deployment of our products on a global scale. As our user base grows, and the level of engagement and sharing from our users continues to increase, our computing needs continue to expand. We aim to provide our products rapidly and reliably to all users around the world, including in countries where we do not expect significant short-term monetization. We expect to benefit if and as the per-unit pricing for computing power, memory and storage capacity continues to decrease. We also intend to continue to develop data center and server architectures that are operationally efficient, scalable, and reliable. By building custom servers and constructing our owned data centers in Prineville, Oregon and Forest City, North Carolina, we introduced numerous technology advancements that are designed to:

eliminate non-essential components, thereby reducing the cost and improving the serviceability of servers;

improve server cooling and power distribution across both the data center and servers to minimize power loss; and

optimize the power distribution system and server power supplies to operate at significantly higher efficiency and further reduce power loss.

Together, our custom server and data center designs resulted in a significant increase in energy efficiency while significantly reducing our costs compared to the usage of traditional servers and leased data center facilities. We are a founding member of the Open Compute Project through which we make our proprietary data center, server hardware, and certain software designs available to the open source community. This initiative aims to accelerate data center and server innovation and increase computing efficiency through collaboration on relevant best practices and technical specifications.

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Advertising Technologies. We believe that a more valuable advertiser and user experience is created through our ability to match the most relevant ads to each of our users based on his or her connections, demographics, and expressed interests. Our advertising technology serves billions of ad impressions every day, each of which is displayed to selected users based upon the information that they have chosen to share.

Advertisers specify a bid, which is how much they are willing to pay for clicks or impressions of their ads. The actual price paid for each click or impression is computed using an auction mechanism that automatically calculates the minimum price an advertiser must pay to win the auction and have its ad shown. We believe that our specific auction mechanism encourages advertisers to bid the maximum price they are willing to pay, understanding that because of the way our auction works they will be charged a market-determined price that is never higher and typically lower than their bid. Our system also supports guaranteed delivery of a fixed number of ad impressions for a fixed price.

Our system manages our entire set of ads, the selected audiences, and the advertisers' bids to determine which ads to show each user and how to display them for every page on Facebook. We use an advanced click prediction system that weighs many real-time updated features using automated learning techniques. Our technology incorporates the estimated click-through rate with both the advertiser's bid and a user relevancy signal to select the optimal ads to show.

Our research and development expenses were \$87 million, \$144 million, \$388 million, \$57 million, and \$153 million in 2009, 2010, and 2011 and the first quarter of 2011 and 2012, respectively.

Sales and Operations

Many of our advertisers use our self-service ad platform to establish accounts and to launch and manage their advertising campaigns. We also have a global sales force that is focused on attracting and retaining advertisers and providing support to them throughout the stages of the advertising campaign cycle from pre-purchase decision making to real-time optimizations to post-campaign analytics. We currently operate more than 30 sales offices around the globe.

We have operations teams to provide support for our users, developers, and advertisers in four regional centers located in Menlo Park, California; Austin, Texas; Dublin, Ireland; and Hyderabad, India. We also invest in and rely on self-service tools to provide customer support to our users, developers, and advertisers.

Marketing

To date, the Facebook user community has grown virally with users inviting their friends to connect with them, supported by internal efforts to stimulate user awareness and interest. We have been able to build our brand and user base around the world with relatively low marketing costs. We leverage the utility of our products and our social distribution channels as our most effective marketing tools. In addition, we undertake various user acquisition efforts and regularly host events and conferences to engage with developers and advertisers.

Intellectual Property

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Our success depends in part upon our ability to protect our core technology and intellectual property. To establish and protect our proprietary rights, we rely on a combination of patents, patent applications, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, including know-how, license agreements, confidentiality procedures, non-disclosure agreements with third parties, employee disclosure and invention assignment agreements, and other contractual rights.

As of March 31, 2012, we had 774 issued patents and 546 filed patent applications in the United States and 96 corresponding patents and 194 filed patent applications in foreign countries relating to social networking, web

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technologies and infrastructure, and other technologies. Our issued patents expire between 2014 and 2030. We cannot assure you that any of our patent applications will result in the issuance of a patent or whether the examination process will require us to narrow our claims. In addition, any patents may be contested, circumvented, found unenforceable or invalid, and we may not be able to prevent third parties from infringing them. In April 2012, we entered into an agreement with Microsoft Corporation pursuant to which we will be assigned Microsoft's rights to acquire approximately 615 U.S. patents and patent applications and their foreign counterparts, consisting of approximately 170 foreign patents and patent applications, that are subject to the agreement between AOL Inc. and Microsoft entered into on April 5, 2012. These patents relate to advertising, search, e-commerce, mobile, and other technologies. As part of this transaction, we will obtain a non-exclusive license to the other AOL patents and patent applications being purchased by Microsoft and we will grant Microsoft a non-exclusive license to the AOL patents and patent applications that we are acquiring. The non-exclusive license requires no ongoing royalty payments, and extends for the life of the patents.

We generally control access to and use of our proprietary technology and other confidential information through the use of internal and external controls, including contractual protections with employees, contractors, customers, and partners, and our software is protected by U.S. and international copyright laws. Despite our efforts to protect our trade secrets and proprietary rights through intellectual property rights, licenses, and confidentiality agreements, unauthorized parties may still copy or otherwise obtain and use our software and technology. In addition, we intend to expand our international operations, and effective patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret protection may not be available or may be limited in foreign countries.

Companies in the Internet, technology, and media industries own large numbers of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets and frequently enter into litigation based on allegations of infringement, misappropriation, or other violations of intellectual property or other rights. From time to time, we face, and we expect to face in the future, allegations that we have infringed the trademarks, copyrights, patents, trade secrets and other intellectual property rights of third parties, including our competitors and non-practicing entities. As we face increasing competition and as our business grows, we will likely face more claims of infringement. For example, on March 12, 2012, Yahoo filed a lawsuit against us in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California that alleges that a number of our products infringe the claims of ten of Yahoo's patents, and on April 27, 2012 Yahoo added two patents to the lawsuit. For additional information, see [Risk Factors](#). We are currently, and expect to be in the future, party to patent lawsuits and other intellectual property rights claims that are expensive and time consuming, and, if resolved adversely, could have a significant impact on our business, financial condition, or results of operations and [Legal Proceedings](#).

Government Regulation

We are subject to a number of U.S. federal and state, and foreign laws and regulations that affect companies conducting business on the Internet, many of which are still evolving and being tested in courts, and could be interpreted in ways that could harm our business. These may involve user privacy, rights of publicity, data protection, content, intellectual property, distribution, electronic contracts and other communications, competition, protection of minors, consumer protection, taxation and online payment services. In particular, we are subject to federal, state, and foreign laws regarding privacy and protection of user data. Foreign data protection, privacy, and other laws and regulations are often more restrictive than those in the United States. U.S. federal and state and foreign laws and regulations are constantly evolving and can be subject to significant change. In addition, the application and interpretation of these laws and regulations are often uncertain, particularly in the new and rapidly-evolving industry in which we operate. There are also a number of legislative proposals pending before the U.S. Congress, various state legislative bodies, and foreign governments concerning data protection which could affect us. For example, a revision to the 1995 European Union Data Protection Directive is currently being considered by legislative bodies that may include more stringent operational requirements for data processors and significant penalties for non-compliance.

In November 2011, we reached a 20-year settlement agreement with the FTC to resolve an investigation into various practices, by entering into an agreement that, among other things, requires us to establish and refine

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certain practices with respect to treatment of user data and privacy settings and also requires we complete bi-annual independent privacy audits. Violation of existing or future regulatory orders or consent decrees could subject us to substantial monetary fines and other penalties that could negatively affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Various laws and regulations in the United States and abroad, such as the Bank Secrecy Act, the Dodd-Frank Act, the USA PATRIOT Act, and the Credit CARD Act impose certain anti-money laundering requirements on companies that are financial institutions or that provide financial products and services. Under these laws and regulations, financial institutions are broadly defined to include money services businesses such as money transmitters, check cashers, and sellers or issuers of stored value. Requirements imposed on financial institutions under these laws include customer identification and verification programs, record retention policies, and procedures and transaction reporting. We do not believe that we are a financial institution subject to these laws and regulations. However, it is possible that Payments on the Facebook Platform could be considered a financial product and that we could be deemed a financial institution subject to applicable U.S., state, or foreign regulation under certain interpretations of laws governing businesses such as money transmitters, check cashers, and sellers or issuers of stored value. To increase flexibility in how our use of Payments may evolve and to mitigate regulatory uncertainty, we have applied or expect to apply through a subsidiary for certain money transmitter licenses in the United States, which will generally require us to show compliance with many domestic laws relating to money transmission, gift cards and other prepaid access instruments, electronics funds transfers, anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing, gambling, banking and lending, and import and export restrictions.

China is a large potential market for Facebook, but users are generally restricted from accessing Facebook from China. We do not know if we will be able to find an approach to managing content and information that will be acceptable to us and to the Chinese government. It is also possible that governments of one or more other countries may seek to censor content available on our website, restrict access, block our website, or impose other restrictions that may affect the accessibility of Facebook for an extended period of time or indefinitely.

We communicate with lawmakers and regulators in the countries and regions in which we do business. We have a dedicated policy team that monitors legal and regulatory developments and works with policymakers and regulators around the world to help ensure that our perspective is heard in matters of importance to us.

Legal Proceedings

Paul D. Ceglia filed suit against us and Mark Zuckerberg on or about June 30, 2010, in the Supreme Court of the State of New York for the County of Allegheny claiming substantial ownership of our company based on a purported contract between Mr. Ceglia and Mr. Zuckerberg allegedly entered into in April 2003. We removed the case to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, where the case is now pending. In his first amended complaint, filed on April 11, 2011, Mr. Ceglia revised his claims to include an alleged partnership with Mr. Zuckerberg, he revised his claims for relief to seek a substantial share of Mr. Zuckerberg's ownership in us, and he included quotations from supposed emails that he claims to have exchanged with Mr. Zuckerberg in 2003 and 2004. On June 2, 2011, we filed a motion for expedited discovery based on evidence we submitted to the court showing that the alleged contract and emails upon which Mr. Ceglia bases his complaint are fraudulent. On July 1, 2011, the court granted our motion and ordered Mr. Ceglia to produce, among other things, all hard copy and electronic versions of the purported contract and emails. On January 10, 2012, the court granted our request for sanctions against Mr. Ceglia for his delay in compliance with that order. On March 26, 2012, we filed a motion to dismiss Mr. Ceglia's complaint and a motion for judgment on the pleadings. We continue to believe that Mr. Ceglia is attempting to perpetrate a fraud on the court and we intend to continue to defend the case vigorously.

On March 12, 2012, Yahoo filed a lawsuit against us in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, claiming that we infringe ten of Yahoo's patents that Yahoo claims relate to advertising, social

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networking, privacy, customization, and messaging, and on April 27, 2012 Yahoo added two patents to the lawsuit that Yahoo claims relate to advertising. Yahoo is seeking unspecified damages, a damage multiplier for alleged willful infringement, and an injunction. We intend to vigorously defend this lawsuit, and on April 3, 2012, we filed our answer with respect to this complaint and asserted counterclaims that Yahoo's products infringe ten of our patents. This litigation is still in its early stages and the final outcome, including our liability, if any, with respect to Yahoo's claims, is uncertain. At present, we are unable to estimate a reasonably possible range of loss, if any, that may result from this matter. If an unfavorable outcome were to occur in this litigation, the impact could be material to our business, financial condition, or results of operations. As is common in intellectual property litigation, Yahoo could in the future assert additional patent or other claims against us in this or in other proceedings. For example, we received a letter dated April 23, 2012 from Yahoo indicating that they believe 16 patents they claim to hold may be relevant to open source technology they allege is being used in our data centers and servers. Yahoo has not threatened or initiated litigation with respect to matters described in this letter but it may do so in the future.

We are also currently parties to multiple other lawsuits related to our products, including patent infringement lawsuits brought by both other companies and non-practicing entities as well as class action lawsuits brought by users and advertisers, and we may in the future be subject to additional lawsuits and disputes. We are also involved in other claims, government investigations, and proceedings arising from the ordinary course of our business. Although the results of these other lawsuits, claims, government investigations, and proceedings in which we are involved cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not believe that the final outcome of these other matters will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

Regardless of the final outcome, defending lawsuits, claims, government investigations, and proceedings in which we are involved is costly and can impose a significant burden on management and employees, we may receive unfavorable preliminary or interim rulings in the course of litigation, and there can be no assurances that favorable final outcomes will be obtained.

Culture and Employees

Our employees and our culture are critical to our success. We value our hacker culture, which we define as a work environment that rewards creative problem solving and rapid decision making. We try to move fast in developing new products and then continually iterate and optimize to further improve our products. We seek employees who are motivated by the ability to have a direct impact on how hundreds of millions of people around the world connect, discover, and express themselves.

We encourage our employees to think boldly. We also have posted the phrase "this journey is 1% finished" across many of our office walls, to remind employees that we believe that we have only begun fulfilling our mission to make the world more open and connected.

We have grown rapidly, but at a rate that we believe will allow us to preserve a culture of collaboration, excellence, and moving fast. We had 1,218 full-time employees, 2,127 full-time employees, 3,200 full-time employees, and 3,539 full-time employees at the end of 2009, 2010, 2011, and the first quarter of 2012, respectively.

Facilities

As of March 31, 2012, we leased office facilities around the world totaling approximately 2.2 million square feet, including one million square feet for our corporate headquarters in Menlo Park, California. We have data centers in the United States, including data center facilities that we

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own in North Carolina and Oregon and leased data center facilities in California and Virginia. We believe that our facilities are adequate for our current needs.

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The following table provides information regarding our executive officers and directors as of March 31, 2012:

Name	Age	Position(s)
Mark Zuckerberg	27	Chairman and CEO
Sheryl K. Sandberg	42	Chief Operating Officer
David A. Ebersman	42	Chief Financial Officer
David B. Fischer	39	Vice President, Marketing and Business Partnerships
Mike Schroepfer	37	Vice President of Engineering
Theodore W. Ulyot	44	Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary
Marc L. Andreessen ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	40	Director
Erskine B. Bowles ⁽¹⁾	66	Director
James W. Breyer ⁽²⁾	50	Director
Donald E. Graham ^{*(2)(3)}	66	Director
Reed Hastings ⁽³⁾	51	Director
Peter A. Thiel ⁽¹⁾	44	Director

* Lead Independent Director.

(1) Member of the audit committee.

(2) Member of the compensation committee.

(3) Member of the governance committee.

Mark Zuckerberg is our founder and has served as our CEO and as a member of our board of directors since July 2004. Mr. Zuckerberg has served as Chairman of our board of directors since January 2012. Mr. Zuckerberg attended Harvard University where he studied computer science. We believe that Mr. Zuckerberg should serve as a member of our board of directors due to the perspective and experience he brings as our founder, Chairman, and CEO, and as our largest and controlling stockholder.

Sheryl K. Sandberg has served as our Chief Operating Officer since March 2008. From November 2001 to March 2008, Ms. Sandberg served in various positions at Google, Inc., most recently as Vice President, Global Online Sales & Operations. Ms. Sandberg also is a former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Treasury Department and previously served as a consultant with McKinsey & Company, a management consulting company, and as an economist with The World Bank. In addition to serving as our Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Sandberg has been a member of the board of directors of the Walt Disney Company since December 2009. Ms. Sandberg holds an A.B. in economics from Harvard University and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

David A. Ebersman has served as our Chief Financial Officer since September 2009. Prior to joining us, Mr. Ebersman served in various positions at Genentech, Inc., a biotechnology company, including as its Chief Financial Officer from March 2005 and as an Executive Vice President from January 2006 until April 2009, following Genentech's acquisition by F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd. in March 2009. Prior to joining

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Genentech, Mr. Ebersman was a research analyst at Oppenheimer & Company, Inc., an investment company. In addition to serving as our Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Ebersman has been a member of the board of directors of Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc. since July 2009. Mr. Ebersman holds an A.B. in economics and international relations from Brown University.

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David B. Fischer joined us in April 2010 and serves as our Vice President, Marketing and Business Partnerships. From July 2002 to March 2010, Mr. Fischer served in various positions at Google, including most recently as its Vice President, Global Online Sales & Operations. Prior to joining Google, Mr. Fischer served as Deputy Chief of Staff of the U.S. Treasury Department and was an associate editor at the U.S. News World Report, L.P., a news magazine company. Mr. Fischer holds a B.A. in government from Cornell University and an M.B.A. from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Mike Schroepfer has served as our Vice President of Engineering since September 2008. From December 2005 to August 2008, Mr. Schroepfer served as Vice President of Engineering at Mozilla Corporation, an Internet company. Prior to Mozilla, Mr. Schroepfer served in various positions at Sun Microsystems, Inc., an information technology company, including as Chief Technology Officer of its data center automation division. He also co-founded CenterRun, Inc., a developer of application provisioning software, which was acquired by Sun Microsystems. In addition to serving as our Vice President of Engineering, Mr. Schroepfer has been a member of the board of directors of Ancestry.com Inc. since January 2011. Mr. Schroepfer holds a B.S. and an M.S. in computer science from Stanford University.

Theodore W. Ullyot has served as our Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary since October 2008. From May 2008 to October 2008, Mr. Ullyot was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, a law firm. From October 2005 to April 2008, Mr. Ullyot served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of ESL Investments, Inc., a private investment firm. Prior to joining ESL Investments, Mr. Ullyot served in the federal executive branch under President George W. Bush, including as Chief of Staff at the U.S. Justice Department and as a Deputy Assistant to the President. Earlier in his career, Mr. Ullyot was an associate general counsel at AOL Time Warner, Inc. and served as a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and for Judge Michael Luttig of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Mr. Ullyot holds an A.B. in History from Harvard University and a J.D. from the University of Chicago.

Marc L. Andreessen has served as a member of our board of directors since June 2008. Mr. Andreessen is a co-founder and has been a General Partner of Andreessen Horowitz, a venture capital firm, since July 2009. Previously, Mr. Andreessen co-founded and served as the Chairman of the board of directors of Opsware, Inc. (formerly known as Loudcloud Inc.), a software company. He also served as Chief Technology Officer of America Online, Inc., an Internet services company. Mr. Andreessen was a co-founder of Netscape Communications Corporation, a software company, serving in various positions, including Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President of Products. In addition to serving on our board of directors, Mr. Andreessen currently serves as a member of the boards of directors of eBay Inc. and the Hewlett-Packard Company. Mr. Andreessen holds a B.S. in computer science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We believe that Mr. Andreessen should serve as a member of our board of directors due to his extensive experience as an Internet entrepreneur, venture capitalist, and technologist.

Erskine B. Bowles has served as a member of our board of directors since September 2011. Mr. Bowles is President Emeritus of the University of North Carolina and served as President from January 2006 through December 2010. Mr. Bowles has also been a Senior Advisor of BDT Capital Partners, LLC, a private investment firm, since January 2012. From February 2010 until December 2010, he served as Co-Chair of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. Mr. Bowles has been a Senior Advisor since 2001 and was Managing Director from 1999 to 2001 of Carousel Capital LLC, a private investment firm. He was also a partner of Forstmann Little & Co., an investment firm, from 1999 to 2001. Mr. Bowles began his career in corporate finance at Morgan Stanley and subsequently helped found and ultimately served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bowles Hollowell Connor & Co., an investment banking firm. He also was a founder of Kitty Hawk Capital, a venture capital firm. Mr. Bowles served as White House Chief of Staff from 1996 to 1998 and Deputy White House Chief of Staff from 1994 to 1995. In addition to serving on our board of directors, Mr. Bowles currently serves as a member of the boards of directors of Morgan Stanley, Belk, Inc., Cousins Properties Incorporated, and Norfolk Southern Corporation. Mr. Bowles has elected not to stand for re-election at Cousins Properties' 2012 annual meeting. Mr. Bowles also served as a member of the board of directors of

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General Motors Company from June 2005 to April 2009. Mr. Bowles holds a B.S. in business from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an M.B.A. from Columbia University Graduate School of Business. We believe that Mr. Bowles should serve as a member of our board of directors due to his extensive experience in the financial services industry and academia as well as his distinguished public service.

James W. Breyer has served as a member of our board of directors since April 2005. Mr. Breyer has been a Partner of Accel Partners, a venture capital firm, since 1987, and currently serves as President of Accel Management Co. Inc. Mr. Breyer is also the founder and has been the Chief Executive Officer of Breyer Capital, an investment firm, since July 2006. Mr. Breyer is also a co-founder and has been co-lead on the strategic investment committee since inception of the IDG-Accel China Funds. In addition to serving on our board of directors, Mr. Breyer currently serves as a member of the boards of directors of Brightcove Inc., Dell, Inc., News Corporation, Prosper Marketplace, Inc., and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., where he is the lead/presiding independent director. Mr. Breyer previously served as a member of the board of directors of Marvel Entertainment Inc. from June 2006 to December 2009 and RealNetworks, Inc. from October 1995 to June 2008. Mr. Breyer holds a B.S. in interdisciplinary studies from Stanford University and an M.B.A. from Harvard University. We believe that Mr. Breyer should serve as a member of our board of directors due to his extensive experience with social media and technology companies, as a venture capitalist, and as one of our early investors.

Donald E. Graham has served as a member of our board of directors since March 2009. Mr. Graham has served as the Chief Executive Officer of The Washington Post Company, an education and media company, since 1991 and as Chairman of its board of directors since 1993. Mr. Graham holds an A.B. in English history and literature from Harvard University. We believe that Mr. Graham should serve as a member of our board of directors due to his extensive experience in the media industry, including serving in a variety of senior leadership roles with The Washington Post Company.

Reed Hastings has served as a member of our board of directors since June 2011. Mr. Hastings has served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the board of directors of Netflix, Inc., a provider of an Internet subscription service for movies and television shows, since 1999. Prior to Netflix, Mr. Hastings served as Chief Executive Officer of Technology Network, a political service organization for the technology industry. Mr. Hastings served as Chief Executive Officer of Pure Atria Software, a maker of software development tools, from 1991 until it was acquired by Rational Software Corporation, a software company, in 1997. In addition to serving on our board of directors, Mr. Hastings currently serves as a member of the board of directors of Microsoft Corporation. Mr. Hastings holds a B.A. in mathematics from Bowdoin College and an M.S.C.S. in computer science from Stanford University. We believe that Mr. Hastings should serve as a member of our board of directors due to his extensive experience with technology companies.

Peter A. Thiel has served as a member of our board of directors since April 2005. Since 2005, Mr. Thiel has been a Partner of Founders Fund, a venture capital firm. Mr. Thiel has also served as President of Clarium Capital Management, LLC, a global macro investment manager, since 2002. In 1998, Mr. Thiel co-founded PayPal, Inc., an online payment company, where he served as Chief Executive Officer, President and as Chairman of its board of directors from 2000 until its acquisition by eBay in 2002. Prior to that, Mr. Thiel worked for Credit Suisse, an investment firm, and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, a law firm. Mr. Thiel holds a B.A. in Philosophy from Stanford University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School. We believe that Mr. Thiel should serve as a member of our board of directors due to his extensive experience as an entrepreneur and venture capitalist, and as one of our early investors.

Election of Officers

Our executive officers are elected by, and serve at the discretion of, our board of directors. There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers.

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Board Composition

Our board of directors may establish the authorized number of directors from time to time by resolution. Our board of directors currently consists of seven members. Our current certificate of incorporation and amended and restated voting agreements provide for certain members of our board of directors to be elected as designees by Mr. Zuckerberg, the board of directors, or by certain classes of our capital stock. The current members of the board of directors were elected as follows:

Messrs. Andreessen, Graham, and Zuckerberg were elected as designees of Mr. Zuckerberg, the holder of the majority of the voting power of the outstanding shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock;

Mr. Bowles was elected as the designee of the board of directors;

Mr. Hastings was elected as the designee of Mr. Zuckerberg, the holder of the majority of the voting power of the outstanding shares of our capital stock;

Mr. Thiel was elected as the designee of stockholders holding a majority of the outstanding shares of our Series A preferred stock, however, pursuant to the amended and restated voting agreement, a majority of the members of our board of directors may designate one member of the board of directors to fill this seat if it becomes vacant; and

Mr. Breyer was elected as the designee of stockholders who hold a majority of the outstanding shares of our Series B preferred stock.

The amended and restated voting agreement and the provisions of our certificate of incorporation by which the directors were elected will terminate in connection with our initial public offering, and, except as described in Description of Capital Stock Voting Agreements, there will be no further contractual obligations regarding the election of our directors. Our current directors will continue to serve as directors until their resignations or until their successors are duly elected by the holders of our common stock.

Classified Board

So long as the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock represent a majority of the combined voting power of common stock, we will not have a classified board of directors, and all directors will be elected for annual terms.

When the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock represent less than a majority of the combined voting power of common stock, we will have a classified board of directors consisting of three classes of approximately equal size, each serving staggered three-year terms. Our directors will be assigned by the then-current board of directors to a class.

Upon expiration of the term of a class of directors, directors for that class will be elected for three-year terms at the annual meeting of stockholders in the year in which that term expires. As a result, only one class of directors will be elected at each annual meeting of our stockholders, with the other classes continuing for the remainder of their respective three-year terms. Each director's term continues until the

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election and qualification of his or her successor, or his or her earlier death, resignation, or removal.

So long as our board of directors is classified, only our board of directors may fill vacancies on our board. Any additional directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors will be distributed among the three classes so that, as nearly as possible, each class will consist of one-third of the total number of directors.

The classification of our board of directors may have the effect of delaying or preventing changes in our control or management. See Description of Capital Stock Anti-Takeover Provisions Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaw Provisions.

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Director Independence

The rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (NASDAQ) generally require that a majority of the members of a listed company's board of directors be independent within specified periods following the closing of an initial public offering. In addition, the listing rules generally require that, subject to specified exceptions, each member of a listed company's audit, compensation, and governance committees be independent.

Audit committee members must also satisfy the independence criteria set forth in Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act). In order to be considered independent for purposes of Rule 10A-3, a member of an audit committee of a listed company may not, other than in his or her capacity as a member of the audit committee, the board of directors, or any other board committee: accept, directly or indirectly, any consulting, advisory, or other compensatory fee from the listed company or any of its subsidiaries; or be an affiliated person of the listed company or any of its subsidiaries.

Our board of directors has determined that none of our non-employee directors has a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director and that each of these directors is independent as that term is defined under the rules of NASDAQ. Our board of directors has also determined that Messrs. Andreessen, Bowles, and Thiel, who comprise our audit committee, Messrs. Breyer and Graham, who comprise our compensation committee, and Messrs. Andreessen, Graham, and Hastings, who comprise our governance committee, satisfy the independence standards for those committees established by applicable SEC rules and the rules of NASDAQ.

Controlled Company

Because Mr. Zuckerberg controls a majority of our outstanding voting power, we are a controlled company under the corporate governance rules of NASDAQ. Therefore, we are not required to have a majority of our board of directors be independent, nor are we required to have a compensation committee or an independent nominating function. In light of our status as a controlled company, our board of directors has determined not to have an independent nominating function and to have the full board of directors be directly responsible for nominating members of our board. Additionally, as described in the section entitled "Description of Capital Stock - Anti-Takeover Provisions - Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaw Provisions," so long as the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock represent a majority of the combined voting power of our common stock, Mr. Zuckerberg will be able to effectively control all matters submitted to our stockholders for a vote, as well as the overall management and direction of our company.

Board Committees

Our board of directors has established an audit committee, a compensation committee, and a governance committee, each of which will have the composition and responsibilities described below as of the closing of our initial public offering. Members serve on these committees until their resignations or until otherwise determined by our board of directors.

Audit Committee

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Our audit committee is comprised of Messrs. Andreessen, Bowles, and Thiel. Mr. Bowles is the chairman of our audit committee, is our audit committee financial expert, as that term is defined under SEC rules and possesses financial sophistication as defined under the rules of NASDAQ. The designation does not impose on Mr. Bowles any duties, obligations or liabilities that are greater than are generally imposed on members of our audit committee and our board of directors. Our audit committee is directly responsible for, among other things:

selecting the independent registered public accounting firm to audit our financial statements;

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ensuring the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm;

discussing the scope and results of the audit with the independent registered public accounting firm, and reviewing, with management and that firm, our interim and year-end operating results;

developing procedures to enable submission of anonymous concerns about accounting or audit matters;

considering the adequacy of our internal accounting controls and audit procedures;

reviewing related party transactions;

approving or, as permitted, pre-approving all audit and non-audit services to be performed by the independent registered public accounting firm; and

overseeing our internal audit function.

Compensation Committee

Our compensation committee is comprised of Messrs. Breyer and Graham. Mr. Breyer is the chairman of our compensation committee. Each member of this committee is a non-employee director, as defined pursuant to Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act, and an outside director, as defined under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Our compensation committee is responsible for, among other things:

reviewing and approving, or recommending that our board of directors approve, the compensation of our executive officers;

reviewing and recommending to our board of directors the compensation of our directors;

reviewing and approving the terms of any compensatory agreements with our executive officers;

administering our stock and equity incentive plans;

reviewing and making recommendations to our board of directors with respect to incentive compensation and equity plans; and

establishing and reviewing our overall compensation philosophy.

Governance Committee

Our governance committee is comprised of Messrs. Andreessen, Graham, and Hastings. Mr. Graham is the chairman of our governance committee. Our governance committee is responsible for, among other things:

reviewing developments in corporate governance practices;

developing and recommending our corporate governance guidelines and policies, and evaluating their sufficiency;

reviewing proposed waivers of the code of conduct;

overseeing the process of evaluating the performance of our board of directors; and

advising our board of directors on corporate governance matters.

Each of the above committees has a written charter approved by our board of directors. Following the closing of our initial public offering, copies of each charter will be posted on the Investor Relations section of our website.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During 2011, our compensation committee consisted of Messrs. Breyer and Graham. Neither of them has at any time in the last fiscal year been one of our officers or employees. During 2009, 2010, 2011, and the first quarter of 2012, The Washington Post Company and its related companies purchased \$0.6 million, \$4.8 million, \$4.2 million, and \$0.8 million, respectively, of advertisements on our website. Mr. Graham is the Chief Executive Officer of The Washington Post Company. The purchases by The Washington Post Company and its related entities were made in the ordinary course of business pursuant to our standard online terms and conditions and were all made through our self-service ad system.

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None of our executive officers has served as a member of the board of directors, or as a member of the compensation or similar committee, of any entity that has one or more executive officers who served on our board of directors or compensation committee during 2011.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Our board of directors has adopted a code of business conduct and ethics that applies to all of our employees, officers, and directors. The full text of our code of business conduct and ethics will be posted on the Investor Relations section of our website. We intend to disclose future amendments to certain provisions of our code of business conduct and ethics, or waivers of these provisions, on our website or in filings under the Exchange Act.

Director Compensation

In September 2011, our board of directors approved an annual retainer fee of \$50,000 for each of our non-employee directors. Our non-employee directors received a prorated fee during 2011. In addition, starting on January 1, 2012, the chairman of our audit committee will receive an annual retainer fee of \$20,000. Prior to our initial public offering, there was no formal policy in place to provide our directors with equity compensation for their services as members of our board of directors or any committee of our board of directors. In June 2011, our board of directors approved the grant of 20,000 restricted stock units (RSUs) to Mr. Hastings, as compensation for Mr. Hastings' service as a member of our board of directors. In September 2011, our board of directors approved the grant of 20,000 RSUs to Mr. Bowles, as compensation for Mr. Bowles' service as a member of our board of directors. The RSUs granted to Messrs. Bowles and Hastings are subject to vesting based on their continued services to us through each vesting date, which is more fully described below.

Although there was no formal policy in place relating to the granting of equity awards to our directors, the following table presents the total compensation for each person who served as a member of our board of directors during 2011. Other than as set forth in the table and described more fully below, in 2011 we did not pay any fees to, make any equity awards or non-equity awards to, or pay any other compensation to the members of our board of directors. Mr. Zuckerberg, our founder, Chairman, and CEO, receives no compensation for his service as a director, and is not included in the table below.

Director Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Total (\$)
Marc L. Andreessen ⁽³⁾	16,667		16,667
Erskine B. Bowles ⁽⁴⁾	16,667	601,400	618,067
James W. Breyer	16,667		16,667
Donald E. Graham ⁽⁵⁾	16,667		16,667
Reed Hastings ⁽⁶⁾	16,667	593,400	610,067
Peter A. Thiel	16,667		16,667

- (1) Amounts reported represent the aggregate grant date fair value of RSUs without regards to forfeitures granted to the independent members of our board of directors during 2011 under our 2005 Stock Plan, computed in accordance with ASC 718. The valuation assumptions used in calculating the fair value of the RSUs is set forth in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates Share-based Compensation. This amount does not reflect the actual economic value realized by the director.
- (2) Messrs. Andreessen and Graham hold RSUs granted prior to January 1, 2011 (Pre-2011 RSUs). Pre-2011 RSUs only vest upon the satisfaction of both (i) a service-based vesting condition and (ii) a liquidity-based vesting condition. The liquidity-based vesting condition for Pre-2011 RSUs is: (a) the date that is six months after the effective date of our initial public offering; or (b) a change of control (as defined in our 2005 Stock Plan). The service-based vesting

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condition for the Pre-2011 RSUs held by Messrs. Andreessen and Graham are further described in footnotes (3) and (5) below. RSUs granted on or after January 1, 2011 (Post-2011 RSUs) vest based on continuous service to us, as further described in footnotes (4) and (6) below.

- (3) As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Andreessen held 5,247,490 RSUs. The service-based vesting condition was satisfied as to 1/48th of the total shares underlying the RSUs on July 30, 2008. The remaining shares underlying the RSUs vest at a rate of 1/48th of the total number of shares underlying the RSUs on each month thereafter, subject to continued service to us through each vesting date.

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- (4) As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Bowles held 20,000 RSUs. The vesting condition will be satisfied as to 13/48 of the total shares underlying the RSUs on October 15, 2012. The remaining shares underlying the RSUs vest at a rate of 1/16th of the total number of shares underlying the RSUs in quarterly installments thereafter, not to exceed eleven quarterly installments, and 2/48th on October 15, 2015, subject to continued service to us through each vesting date. None of Mr. Bowles' RSUs will settle until the earliest to occur of: (i) December 31, 2013; (ii) an earlier date between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 that is specified by us; and (iii) the date of a change of control (as defined in our 2005 Stock Plan).
- (5) As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Graham held 1,000,000 RSUs. The service-based vesting condition was satisfied as to 1/4th of the total shares underlying the RSUs on April 1, 2010. The remaining shares underlying the RSUs vest at a rate of 1/48th of the total number of shares underlying the RSUs on each month thereafter, subject to continued service to us through each vesting date.
- (6) As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Hastings held 20,000 RSUs. The vesting condition will be satisfied as to 1/4 of the total shares underlying the RSUs on July 15, 2012. The remaining shares underlying the RSUs vest at a rate of 1/16th of the total number of shares underlying the RSUs in quarterly installments thereafter, subject to continued service to us through each vesting date. None of Mr. Hastings' RSUs will settle until the earliest to occur of: (i) December 31, 2013; (ii) an earlier date between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 that is specified by us; and (iii) the date of a change of control (as defined in our 2005 Stock Plan).

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Overview

This section explains our executive compensation philosophy, objectives, and design; our compensation-setting process; our executive compensation program components; and the decisions made in 2011 with respect to the compensation of each of our named executive officers. Our named executive officers for 2011, which consist of the executive officers who appear in 2011 Summary Compensation Table below, are:

Mark Zuckerberg, our founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO);

Sheryl K. Sandberg, our Chief Operating Officer (COO);

David A. Ebersman, our Chief Financial Officer;

Mike Schroepfer, our Vice President, Engineering; and

Theodore W. Ulyot, our Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary.

Executive Compensation Philosophy, Objectives and Design

Philosophy. We are focused on our mission to make the world more open and connected. We believe that Facebook is at the beginning of this journey and that for us to be successful we must hire and retain people who can continue to develop our strategy, quickly innovate and build new products, bolster the growth of our user base and user engagement, and constantly enhance our business model. To achieve these objectives, we need a highly talented team comprised of engineering, product, sales, and general and administrative professionals. We also expect our executive team to possess and demonstrate strong leadership and management capabilities.

Objectives. Our compensation programs for our named executive officers are built to support the following objectives:

attract the top talent in our leadership positions and motivate our executives to deliver the highest level of individual and team impact and results;

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encourage our executives to model the important aspects of our culture, which include moving fast, being bold, communicating openly and building trust with each other and our employees;

ensure each one of our named executive officers receives a total compensation package that encourages his or her long-term retention;

reward high levels of performance with commensurate levels of compensation; and

align the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders in the overall success of Facebook by emphasizing long-term incentives.

Design. As a privately-held company, our executive compensation program is heavily weighted towards equity, including stock options and restricted stock units (RSUs), with cash compensation that is considerably below market relative to executive compensation at our peer companies. We believe that equity compensation offers the best vehicle to focus our executive officers on our mission and the achievement of our long-term strategic and financial objectives and to align our executive officers with the long-term interests of our stockholders.

For our executive officers who received a substantial initial equity award in connection with the commencement of their employment, we have granted additional equity awards with service-based vesting conditions where the commencement of vesting is deferred until a date some years in the future, as discussed further in Elements of Executive Compensation Equity Compensation below. When combined with the executives initial equity awards, we believe that these additional grants represent a strong long-term retention tool and provide the executive officers with long-term equity incentives.

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As we transition from being a privately-held company to a publicly-traded company, we will evaluate our executive compensation programs, including our mix of cash and equity compensation, at least annually or as circumstances require based on our business objectives and the competitive environment for talent. We anticipate continuing our emphasis on pay-for-performance and long-term incentive compensation for our executive officers.

Compensation-Setting Process

Role of Our Compensation Committee. The compensation committee is responsible for overseeing all aspects of our executive compensation programs, including executive salaries, payouts under our annual bonus plan, the size and structure of equity awards, and any executive perquisites. The compensation committee is solely responsible for determining the compensation of our CEO and reviews and approves compensation of other executive officers.

Role of Compensation Consultant. The compensation committee has the authority to engage its own advisors to assist in carrying out its responsibilities. The compensation committee did not retain the services of an outside compensation consultant to provide advice with respect to our executive compensation programs for 2011. In January 2012, the compensation committee engaged the services of Compensia, Inc., a national compensation consulting firm. Compensia may provide the compensation committee and the board of directors with guidance regarding the amount and types of compensation that we provide to our executives, how our compensation practices compare to the compensation practices of other companies, and other compensation-related matters. Compensia reports directly to the compensation committee, although Compensia may meet with members of management for the purposes of gathering information on proposals that management may make to the compensation committee. The compensation committee may replace Compensia or hire additional advisors at any time. Compensia does not provide any services to us other than the services provided to the compensation committee.

Role of Management. In setting compensation for 2011, our CEO, our COO, and our Vice President, Human Resources, worked closely with the compensation committee in managing our executive compensation program and attended meetings of the compensation committee. From time to time, our Chief Financial Officer and our General Counsel attended meetings of the compensation committee to present information and answer questions. Our CEO made recommendations to the compensation committee regarding compensation for our executive officers other than himself because of his daily involvement with our executive team. No executive officer participated directly in the final deliberations or determinations regarding his or her own compensation package.

Our management team and the compensation committee each play a role in evaluating and mitigating any risk that may exist relating to our compensation plans, practices and policies for all employees, including our named executive officers, as further described in Compensation Risk Assessment below.

Use of Comparative Market Data. We aim to compensate our executive officers at levels that are at least commensurate with the most competitive levels of compensation of executive officers with executives in similar positions at a group of peer companies set forth below with whom we compete for hiring and retaining executive talent (our Peer Group). The compensation committee also considered the scope of responsibility of each executive officer, our current practice of maintaining minimal differentiation between the cash packages of our executive officers, the unvested balances of stock awards for each executive officer, as well as the compensation committee's assessment of each executive officer's performance and impact to the organization. In determining 2011 compensation, we did not use a formula for taking into account these different factors.

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Management provides the compensation committee with both cash and equity compensation data for our Peer Group. We analyze market data for executive compensation at least annually using the most relevant published survey sources and public filings. For 2011, our market analysis focused on technology companies with \$1 billion to \$3 billion in annual revenue in the Radford Global Technology and Global Sales Survey

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published by AON (Radford Survey). In the first quarter of 2011, the compensation committee also reviewed compensation data from the public filings for the following Peer Group, with annual revenue ranging from \$1.7 billion to \$108.3 billion in fiscal 2011:

Accenture	Google
Adobe Systems	Intuit
Amazon.com	Microsoft
AOL	NetApp
Apple	Oracle
Cisco Systems	salesforce.com
eBay	VMware
Electronic Arts	Yahoo!

The compensation committee expects to periodically review and update this Peer Group.

In the first quarter of 2011, our compensation committee reviewed our executive compensation against this Peer Group, to ensure that our executive officer compensation is competitive and sufficient to recruit and retain our executive officers. Management provided the compensation committee with total cash compensation data (base salaries and cash bonus awards at target) at various percentiles and total compensation data (total cash compensation and equity compensation) at the 90th percentile. However, while the compensation committee considered this data in determining executive officer compensation, we did not seek to benchmark our executive compensation to any particular level. The total compensation for our named executive officers was not determined based on any pre-set target percentile of market. Rather, we sought to compensate our executive officers at a level which would allow us to successfully recruit and retain the best possible talent for our executive team. We relied heavily on the knowledge and experience of the compensation committee and our management in determining the appropriate compensation levels for our executive officers. Overall, based on our Peer Group analysis, total cash compensation for our executive officers was below the 25th percentile of our peers. When equity compensation was factored in, without taking into account the effect of the service-based vesting conditions that begin several years in the future and that are applicable to the equity compensation of our executive officers, total compensation for our named executive officers, other than our CEO, approximated the 99th percentile relative to the companies in the Radford Survey.

In the second quarter of 2011, the compensation committee further refined our approach to reviewing market compensation data for our named executive officers and approved a set of selection criteria for determining our peer group companies as listed below, with the understanding that the criteria will be revisited as our business and market environment change. Going forward, companies must meet all or some of the following criteria to be included in our compensation peer group:

high technology or media company;

key talent competitor;

minimum revenue of \$4 billion; or

minimum market capitalization of \$50 billion.

This set of selection criteria led us to revise the peer group against whom we benchmark our executive compensation. We plan to use the following companies in our peer group for the 2012 executive compensation process: Amazon.com; Apple; Cisco Systems; eBay; Google;

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LinkedIn; Microsoft; Netflix; Oracle; salesforce.com; VMware; Yahoo!; and Zynga.

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Our executive officer compensation packages generally include:

base salary;

performance-based cash incentives; and

equity-based compensation in the form of RSUs or other share-based compensation.

We believe that our compensation mix supports our objective of focusing on at-risk compensation having significant financial upside based on company and individual performance. We expect to continue to emphasize equity awards because of the direct link that equity compensation provides between stockholder interests and the interests of our executive officers, thereby motivating our executive officers to focus on increasing our value over the long term.

Base Salary. The compensation committee believes base salaries are a necessary element of compensation in order to attract and retain highly qualified executive officers. Historically, our executive officers have received base salaries within a very narrow range that was established when we were a smaller company with cash constraints and based on our desire to maintain internal pay equity between executive officers and also relative to other key employees. As we have grown, we have gradually increased base salaries for our executive officers with the goal of bringing salaries closer to market over time. In 2011, we continued to pay executive base salaries that were below market relative to our Peer Group, both to retain the ethos of a start-up company and because of our emphasis on equity-based compensation. As noted above, in 2011, based on our Peer Group analysis, our total cash compensation for our executive officers was below the 25th percentile of the Peer Group.

The compensation committee reviews base salaries for our executive officers at least annually and may adjust them from time to time, if needed, to reflect changes in market conditions or other factors. In the first quarter of 2011, the compensation committee decided to increase the base salaries of our executive officers in order to continue to bring their salaries closer to those paid by our Peer Group companies for similar positions. Accordingly, our compensation committee increased the base salary of our CEO by \$100,000 and of each other executive officer by \$25,000. Following this 2011 salary increase, our executive officer salaries were still below the 25th percentile of the salaries provided by our Peer Group companies for executives in similar positions.

In the first quarter of 2012, our compensation committee discussed and approved a request by our CEO to reduce his base salary to \$1 per year, effective January 1, 2013.

Named Executive Officer	2011 Base Salary
Mark Zuckerberg	\$500,000
Sheryl K. Sandberg	300,000
David A. Ebersman	300,000
Mike Schroepfer	275,000
Theodore W. Ulyot	275,000

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Cash Bonuses. Our 2011 Bonus/Retention Plan (Bonus Plan) provides variable cash incentives, payable semi-annually, that are designed to motivate our executive officers to focus on company-wide priorities and to reward them for individual results and achievements. All of our executive officers participate in the Bonus Plan.

For 2011, there were two six-month performance periods under our Bonus Plan, which we refer to as First Half 2011 and Second Half 2011. For each performance period in 2011, the compensation committee approved a set of company-wide priorities in order to focus our executive officers on key areas of performance for the period in question. The First and Second Half 2011 company priorities reflect operational and non-operational objectives established by our compensation committee, in consultation with our CEO and Chief Financial Officer. The company-wide priorities do not have specific targets associated with them for purposes of determining performance under the Bonus Plan, and our compensation committee has complete discretion to determine the level of bonus payout for each performance period.

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2011 Goals and Company Performance Multipliers (Bonus Plan Pools). Our First Half 2011 company-wide priorities were as follows: grow our user base and user engagement, improve our site quality and efficiency, expand the impact of our Platform, continue strong revenue growth, improve our Profile product, build our mobile platform, expand our partnerships, and continue our international expansion. None of these priorities were assigned any specific weighting or dollar amount of bonus. The compensation committee applied discretion in determining the company performance multiplier on a qualitative basis, taking into account our delivery of results in the areas identified by the company-wide priorities approved by the compensation committee, as well as our overall business, engineering, and product development achievements. The compensation committee also did not determine any pre-set ranges for the company performance multiplier. The First Half 2011 company performance multiplier approved by the compensation committee was 105%. In particular, the compensation committee focused on our strong user growth and revenue growth for First Half 2011.

Our Second Half 2011 company-wide priorities were as follows: grow our user base and user engagement, increase distribution of our Platform, and continue strong revenue growth. None of these priorities were assigned any specific weighting or dollar amount of bonus. The compensation committee applied discretion in determining the company performance multiplier on a qualitative basis, taking into account our delivery of results in the areas identified by the company-wide priorities approved by the compensation committee, as well as our overall business, engineering, and product development achievements. The compensation committee also did not determine any pre-set ranges for the company performance multiplier. The Second Half 2011 company performance multiplier approved by the compensation committee was 100%. The compensation committee focused on our performance in all of the areas identified by the company-wide priorities, as well as our introduction of Timeline and other new products in Second Half 2011.

Bonus Plan Payouts. We calculate Bonus Plan payouts to each participant using the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Base} & & \text{Individual} & & \text{Individual} & & \text{Company} & & \text{Individual} \\ \text{Salary (\$)} & \times & \text{Bonus} & \times & \text{Performance} & \times & \text{Performance} & = & \text{Bonus} \\ & & \text{Target (\%)} & & \text{Multiplier (\%)} & & \text{Multiplier (\%)} & & \text{Payout (\$)} \end{array}$$

In the first quarter of 2011, the compensation committee decided to increase individual bonus targets for each executive officer from 30% to 45% in order to continue to move bonuses closer to market rates paid by our Peer Group. Even following this bonus target increase, in 2011, our executive officer bonuses and total cash compensation was still generally below those provided by our Peer Group companies for executives in similar positions.

Individual Performance Multiplier. The individual performance multiplier is based upon each executive's individual performance assessment for the performance period under consideration. In line with our pay-for-performance philosophy, a higher performance assessment drives a higher individual multiplier (and vice-versa) such that it is possible for an executive with a low assessment to get less than their target bonus payout, or no bonus payout whatsoever. In 2011, potential individual performance multipliers under our Bonus Plan were 0%, 85%, 100%, 125%, 200%, or 300%. Executives meeting our expected high level of performance expectations receiving an individual bonus multiplier of 100%.

Individual performance assessments for each executive officer were determined at the discretion of the compensation committee in close consultation with our CEO and our COO (except in each case when their own performance assessment is being determined). The CEO's and COO's executive officer performance assessment recommendations were based on an overall subjective assessment of each officer's performance and no single factor was determinative in setting bonus levels, nor was the impact of any individual factor on the bonus quantifiable. We operate in a rapidly evolving and highly competitive industry and we set a high bar for performance expectations for each one of our executive officers. The compensation committee evaluates our executive officers based on their overall performance, impact and results, as well as their demonstration of strong

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leadership, long-term vision, effective execution and management capabilities. First Half 2011 and Second Half 2011 payout levels and achievements and considerations for each executive were as follows:

Mark Zuckerberg. Mr. Zuckerberg received \$220,500 for the First Half 2011 bonus, which reflected the impact of his performance in leading our product development efforts, our success in growing Facebook's global user base and developing developer and commercial relationships. Mr. Zuckerberg received \$225,000 for the Second Half 2011 bonus, which reflected the impact of his leadership and product vision, which contributed to the development and launch of new products, including Open Graph and Timeline.

Sheryl K. Sandberg. Ms. Sandberg received \$86,133 for the First Half 2011 bonus, which reflected her contribution to growing revenue, building commercial and developer relationships, growing the Facebook team and excellence in execution in all business-related matters. Ms. Sandberg received \$84,375 for the Second Half 2011 bonus, which reflected her leadership in growing our revenue year over year and her strategic guidance on key policy issues both domestically and abroad.

David A. Ebersman. Mr. Ebersman received \$86,133 for the First Half 2011 bonus, which reflected his contributions in completing our 2010 financial statements, completing our private placement financing, and preparing our financial operations for this offering. Mr. Ebersman received \$84,375 for the Second Half 2011 bonus, which reflected his contributions in managing preparations for our initial public offering and his strategic leadership in building a strong financial foundation for our business.

Mike Schroepfer. Mr. Schroepfer received \$63,000 for the First Half 2011 bonus, which reflected his contribution in developing and overseeing our engineering team, software development efforts, and engineering infrastructure. Mr. Schroepfer received \$77,344 for the Second Half 2011 bonus, which reflected his strong leadership of the engineering team, resulting in development of new products for users, developers, and advertisers.

Theodore W. Ullyot. Mr. Ullyot received \$78,750 for the First Half 2011 bonus and \$123,750 for his Second Half 2011 bonus, both of which reflected his role in certain key litigation and regulatory matters involving our company.

The following table summarizes the calculations that were used in determining the cash bonus paid to each of our named executive officers:

	Performance Period	Base Salary (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Individual Bonus Target (%)	Individual Bonus Multiplier (%)	Company Bonus Multiplier (%)	Individual Bonus Payout (\$)
Mark Zuckerberg	First Half 2011	233,333	45	200	105	220,500
	Second Half 2011	250,000	45	200	100	225,000
						445,500
Sheryl K. Sandberg	First Half 2011	145,833	45	125	105	86,133
	Second Half 2011	150,000	45	125	100	84,375
						170,508

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David A. Ebersman	First Half 2011	145,833	45	125	105	86,133
	Second Half 2011	150,000	45	125	100	84,375
						170,508
Mike Schroepfer	First Half 2011	133,333	45	100	105	63,000
	Second Half 2011	137,500	45	125	100	77,344
						140,344
Theodore W. Ulyot	First Half 2011	133,333	45	125	105	78,750
	Second Half 2011	137,500	45	200	100	123,750
						202,500

(1) Reflects actual earnings for 2011 which may differ from approved 2011 base salary due to the March 1, 2011 effective date of the salary increase.

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Retention Bonus. As part of our negotiation of his initial employment arrangement and as an inducement for Mr. Ullyot to become our Vice President and General Counsel, we agreed to pay him an annual retention bonus in the amount of \$400,000 per year for each of his first five years of employment. He will continue to receive this bonus until 2013, pursuant to the terms of his amended and restated employment agreement.

Equity Compensation. Most of our executive officers' compensation is delivered through equity awards. We use equity compensation to align our executive officers' financial interests with those of our stockholders, to attract industry leaders of the highest caliber, and to retain them for the long term. In addition to the equity grant that each executive receives as part of his or her new hire package, the compensation committee has granted our executives additional equity awards in certain of the years after they joined. Additional equity grants for each of our executive officers are determined on a discretionary basis taking into account the following factors:

delivering equity values that are highly competitive when compared against those our peers would grant to executives with similar responsibility;

each executive officer's individual performance assessment, the results and contributions delivered during the year, as well as the anticipated potential future impact of each individual executive;

the size and vesting schedule of existing equity grants in order to maximize the long-term retentive power of all additional grants; and

the size of each executive officer's total cash compensation (base salary plus cash bonus awards at target), which is generally lower than the cash compensation for executives with similar responsibilities at our peer companies.

Based on the foregoing factors, in 2011, our compensation committee awarded each of our executive officers (other than our CEO) a grant of RSUs with a specific initial equity value based on an estimated total value for each grant before taking into account the deferred vesting considerations described below. The compensation committee applied discretion in determining the specific individual equity values and deferred vesting start dates. Based on these qualitative decisions, the compensation committee then calculated the exact number of RSUs to be granted by dividing this initial equity value by \$20.85 per share, which was the fair value of our Class B common stock as of the end of 2010.

Deferred Vesting of 2011 RSU Grants. The compensation committee deferred the vesting start dates of all 2011 RSU grants made to our executive officers to a future date determined individually for each executive. As a result, the 2011 RSU grants will not begin to vest unless the recipient remains continuously employed by Facebook through future dates as described in 2011 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table below. The compensation committee reviewed the size and vesting schedule for the remaining unvested portion of all outstanding equity award holdings of each of our executive officers and agreed with the recommendation of our CEO and COO (except that our COO did not participate in discussions regarding her own equity compensation) that the existing equity awards appropriately satisfied our retention and incentive goals for the immediate future for each of our executive officers. Accordingly, the additional equity awards granted in 2011 start vesting only after a significant portion of each executive's outstanding equity awards have vested, and these vesting start dates range from the fourth quarter of 2013 to the fourth quarter of 2014. These grants have four-year vesting schedules that result in vesting end dates ranging from the fourth quarter of 2017 to the fourth quarter of 2018. The compensation committee believes that these vesting schedules make the equity awards more valuable for retaining our executive officers for the long term. For more information relating to the vesting schedules of these RSU grants, see 2011 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table below.

2011 Equity Grants. Mr. Zuckerberg did not receive any additional equity grants in 2011 because our compensation committee believed that his existing equity ownership position sufficiently aligns his interests with those of our stockholders.