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(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024  
OR  
 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission File Number 001-37622

**BLOCK, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

80-0429876

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

1955 Broadway, Suite 600  
Oakland, CA 94612<sup>1</sup>

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(415) 375-3176

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Common Stock, \$0.0000001 par value per share	XYZ	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).

Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company  Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the closing price of a share of the registrant's Class A common stock on June 30, 2024 as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on such date was approximately \$ 37.8 billion. Shares of the registrant's Class A common stock and Class B common stock held by each executive officer, director and holder of 5% or more of the outstanding Class A common stock and Class B common stock have been excluded in that such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This calculation does not reflect a determination that certain persons are affiliates of the registrant for any other purpose.

As of February 18, 2025, the number of shares (in thousands) of the registrant's Class A and Class B common stock outstanding were 559,431 and 60,049 , respectively.

Portions of the registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement relating to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K where indicated. Such Definitive Proxy Statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the registrant's fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> We have adopted a distributed work model and, therefore, have no formal headquarters. This address represents our "principal executive office," which we are required to identify under Securities and Exchange Commission rules.

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#### **CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements generally relate to future events or our future financial or operating performance. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements because they contain words such as "may," "will," "appears," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "could," "intends," "target," "projects," "contemplates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential," or "continue," or the negative of these words or other similar terms or expressions that concern our expectations, strategy, plans, or intentions. Forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K include, but are not limited to, statements about our future financial and operating performance, our expectations regarding transaction and loan losses, the adequacy of our allowance for loan losses on loans held for investment, or increased delinquencies, and the impact of inaccurate estimates or inadequate reserves, our anticipated growth and growth strategies and our ability to effectively manage that growth, our ability to invest in and develop our products and services to operate with changing technology, the expected benefits of our products to our customers and the impact of our products on our business, our expectations regarding product launches, trends in our markets and the continuation of such trends, our expectations related to our plans to cap our employee base, our plans with respect to patents and other intellectual property, our expectations regarding litigation and regulatory matters, the adequacy of reserves for such matters and the impact of any such matters or settlements thereof on our business, our expectations regarding share-based compensation, our expectations regarding the impacts of accounting guidance and the timing of our compliance therewith, our expectations regarding restricted cash, and the sufficiency of our cash and cash equivalents and cash generated from operations to meet our working capital and capital expenditure requirements.

We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events and trends that we believe may affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, prospects, business strategy, and financial needs. The outcome of the events described in these forward-looking statements is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors described in the section titled "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks and uncertainties emerge from time to time and it is not possible for us to predict all risks and uncertainties that could have an impact on the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We cannot assure you that the results, events, and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will be achieved or occur, and actual results, events, or circumstances could differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements are based on information and estimates available to us at the time of filing this Annual Report on Form 10-K and are not guarantees of future performance. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K or to reflect new information or the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law.

## PART I

### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

#### Our Business

At Block, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, "Block" or "we"), we are building an ecosystem dedicated to economic empowerment and unlocking access to the financial system for people around the world. We do this by building the most relevant products and tools for the communities we serve including sellers, consumers, artists, fans and developers. Our brands work together cohesively, often positively reinforcing one another and creating resonant relationships with people who use our products to meet multiple needs across the different aspects of their lives. As we scale, we are focused on investing in building deeper connections between our ecosystems and increasing the resilience of our company.

On December 1, 2021, we changed our corporate name from Square, Inc. to Block, Inc. Block is the name for the company as a corporate entity. Since our start in 2009 with the Square business, we have added Cash App, and relatively nascent businesses with TIDAL and two bitcoin businesses, Bitkey and Proto.

Our two reportable segments are Square, formerly referred to as Seller, and Cash App, which reflects our two primary ecosystems and the manner in which the Company's chief operating decision maker ("CODM") reviews and assesses performance.

#### Square Ecosystem

We started Block with the Square ecosystem in February 2009 to enable businesses ("sellers") to accept card payments, an important capability that was previously inaccessible to many businesses. As our company grew, we recognized that sellers need a variety of solutions to thrive and saw how we could apply our strength in technology and innovation to help sellers. We have since expanded Square into a cohesive commerce ecosystem that provides more than 30 distinct products and services to help our sellers start, run, and grow their businesses. We combine software, hardware, and financial services to create products and services that are cohesive, fast, self-serve, and elegant. These attributes differentiate Square in a fragmented industry that traditionally forced sellers to stitch together products and services from multiple vendors, and often rely on inefficient non-digital processes and tools. Our ability to add new sellers efficiently, help them grow their business, and cross-sell our products and services has historically contributed to our long-term growth.

#### Cash App Ecosystem

Cash App provides an ecosystem of financial products and services to help consumers manage their money. Cash App's goal is to redefine the world's relationship with money by making it more relatable, instantly available, and universally accessible. While Cash App started with the single ability to send and receive money, it now provides an ecosystem of financial services focused on helping consumers make their money go further by enabling customers to store, send, receive, spend, invest, buy now, pay later ("BNPL"), borrow or save their money with Cash App. Similar to our Square ecosystem, we believe the aggregation of these products into one app differentiates Cash App from competitors and provides greater utility for customers, allowing Cash App to build retentive relationships with its customers. Over time, with its bank partners, Cash App is aiming to become one of the top providers of banking services to households in the United States that earn up to \$150,000 per year.

#### TIDAL Ecosystem

TIDAL expands our purpose of economic empowerment to artists. TIDAL is a global platform for musicians and their fans that uses unique content, experiences, and features to bring fans closer to artists and to provide artists with tools to succeed as entrepreneurs. TIDAL offers an extensive catalog of more than 162 million songs and 927,000 high-quality videos. TIDAL has a global presence with listeners in more than 60 countries and relationships with more than 300 labels and distributors.

## Bitcoin Ecosystem

Our bitcoin ecosystem includes our bitcoin hardware projects, which include Bitkey, a self-custody bitcoin wallet, Proto, a bitcoin mining system, as well as Spiral, an independent team focused on contributing to bitcoin open source work. We believe our bitcoin ecosystem can help address inefficiencies in the current financial system, especially with respect to identity and trust. In the fourth quarter of 2024, we announced our decision to wind down TBD, which was an open developer platform for decentralized finance.

## Our Customers

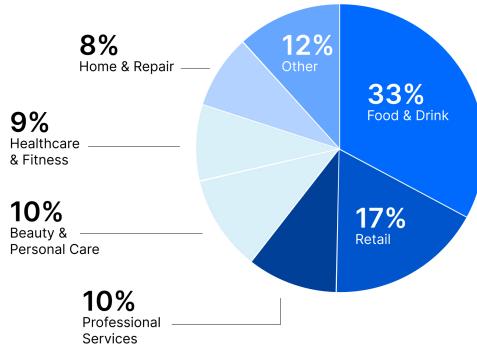
### Our Square Sellers

Square sellers represent a diverse range of industries (including services, food-related, and retail businesses) and sizes, ranging from sole proprietors to multinational businesses. Square sellers span geographies, including the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, and Spain. We believe the diversity of our sellers underscores the accessibility and flexibility of our offerings. We have also increasingly served mid-market sellers, which we define as sellers that generate more than \$500,000 in annualized Square Gross Payment Volume ("Square GPV"), due to our ability to offer more flexible and complex solutions than traditional alternatives, as well as a growing product suite. For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, none of our customers accounted for greater than 5% of Square GPV. We define Square GPV as the total dollar amount of all card and bank payments processed by sellers using Square, net of refunds.

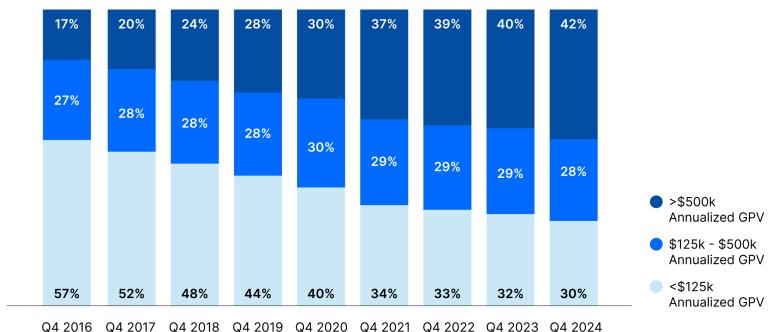
In the year ended December 31, 2024, more than 4 million sellers used the Square ecosystem to make 5.2 billion individual sales transactions totaling \$228 billion of Square GPV. These sales transactions originated from more than 800 million payment cards, across more than 300 million buyer profiles.

The charts below show the percentage mix of our Square GPV by seller industry and seller size for the year ended December 31, 2024:

**Square GPV by Industry Chart**



## Square GPV Mix by Seller Size

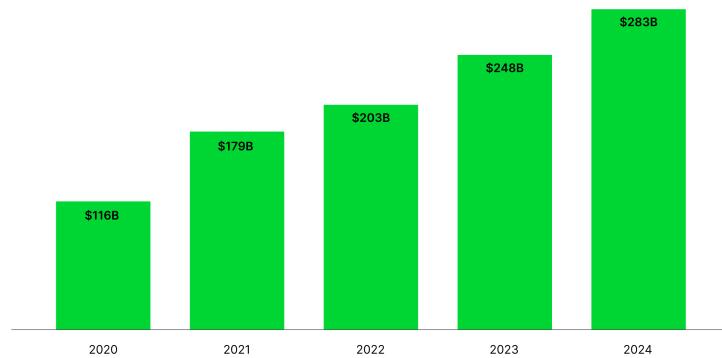


## Our Cash App Customers

As of December 2024, Cash App had 57 million monthly transacting actives across the United States. In 2024, Cash App was the number one finance app on Google Play and number two finance app on iOS based on downloads in the United States. Cash App has a diverse mix of customers and, in the United States, had monthly transacting actives in each of the 50 states and nearly every county as of December 2024.

In 2024, Cash App transacting actives brought \$283 billion in inflows into Cash App. Customers can fund their Cash App accounts with inflows in a variety of ways, including by receiving money from another Cash App customer through the app's core peer-to-peer transfer service, transferring money from a bank account, depositing mobile checks, adding physical cash at participating retailers, and receiving a recurring paycheck by direct deposit. In the fourth quarter of 2024, our Cash App monthly transacting actives brought in an average of \$1,255 of inflows during the quarter. A transacting active is a Cash App account that has at least one financial transaction using any product or service within Cash App during the specified period. Examples of transactions include sending or receiving a peer-to-peer payment, transferring money into or out of Cash App, making a purchase using Cash App Card, earning a dividend on a stock investment, and paying back a loan, among others. Certain of these accounts may share an alias identifier with one or more other transacting active accounts. This could represent, among other things, one customer with multiple accounts or multiple customers sharing one alias identifier (for example, families).

**Cash App Annual Inflows**



**Cash App Inflows Per Active**



## Cash App Monthly Transacting Actives



## Our Products and Services

### Square Ecosystem

Our Square ecosystem consists of more than 30 distinct software, hardware, and financial services products. Our products are designed to be self-serve and intuitive to make initial setup and new employee training fast and easy, although we also offer full-service setup and support. Our products are also flexible enough to serve the needs of both small, single location and large, complex multi-location sellers. Our products are integrated to create a seamless experience and enable a holistic view of sales, customers, employees, and finances. We believe the breadth and depth of our products and services provide us unique advantages in best serving the needs of our sellers through a holistic view of their businesses. We supplement these first party capabilities with our open developer platform that enables integrations with third-party applications. We monetize these products through a combination of transaction, subscription, and service fees.

### Strategic Priorities

Our focus for Square is on four priorities: maintaining our secure, and flexible multi-product platform, providing a "local" experience to sellers of all sizes, growing with artificial intelligence ("AI"), and further developing our banking offering.

- **Platform:** It is critical that we have a strong foundation to build upon to serve external customers through our developer platform and partner ecosystem, and our internal team's first party products. This includes increasing reliability of our platform and also introducing products and features that are most important to our customers.
- **Local:** Our go-to-market strategy is focused on verticals with a local approach, specifically restaurants and services-based businesses. Growing upmarket has shown us that even larger sellers want to feel authentic to their buyers. We can enable this type of robust offering through our technology and by improving the onboarding process through sales and account management.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** We are focused on enabling growth by leveraging AI to increase productivity and outcomes for our sales and marketing, customer service, and engineering efforts, in addition to building features that help sellers grow their businesses.

- **Banking:** Our robust banking offering primarily helps our sellers manage cash flow and grow their business through our lending capabilities. We will continue to drive trust with our sellers, and build products and features that help with sellers accessing funds securely and timely.

## Commerce

Square's commerce products help sellers make sales and track orders, inventory, and fulfillment across in-person and online channels, as well as first-party and third-party channels. Most of our Square commerce products have a free tier (without a subscription fee), which we monetize only through transaction fees on card payments. Some commerce products also have premium tiers with additional functionality, which we monetize through subscription fees in addition to transaction fees on payments.

**Square Point of Sale** is our primary commerce application for sellers, and provides an easy-to-use, customizable point-of-sale solution that adapts across business types and stages. Over the past year, we have modernized and simplified our Point of Sale applications, combining our vertical software solutions into one Square Point of Sale app, which now includes:

- A vertical solution tailored for both quick-service and full-service restaurants. It includes table, order, and course management; a kitchen display system; and revenue and cost reporting.
- A vertical solution tailored for appointment-based businesses that need a point-of-sale application with integrated booking capabilities. Our features include a free online booking site so buyers can easily schedule appointments and select their preferred time, service, and staff member. It is also integrated with Square Assistant, an AI-enabled automated messaging tool designed to respond to buyers efficiently and professionally, saving sellers' time and helping prevent missed appointments.
- A vertical solution tailored for sellers in the retail industry. It includes advanced inventory management, cost of goods sold reporting, purchase orders, vendor management, and barcode scanning.
- A customizable digital invoicing solution with integrated and secure online payment acceptance. This eliminates the need to print and mail statements to customers and wait for checks to arrive. Sellers use Square Invoices for upcoming, recurring, or previously delivered goods and services, such as catering orders, contractor services, lessons, and retail orders. Square Invoices also lets sellers send estimates and collect partial payments for goods and services.

Our commerce products also include:

- **Square Online** makes it easy to build a website and online store as well as sell on Instagram and Facebook. The online store is mobile responsive, delivering an app-like ordering experience on a buyer's phone. With integrated support for QR code ordering, sellers can also streamline their in-store operations by posting the QR code and having their buyers order from their own phones. Fulfillment options include pickup, delivery managed by our sellers, and integrations with partner delivery platforms. The system is designed for orders, items, inventory, and customer data to stay in sync when selling both online and in-person.
- **Square Online Checkout** makes it easy to sell online without a website by allowing sellers to create a checkout link with only a name and price for their good or service.
- **Square Virtual Terminal** allows sellers to use a computer as a card terminal. Sellers can take a payment, set up recurring billing, record sales, and send digital receipts for payments, including those made by check and bank transfer.
- **Risk Manager** gives sellers insight into online payment fraud patterns and enables them to set custom rules and alerts to manage risk. Machine-learning algorithms are designed to automatically identify fraud patterns and adapt to fit a seller's operations.
- **Order Manager** allows sellers to manage online orders that originate from Square Online, their own website on another platform, and third-party websites including online marketplaces such as DoorDash. Order Manager enables tracking open orders, managing prep times and busy times, and marking orders as completed.

- **Payment APIs** (application programming interfaces) and SDKs (software development kits) support in-person, online, and mobile payments. Square Reader SDK enables developers to seamlessly integrate Square hardware with a seller's custom point of sale, allowing them to build unique checkout experiences such as self-ordering kiosks powered by Square's managed payments service. With Square's online payments APIs, developers can integrate Square payments into a seller's e-commerce website or online store. Square's In-App Payments SDK enables developers to build consumer mobile apps that use Square to process payments. These products are monetized primarily through transaction fees on payment volumes.
- **Commerce APIs:** Square offers more than 30 commerce APIs, through which developers can create and manage orders, subscriptions, product catalogs, inventory, customer profiles, employees, loyalty programs, gift cards, and more to build applications that enrich and integrate with Square's ecosystem of products. In addition, these APIs enable developers to build integrations with their existing business systems such as accounting, customer relationship management ("CRM"), employee management, and enterprise resource planning ("ERP") software.

For card payments, Square acts as the merchant of record for the transaction as well as the payment service provider ("PSP"). As the merchant of record, Square is the party responsible for settling funds with the seller and helps manage transaction risk loss on behalf of the seller. Square's managed payments offering for sellers includes payment dispute management, data security, and PCI compliance for a transparent transaction fee paid by sellers. Square has negotiated terms and entered into contractual arrangements directly with other service providers of transaction processing services, including the acquiring processors and card networks, and indirectly with issuing banks. These contracts include negotiated terms, such as more favorable pricing, that are generally not available to sellers if they were to contract directly with these sub-service providers. Square's position as the merchant of record helps us better serve our sellers. For example, as the merchant of record, we can more efficiently onboard new sellers through our website, leveraging our risk assessment models, and we have insights into transaction-level data that we use to inform our sellers and launch new products.

#### **Software**

Most of our Square software products have a free tier (without a subscription fee), which we monetize only through transaction fees on card payments. Most software products also have premium tiers with additional functionality, which we monetize through subscription fees in addition to transaction fees on payments.

Square's Customer capabilities help sellers grow their business. By linking customer data together with online and in-person commerce data, Square can offer sellers integrated omnichannel capabilities to acquire, engage, and retain customers. Square transaction data and reporting allows sellers to easily assess performance and return on investment. We typically monetize these products via service and software fees.

- **BNPL** helps drive net new demand to sellers via discovery in the Afterpay app and has historically increased average conversion rates and average transaction sizes for new and existing customers across online and in-store channels.
- **Square Loyalty** helps sellers keep their buyers coming back. We have found that buyers that enroll in a Square Loyalty program have been more than three times as likely to be repeat customers and spend 50% more on average.
- **Square Marketing** helps sellers drive traffic by sending emails or texts to promote in-store events, new products, last-minute deals, or seasonal offers. Sellers can set up recurring automated campaigns to welcome new customers, wish them a happy birthday, send abandoned-cart reminders, or reach out to lapsed customers.
- **Square Gift Cards** help sellers bring in new buyers when their customers purchase gift cards for their friends and family.

Square's staff management products give sellers digital tools to streamline their operations. These tools are designed to seamlessly integrate with other Square products eliminating the latent, time-consuming, and error-prone processes typically used to copy and sync data between disparate systems. We typically monetize these products via software fees.

- **Square Team Management** makes it easy to schedule staff and view team performance and sales analytics in real time. It also enables limiting access to Square software features per employee or role. The Square Team App enables team members to clock in and out, view and adjust their schedules, and see timecards, hours worked, and estimated pay from their mobile phone.
- **Square Payroll** allows sellers to pay wages and associated employee taxes, and offer employee benefits (e.g. 401(k) accounts). The Square ecosystem drives competitive differentiation for our Payroll product with the ability to use Payroll in conjunction with our point-of-sale products, Team Management, and Cash App.

#### **Financial Services**

Through our wholly-owned subsidiary bank, Square Financial Services, Inc. ("Square Financial Services") and with our third-party bank partners, we offer a growing number of banking services that make it easier for sellers to manage cash flow and get faster access to funds.

- **Square Lending** provides a platform of lending products to qualified Square sellers. Square Loans (formerly Square Capital) facilitates loans to qualified Square sellers through Square Financial Services, which is an industrial loan company ("ILC"). Square Loans eliminates the lengthy (and often unsuccessful) loan application process. We are able to approve sellers for these loans by using our unique data set of the seller's Square transactions to help facilitate loan underwriting and collections, which mitigates risks. Generally, loan repayment occurs automatically through a fixed percentage of every card transaction a seller takes. Loans are sized to be less than 20% of a seller's expected annual Square GPV and, by simply running their business, sellers historically have repaid their loans within nine months on average. We currently fund a majority of these loans from arrangements with institutional third-party investors who purchase these loans on a forward-flow basis, which mitigates our balance sheet and liquidity risk. Since its public launch in May 2014, Square Loans has facilitated more than 3.1 million loans and advances, representing more than \$25.8 billion in principal amount loaned or advanced. We launched Square Credit Card in 2023 to provide another lending option to qualified Square sellers.
- **Instant Transfer** enables sellers to receive funds from their payments instantly or later that same day. Instant Transfer is an important tool for sellers that need faster access to their funds in order to better manage their cash flow or working capital.
- **Square Checking** provides sellers with an account provided by our bank partner that is eligible for FDIC deposit insurance if certain conditions are met. Square Checking gives sellers instant access to their sales and the ability to immediately use those funds via a debit card (Square Debit Card), withdraw funds from an ATM, or transfer funds via ACH.
- **Square Savings** is an FDIC-insured, interest earning business savings account at Square Financial Services, with no monthly fees or minimums, designed to make cash flow management easier for sellers. With Square Savings, sellers can easily and automatically put aside a portion of their sales in their savings account while also organizing their money within folders, streamlining the process of saving funds for specific goals and priorities, such as quarterly tax obligations.

## Hardware

Square custom-designs hardware that can process all major card payment forms, including magnetic stripe, EMV chip, and NFC (contactless). Sellers are able to accept cards issued by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, JCB (in Japan), Interac Flash (in Canada), e-Money (in Japan), and eftpos (in Australia). Square hardware can be integrated with additional accessories such as cash drawers, receipt printers, scales, and barcode scanners to provide sellers with a comprehensive point-of-sale solution. Square's hardware portfolio includes the following:

- **Square Register** is an all-in-one offering that combines our hardware, point-of-sale software, and payments technology. The dedicated hardware consists of two screens: a seller display and a customer display with a built-in card reader that accepts tap, dip, and swipe payments.
- **Square Terminal** is a portable, all-in-one payments device and receipt printer to replace traditional keypad terminals. It accepts tap, dip, and swipe payments, enabling payments anywhere in the store.
- **Square Stand** enables an iPad to be used as a payment terminal or full point-of-sale solution. It features an integrated contactless and chip reader.
- **Square Reader for contactless and chip** accepts EMV chip cards and NFC payments, enabling acceptance via Apple Pay, Google Pay, and other mobile wallets.
- **Square Reader for magstripe** enables swiped transactions of magnetic-stripe cards by connecting with an iOS or Android smartphone or tablet via the headphone jack or Lightning connector.

## Cash App Ecosystem

With Cash App, we are building an ecosystem of financial products and services that helps consumers manage their money by making it more relatable, instantly available, and universally accessible. Cash App is primarily in the United States and has a diverse set of customers across demographics and regions. We use our inflows framework to assess the performance of Cash App across transacting actives, inflows per active, and the monetization rate on inflows.

## Strategic Priorities

Cash App sits at the intersection of three traditionally-distinct use cases: financial services, community based transactions (peer-to-peer payments) and commerce. Our approach for Cash App is to combine these three areas together in a unique manner to define a new product category and reinvent banking for our customers. With its bank partners, Cash App aims to become one of the top providers of banking services to households in the United States that earn up to \$150,000 per year. To achieve this, we have a three-part strategy: **(1) bank our base, (2) move upmarket by serving families, and (3) build the next-generation social bank.** The majority of our near term focus and current investments are on Banking our Base, the first part of our strategy, where we see the most direct opportunity to drive meaningful top line growth for Cash App. As part of our strategy we plan to continue to build **trust** with our customers and enhance our safety, security, and support for current and prospective customers.

- **Bank Our Base:** Cash App Card is generally customers' entry point into a deeper banking relationship with Cash App. Beyond Cash App Card, we want to provide other banking services to our customers through our third-party bank partners. Cash App offers a compelling financial services offering to eligible customers that utilize direct deposit on a monthly basis, including an attractive savings rate, free in-network ATM withdrawals, free overdraft coverage up to a certain amount, and priority phone support. We plan to continue launching additional products and features to strengthen our value proposition and also to invest in incentives and marketing to drive awareness and adoption of direct deposit.

- **Move Upmarket by Serving Families:** Over the last few years, we made Cash App available to individuals aged 13 and older, first starting with Cash App Card and peer to peer transfers and then expanding into additional banking features. We've been focused on building trust and safety for teens and their parents by giving parents transparency into their family's activity, allowing them to set permissions, and offering a robust set of oversight and controls. Through this effort, we're positioning Cash App for long-term growth by serving families in the near-term and then growing with our teen customer base as they mature, their income grows, and they engage more deeply with the full suite of banking products and financial services that Cash App offers through our third-party bank partners.

- **Build the Next-Generation Social Bank:** We are continuing to invest in building our social-driven feature set through areas like expanded profile functionality, sharing/recommendations, and exploring new ways for our customer base to transact together through financial services that have historically been disconnected from the community. A big part of this vision is linking Square's local priority with Cash App. We want to enable more local commerce by connecting our two largest ecosystems, with Cash App customers buying from Square sellers.

#### *Inflows and Outflows*

Customers can use Cash App to inflow funds in a variety of ways, including by receiving money from another Cash App customer through the app's core peer-to-peer transfer service, transferring money from a bank account, depositing mobile checks, adding physical cash at participating retailers, receiving a recurring paycheck by direct deposit, and through other inflow channels. These funds can then be sent to another customer through the app, spent anywhere that accepts Visa cards or Cash App Pay, withdrawn from an ATM using the Cash App Card, invested in stocks or exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), used to buy bitcoin, or transferred to a bank account (either instantly for a fee or for free in one to three days).

#### *Trust*

We serve our customers through a broad suite of financial services, and earning their trust is a key factor in how we can deepen our financial relationship with them. The breadth of our financial service offerings allows us to increase our share of wallet as well as expand our customer base to serve a wider variety of demographics. We develop trust with customers by offering reliable, easy, and secure access to their accounts and convenient support. We also adapt the amount of funds a customer can bring in through specific channels based on risk profile, and as we improve our understanding of a customer's identity. We believe building and maintaining deep trust with our customers will drive greater product adoption and increased inflows into our ecosystem.

#### *Product Categories*

##### *Banking Services*

Through third-party bank partners, we offer a growing number of banking services that are designed to make it easier for customers to manage cash flow and provide them with fast access to funds.

- **Cash App Card** is a debit card, issued by our bank partner, and linked directly to a customer's Cash App balance. Customers can order a Cash App Card for free and use it anywhere that accepts Visa cards to make purchases, drawing down from the funds stored in their Cash App balance. Cash App earns interchange fees when individuals make purchases with their Cash App Card. Customers can select new or promotional Cash App Card designs for a fee, and can also withdraw funds from an ATM using the Cash App Card. Customers can also purchase and send gift cards at specific merchants to other customers, and recipients can spend them with their Cash App Card.
- **Direct deposit** capabilities, in alliance with our bank partner and system processor, allow customers to receive their recurring paycheck, tax refund, or government disbursement into their Cash App account, which they can then use to send, spend, store, or invest.
- **Savings** allows customers to hold a separate savings balance at our bank partner, and easily set and track towards financial goals. Customers can add money to Savings using their Cash App balance, a linked debit card, or through Round Ups on purchases with Cash App Card.

- **Cash Offers (formerly Boost)** is a free and instant rewards program that offers customers discounts at specific businesses (e.g., 10% off a purchase on DoorDash) or at certain business types (e.g., grocery stores). Customers can select the Cash Offers they want to apply to their Cash App Card, and the discount is instantly applied to their Cash App balance for eligible transactions. Some Cash Offers are selected and funded by Cash App, while others are funded by our partners. Costs related to the Cash App rewards program that are funded by Cash App are recognized as reductions to revenue.
- **Cash App Borrow:** We believe credit is an area within our financial services offerings where we can provide simple, fair, and accessible products that promote financial health. Cash App Borrow, our first credit product for consumers, allows customers to access short-term loans for a small fee. The product offers eligible Cash App customers up to \$1,000 at any one time that they can pay back in scheduled installments or as a percentage of what they receive into Cash App. We determine a Cash App customer's eligibility based on prudent risk management by using our unique data set that includes a customer's inflows and engagement on Cash App. The average Cash App Borrow loan was repaid in less than four weeks in 2024.

#### *BNPL Platform*

Cash App is focused on driving greater commerce between consumers and merchants. Our BNPL platform facilitates commerce between retail merchants and consumers by allowing its retail merchant clients to offer their customers the ability to buy goods and services on a BNPL basis. Our BNPL platform provides consumers the ability to get desired items now but pay for them later, while simultaneously helping merchants increase sales and order values. We have a range of products across our BNPL platform.

- **Pay in 4:** Through the use of our BNPL platform, consumers can split their purchases into generally three or four installments, typically due in two-week increments, without paying fees (if payments are made on time). We pay retail merchants the full order value up front (less a percentage fee) and assume the risk of non-payment from the consumer.
- **Monthly Payment Solution:** We also offer the ability for consumers to pay for larger transaction sizes over a six- or twelve-month period using a monthly payment option. The structure of the product includes no late fees and no compounding interest with a cap on total interest owed. Similar to Pay in 4, we pay retail merchants the full order value up front (less a percentage fee) and assume the risk of non-payment from the consumer.
- **Advertising and affiliate:** Our BNPL platform generates hundreds of millions of leads each year for merchants and has channeled this demand towards scaling an ads and affiliate program for its merchants: for affiliate relationships, we receive a commission when a consumer begins their shopping journey in the Afterpay App and makes a purchase. We may also receive digital advertising revenue based on clicks to a merchant site from the Afterpay App as well as flat fees for premium ad placements.
- **Shop directory:** We operate an online shop directory, which allows consumers to search by product category for stores that offer Afterpay as a payment option.
- **Afterpay Card, Afterpay Plus Card:** We offer two in-store cards that allow consumers to pay in 4 for in-person transactions at a merchant's point of sale. The Afterpay Card allows consumers to shop in-store at Afterpay merchants and is free for the consumer. The Afterpay Plus Card is currently available to select Afterpay consumers in certain regions for a monthly fee and allows them to shop in-store anywhere that Apple Pay or Google Pay is accepted.

#### *Community*

Peer-to-peer payments form the basis of our Community development pillar because customers engage in financial transactions with other members of the Cash App community. When customers use peer-to-peer, they are inviting their friends, family, and coworkers to download Cash App so that they can send each other money. Peer-to-peer becomes more useful for our customers as their communities expand, so our customers are naturally incentivized to bring more people into their networks. We offer the peer-to-peer service to our Cash App customers for free when a linked debit account is used to fund a transaction, as we consider peer-to-peer to be a marketing tool to encourage Cash App usage. We charge a fee to the sender when transactions are funded using a credit card, and a fee to the recipient if it is a business account.

Instant Deposit was the first feature we started monetizing on Cash App. Customers are able to instantly transfer funds from Cash App to a bank account for a small fee. We believe our customer base values fast access to funds, and this speed is one example of how we differentiate our ecosystem.

#### *Cash App Pay*

Cash App Pay is a simple, mobile-friendly way for Cash App customers to pay at merchants across online and in-person channels. Cash App Pay allows customers to seamlessly pay with a Cash App account at participating merchants like DoorDash, Lyft, Google Play Store, Temu, and many more, including thousands of Square sellers. For in-person and desktop web transactions customers simply scan a merchant's QR code at checkout. On mobile devices, customers can click the Cash App Pay button at checkout for a payment process that is fast, elegantly designed, and secure.

#### *Bitcoin*

We have a simple bitcoin exchange and custody solution that provides customers with an onramp and offramp to buy and sell bitcoin with Cash App for as little as \$1 and a custodial account to store it securely without needing to keep track of any private keys. Our solution offers features that allow customers to complete auto buys and custom limit orders, as well as direct deposit to auto-convert their paycheck into bitcoin and earn instant bitcoin rewards on Cash App Card purchases.

We have also focused on payments through bitcoin. Given our network scale, we believe Cash App can help bitcoin evolve beyond an asset class and enable transactional utility, which is why we launched our offering in 2018 with the ability to deposit and withdraw bitcoin across the blockchain. We have since added the ability for customers to send bitcoin across the Cash App network to any phone number or \$Cashtag, creating an easy-to-use off-chain network for bitcoin payments that settles instantly between transacting actives. We also allow U.S. actives to send and receive bitcoin to/from anyone with a compatible wallet via the Lightning Network. The Lightning Network is a second layer technology applied to the bitcoin blockchain that enables faster transactions with little to no fees.

#### *Tax Preparation*

Cash App Taxes provides a seamless, mobile-first solution for consumers to file their taxes for free.

#### *Stock Brokerage*

Customers can also use Cash App to invest their funds for free in U.S. listed stocks and ETFs. We believe this makes investing more accessible by giving customers access to hundreds of listed stocks and ETFs that they can purchase using their Cash App balance or a linked debit card for as little as \$1. Once the order is filled, all investments are viewable through the stocks applet.

#### *Business Accounts*

Cash App allows business accounts to collect payments for their business by accepting peer-to-peer transactions for a fee, while allowing higher weekly limits and providing relevant tax reporting forms.

### **Sales and Marketing**

#### *Square Ecosystem*

The Square ecosystem has a strong brand affinity among its sellers. Our Net Promoter Score ("NPS") has averaged 53 over the past four quarters, which is notably higher than the average score for banking providers. Our high NPS means Square sellers recommend our services to others, which we believe strengthens the Square brand and helps drive efficient customer acquisition.

Direct marketing, online and offline, has also been an effective customer acquisition channel. These tactics include online search engine optimization and marketing, online display advertising, direct mail campaigns, direct response television advertising, mobile advertising, and affiliate and seller referral programs.

Our direct sales and account management teams also contribute to the acquisition and support of larger sellers. Historically, our sales team was primarily focused on converting inbound leads from interest generated through other acquisition channels, and in more recent years, we have built out an outbound sales team focused on outreach to new prospective sellers. These outbound sales were traditionally done remotely via telephone. In the fourth quarter of 2024, we began hiring a field sales team to focus exclusively on in-person seller outreach to further increase acquisition of larger sellers.

Our direct, ongoing interactions with our sellers help us tailor offerings to them, at scale, and in the context of their usage. We use various scalable communication channels such as email marketing, in-product notifications and messaging, and Square Communities, our online forum for sellers, to increase the awareness and usage of our products and services with little incremental sales and marketing expense. Our customer support team also helps increase awareness and usage of our products as part of helping sellers address inquiries and issues.

In addition to direct channels, we work with third-party developers and other partners who offer our solutions to their customers. Partners expand our addressable market to sellers with individualized or industry-specific needs. Through the Square App Marketplace, Square partners are able to expand their own addressable market by reaching the millions of sellers using Square. As of December 31, 2024, Square had more than 900 managed partners connected to its platform.

#### **Cash App Ecosystem**

Cash App has also developed a strong brand, which can be traced back to our compelling features, self-serve experience, unique design, and engaging marketing.

Peer-to-peer transactions serve as the primary acquisition channel for Cash App. Peer-to-peer transactions have powerful network effects as every time a customer sends or requests money, Cash App can potentially acquire a new customer or re-engage an existing customer. We have enhanced the efficiency of peer-to-peer transfers by streamlining the onboarding process for Cash App, enabling customers to sign up in minutes. We offer the peer-to-peer service to our Cash App customers for free, and we consider it to be a marketing tool to encourage the usage of Cash App. We do not generate revenue on the majority of peer-to-peer transactions and for these transactions we characterize card issuance costs, peer-to-peer costs, and risk loss as a sales and marketing expense.

Cash App also uses paid marketing, including referrals, advertising spend, partnerships, and social media campaigns, to expand its network, as these programs help reach new customers, enhance its brand, and improve retention among existing customers. Cash App has a dedicated sales team focused on products like BNPL, Monthly Payment Solution, Cash App Pay, and other new and emerging products. This team builds relationships with several of the largest and most well known merchants in the US and relevant international markets for BNPL.

Additionally, we see the launch and advertising of new Cash App features as an important way to attract new customers and engage existing customers. Features such as Cash App Card and Offers rewards, bitcoin buying and selling, investing in stocks and ETFs, Cash App Pay, and a tax preparation service enhance Cash App's utility for customers and provide reasons for consumers to try Cash App.

#### **Product Development and Technology**

We design both our Square and Cash App products and services to be cohesive, fast, self-serve, and elegant, and product development is a cross-functional effort combining individuals from product management, engineering, data science, analytics, design, and product marketing. Our products and services are platform-agnostic with most supporting iOS, Android, and web. We frequently update our software products and have a rapid software release schedule with improvements deployed regularly. Our services are built on a scalable technology platform, and we place a strong emphasis on data analytics and machine learning to maximize the efficacy, efficiency, and scalability of our services.

In our Square ecosystem, this technology platform enables us to capture and analyze billions of transactions per year and automate risk assessment for more than 99.95% of all transactions. Our hardware is designed and developed in-house, and we contract with third-party manufacturers for production.

## Our Competition

### Square Ecosystem

The markets in which our Square ecosystem operates are competitive and evolving. Our competitors range from large, well-established vendors to smaller, earlier-stage companies. We seek to differentiate ourselves from competitors primarily on the basis of our extensive commerce ecosystem and our focus on building remarkable products and services that are cohesive, fast, self-serve, and elegant. In addition, we differentiate ourselves by offering transparent pricing, no long-term contracts, and our ability to innovate and reshape the industries we operate in to expand access to traditionally unserved or underserved sellers. With respect to each of these factors, we believe that we compare favorably to our competitors. Competitors that overlap with certain functions and features that we provide include:

- Business software providers such as those that provide point of sale, website building, inventory management, employee management, customer relationship management invoicing, and appointment booking solutions;
- Payment terminal vendors;
- Merchant acquirers;
- Banks that provide payment processing, checking, savings, loans, and payroll;
- Pen and paper, manual processes, and paper currency;
- Payroll processors; and
- Established or new alternative lenders.

### Cash App Ecosystem

Cash App competes with other companies in peer-to-peer payments, debit and prepaid cards, credit card rewards, stock trading, tax filing, digital wallet, bitcoin exchanges, BNPL providers, and shopping and consumer demand generation. Our competitors include money transfer apps, prepaid debit card offerings, brokerage firms, tax firms, financial technology apps, banks, and crypto trading services.

We compete primarily on our differentiated lifestyle brand, the breadth of our network, the range of products in our ecosystem, and the simplicity and quality of our customer experience. We invest in brand, design, and technology to keep our products fast and simple, while also improving and expanding our features.

## Intellectual Property

We seek to protect our intellectual property rights by relying on a combination of federal, state, and common law rights in the United States and other countries, as well as on contractual measures. It is our practice to enter into confidentiality, non-disclosure, and invention assignment agreements with our employees and contractors, and into confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements with other third parties, in order to limit access to, and disclosure and use of, our confidential information and proprietary technology. In addition to these contractual measures, we also rely on a combination of trademarks, trade dress, copyrights, registered domain names, trade secrets, and patent rights to help protect our brand and our other intellectual property. Additionally, we regularly contribute software source code under open source and other permissive licenses and have made other technology we developed available under such licenses, and we include open source software in our products.

We have developed a patent program and strategy to identify, apply for, and secure patents for innovative aspects of our products, services, and technologies where appropriate. We also actively pursue registration of our trademarks, logos, service marks, trade dress, and domain names in the United States and in other jurisdictions. We intend to file additional patent applications as we continue to innovate through our research and development efforts and to pursue additional patent protection to the extent we deem it beneficial and cost-effective, including acquiring patent assets or licensing patent rights from third parties. In addition, we participate in a number of industry organizations that facilitate patent pools or non-assertion commitments, such as the Cryptocurrency Open Patent Alliance that we co-founded, LOT Network, and Open Invention Network.

## **Government Regulation**

Foreign and domestic legal requirements apply to many key aspects of our business. Any actual or perceived failure to comply with these requirements may result in, among other things, revocation of required licenses or registrations, loss of approved status, private litigation, regulatory or governmental investigations, administrative enforcement actions, sanctions, civil and criminal liability, monetary penalties, and constraints on our ability to continue to operate. It is also possible that current or future laws or regulations could be interpreted or applied in a manner that would prohibit, alter, or impair our existing or planned products and services, or that could require costly, time-consuming, or otherwise burdensome compliance measures from us.

### **Payments Regulation**

Various laws and regulations govern the payments industry in the United States and globally. For example, certain jurisdictions in the United States require a license to offer money transmission services, such as Cash App's peer-to-peer payments, and we maintain a license in each of those jurisdictions and comply with new license requirements as they arise. We are also registered as a "Money Services Business" with the U.S. Department of Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"). These licenses and registrations subject us, among other things, to record-keeping requirements, reporting requirements, bonding requirements, limitations on the investment of customer funds, and examination by state and federal regulatory agencies.

Outside the United States, we provide localized versions of some of our services to customers, including through various foreign subsidiaries. The activities of those non-U.S. entities are, or may be, supervised by regulatory authorities in the jurisdictions in which they operate. For instance, we hold an Australian Financial Services License issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to provide non-cash payments in Australia, and we are licensed as an Electronic Money Institution to provide payments services and electronic money in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority and in the European Union by the Central Bank of Ireland.

Our payments services may be or become subject to regulation by other authorities, and the laws and regulations applicable to the payments industry in any given jurisdiction are always subject to interpretation and change.

### **Consumer Protection**

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and other federal, local, state, and foreign regulatory and law enforcement agencies regulate financial products and enforce consumer protection laws, including those applicable to credit, deposit, and payments services, and other similar services. These agencies have broad consumer protection mandates, and they promulgate, interpret, and enforce rules and regulations that affect our business.

### **Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Corruption, and Sanctions**

We are subject to anti-money laundering ("AML"), anti-corruption, and economic and trade sanctions laws and regulations in the United States and other jurisdictions in which we operate. The anti-corruption laws, such as the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act, generally prohibit companies from making or offering improper payments to foreign government officials and political figures for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business or to gain an unfair business advantage. Economic and trade sanctions programs that are administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Controls and equivalent applicable foreign authorities prohibit or restrict transactions to or from, or dealings with, specified countries, governments, individuals and entities, including narcotics traffickers and terrorists or terrorist organizations. We have implemented compliance programs and controls designed to comply with the laws and regulations to which we are subject.

### **Bank Regulation**

We obtained approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and the Utah Department of Financial Institutions to open an ILC. The opening of Square Financial Services, Inc., our ILC, in March 2021 subjects us to direct state and federal regulatory supervision and requires compliance with applicable banking regulations. Our partnerships with FDIC-insured financial institutions to offer certain banking products to customers also subject us to certain federal banking regulations.

## **Lending Regulation**

Various laws and regulations govern lending in the United States and internationally. In the United States, Square Capital, LLC holds and maintains lending and collections licenses with state regulators to support lending products offered across the United States. Afterpay US Services, LLC holds and maintains lending licenses to support its product offerings. These lending licenses subject us to the supervision and examination authority of state regulators, and our partnerships with FDIC-insured financial institutions to offer certain lending products to customers subjects us to federal regulation and supervision.

Outside the United States, we provide localized versions of some of our lending services to customers, including through our various foreign subsidiaries. The activities of our foreign subsidiaries are, or may be, supervised by regulatory authorities in the jurisdictions in which they operate. For example, we hold an Australian Credit Licence issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Our lending services have been and may continue to be subject to regulation by other applicable authorities or jurisdictions, and the laws and regulations applicable to the lending industry in any given jurisdiction are always subject to interpretation and change.

## **Broker-Dealer Regulation**

Our subsidiary, Cash App Investing LLC ("Cash App Investing"), operates as a broker-dealer and is therefore registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). As a broker-dealer, Cash App Investing is subject to SEC and FINRA rules and regulations concerning matters that include, without limitation, how it markets its services, handles customer assets, keeps records, and reports to the SEC and FINRA. Cash App Investing is also registered in each state where it conducts business, and subject to those states' securities laws and regulations.

## **Virtual Currency Regulation**

We are subject to certain licensing and supervisory frameworks as a result of our Cash App offering, through which customers can use their stored funds to buy, hold and sell bitcoin, and transfer bitcoin to and from Cash App. We currently hold a New York State BitLicense and a Virtual Currency Business License in Louisiana. The laws and regulations applicable to virtual currency are evolving and subject to interpretation and change. Therefore, our current and future virtual currency services may be or become subject to additional licensing, regulatory requirements and oversight by other state and federal authorities.

## **Protection and Use of Information**

We collect and use a wide variety of information for various purposes in our business, including to help ensure the integrity of our services and to provide features and functionality to our customers. This aspect of our business, including the collection, use, disclosure, and protection of the information we acquire from our own services as well as from third-party sources, is subject to laws and regulations in the United States, the European Union, and elsewhere. Accordingly, we publish our privacy policies and terms of service, which describe our practices concerning the use, transmission, and disclosure of information. As our business continues to expand in the United States and worldwide, and as laws and regulations continue to be passed and their interpretations continue to evolve in numerous jurisdictions, additional laws and regulations may become relevant to us.

## **Communications Regulation**

We send texts, emails, and other communications in a variety of contexts, such as when providing digital receipts and marketing. Communications laws and regulations, including those promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission, apply to certain aspects of this activity in the United States and elsewhere.

## **Additional Developments**

Various legislative bodies and regulatory agencies in the United States and elsewhere in our international markets continue to examine a wide variety of issues that could impact our business, including privacy, data protection, information security, virtual currencies, identity theft, tax, marketing, and labor and employment matters. As our business continues to develop and expand, additional laws, rules and regulations may become relevant.

### **Seasonality**

Historically, transaction-based revenue for our Square ecosystem has been strongest in our fourth quarter and weakest in our first quarter, as our sellers typically generate additional GPV during the holiday season. Subscription and services-based revenue generally demonstrates less seasonality than transaction-based revenue. Hardware revenue generally demonstrates less seasonality than transaction-based revenue, with most fluctuations tied to periodic product launches, promotions, or other arrangements with our retail partners.

Historically, our Cash App ecosystem has experienced improvements in revenue, gross profit, and inflows related to the distribution of government funds as customers have deposited more funds into Cash App during these times, including during the first quarter when U.S. tax refunds are typically distributed. Certain products within Cash App may also experience stronger fourth quarters and weaker first quarters, such as our BNPL platform, which typically generates additional revenue and gross profit during the holiday season. Typical seasonality trends for the Cash App ecosystem are also impacted by bitcoin revenue, which is driven by customer demand and the current market price of bitcoin, and as such, may not be indicative of future performance and skew typical seasonality trends in the Cash App ecosystem.

### **Human Capital**

Our employees are a driving force behind our purpose of economic empowerment. Attracting, developing, and retaining top talent remain a focus in the development of our human capital programs. As of December 31, 2024, we had 11,372 full-time employees worldwide with 2,627 full-time employees outside the US. We also engage temporary employees and consultants as needed to support our operations. In November 2023, we announced we would implement an absolute cap of 12,000 on the number of employees we have at our company. We expect to keep this cap in place until we believe the growth of the business has meaningfully outpaced the growth of our company.

We have a purpose-driven culture, with a focus on employee input and well-being, which we believe enables us to attract and retain exceptional talent. We offer learning and development programs for all employees, as well as a robust manager training program. Employees have the opportunity to actively voice their questions and thoughts through many internal channels, including our company townhall meetings and bi-annual employee engagement surveys. Our distributed work model means that we no longer have a designated headquarters location and, for the vast majority of roles, employees have the flexibility to work within or outside a Block office space. Our distributed work model has unlocked opportunities to hire and retain talent in more locations, as we can hire employees in locations where we do not have office space, and employees can continue to work for us if they need or want to relocate.

A key focus of our human capital management approach is our commitment to promoting inclusion and fairness in our workplace. We consider it a business requirement to build a company that reflects the customers and communities we serve. In 2024, we established company-wide manager expectations, including their responsibility to break down silos and hierarchy, maintain physiological safety and seek divergent perspectives. Across our employee programs, we have embedded policies and practices to ensure that hiring, promotion and compensation decisions are based on merit alone.

From a total rewards perspective, Block offers a competitive compensation and benefits package, which is reviewed and updated each year. Our annual compensation planning coincides with our feedback cycle during which employees and managers have performance conversations to facilitate learning and career development. As part of our compensation review program, pay equity analyses are conducted annually.

#### **Corporate Information**

Block was incorporated in Delaware in June 2009. In 2020, we adopted a distributed work model and we no longer have a designated headquarters location. Our principal executive office, which we are required to identify under Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules, is 1955 Broadway, Suite 600 Oakland, CA 94612. Our telephone number is (415) 375-3176. Our website is located at [www.block.xyz](http://www.block.xyz), and our investor relations website is located at [investors.block.xyz](http://investors.block.xyz). The information contained in, or accessible through, our website (including any referenced reports or documents) is not part of or incorporated into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We use various trademarks and trade names in our business, including "Block," "Square," "Cash App" and "Afterpay," which we have registered in the United States and in various other countries. This Annual Report on Form 10-K also contains trademarks and trade names of other businesses that are the property of their respective holders. We have omitted the ® and ™ designations, as applicable, for the trademarks we name in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### **Available Information**

Copies of our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to these reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), are available, free of charge, on our investor relations website as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file or furnish such material with the SEC. The SEC also maintains a website that contains our SEC filings. The address of the site is [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

We webcast our earnings calls and certain events we participate in or host with members of the investment community on our investor relations website. Additionally, we provide notifications of news or announcements regarding our financial performance, including SEC filings, investor events, press and earnings releases, and blogs as part of our investor relations website. We have used, and intend to continue to use, our investor relations website, as well as the X (formerly known as Twitter) accounts @Blocks and @BlockIR, as means of disclosing material non-public information and for complying with our disclosure obligations under Regulation FD. Further corporate governance information, including our board committee charters, code of business conduct and ethics, and corporate governance guidelines, is also available on our investor relations website under the heading "Governance Documents." The contents of our websites are not intended to be incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K or in any other report or document we file with the SEC, and any references to our websites are intended to be inactive textual references only.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

*Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below, together with all of the other information in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the section titled Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our consolidated financial statements and related notes, before making any investment decision with respect to our securities. The risks and uncertainties described below may not be the only ones we face. If any of the risks actually occur, our business 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.*

### Risk Factors Summary

Our business operations are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including those outside of our control, that could cause our actual results to be harmed, including risks regarding the following:

#### *Risks related to our business and our industry:*

- our ability to retain existing sellers and customers, attract new sellers and customers, and increase sales to both new and existing sellers and customers;
- our investments in our business and ability to maintain profitability;
- our ability to maintain, protect, and enhance our brands;
- our efforts to expand our product portfolio and market reach;
- our ability to develop products and services to address the rapidly evolving market for payments and financial services;
- competition in our markets and industry;
- risks related to disruptions in or negative perceptions of the cryptocurrency market;
- any acquisitions, strategic investments, new businesses, joint ventures, divestitures, and other transactions that we may undertake;
- operating or expanding our business globally;
- risks related to the banking ecosystem, including through Square Financial Services ("Square Financial Services"), our bank partnerships, and FDIC and other regulatory obligations;
- risks related to our loan products such as the availability of capital, repayments, and general macroeconomic conditions; and
- risks related to our majority interest in TIDAL.

#### *Operational risks:*

- real or perceived improper or unauthorized use of, disclosure of, or access to sensitive data;
- real or perceived security breaches or incidents or human error in administering our software, hardware, and systems;
- systems failures, interruptions, delays in service, catastrophic events, and resulting interruptions in the availability of our products or services or those of our sellers;
- any failure to safeguard the bitcoin we hold on behalf of ourselves and other parties;
- our risk management efforts;
- our dependence on payment card networks and acquiring processors;
- our reliance on third parties and their systems for a variety of services, including the processing of transaction data and settlement of funds;
- our dependence on key management and any failure to attract, motivate, and retain our employees;
- our operational, financial, and other internal controls and systems;
- any shortage, price increases, tariffs, changes, delay or discontinuation of our key components; and
- the integration of our services and our products with a variety of operating systems.

*Economic, financial, and tax risks:*

- a deterioration of general macroeconomic conditions;
- any inability to secure financing on favorable terms, or at all, or comply with covenants in our existing credit agreement, the indentures, or future agreements;
- our ability to service our debt, including our Convertible Notes and our Senior Notes (each as defined below);
- counterparty risk with respect to our convertible note hedge transactions;
- our bitcoin investments being subject to volatile market prices and other risks of loss;
- foreign exchange rates risks; and
- any greater-than-anticipated tax liabilities or significant valuation allowances on our deferred tax assets.

*Legal, regulatory, and compliance risks:*

- extensive regulation and oversight in a variety of areas of our business;
- complex and evolving regulations and oversight related to privacy, data protection, and cybersecurity;
- litigation, including intellectual property claims, government investigations or inquiries, and regulatory matters or disputes;
- obligations and restrictions as a licensed money transmitter;
- regulatory scrutiny or changes in the buy now pay later ("BNPL") space;
- regulation and scrutiny of our subsidiary Cash App Investing, which is a broker-dealer registered with the SEC and a member of FINRA, including net capital and other regulatory capital requirements;
- regulation and scrutiny of our subsidiary Square Financial Services, which is a Utah state-chartered industrial loan company, including the requirement that we serve as a source of financial strength to it;
- any inability to protect our intellectual property rights;
- assertions by third parties of infringement of intellectual property rights by us; and
- increased scrutiny from investors, regulators, and other stakeholders relating to environmental, social, and governance issues.

*Risks related to ownership of our common stock:*

- the dual class structure of our common stock;
- volatility of the market price of our Class A common stock;
- the dual-listing of our Class A common stock on the NYSE and our CHESS Depositary Interests ("CDIs") on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX");
- our convertible note hedge and warrant transactions;
- anti-takeover provisions contained in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our amended and restated bylaws, and provisions of Delaware law; and
- exclusive forum provisions in our bylaws.

## Risks Related to Our Business and Our Industry

***Our growth rate has slowed at times and may slow or decline in the future, and our growth rates in each of our reporting segments may vary. Future revenue and gross profit growth depends on our ability to retain existing sellers and customers, attract new sellers and customers, and increase sales to both new and existing sellers and customers.***

Our rate of revenue and gross profit growth has slowed at times and may decline in the future, and it may slow or decline more quickly than we expect for a variety of reasons, including the risks described in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Additionally, our rate of revenue and gross profit growth may vary between our reporting segments. For example, in recent periods our Cash App segment revenue and gross profit growth has varied and may continue to vary from the growth rate of our Square segment. Our sellers and customers have no obligation to continue to use our services, and we cannot assure you that they will. We generally do not have long-term contracts with our sellers and customers, and the difficulty and costs associated with switching to a competitor may not be significant for many of the services we offer. Our sellers' activity with us may decrease for a variety of reasons, including sellers' level of satisfaction with our products and services, our pricing and the pricing and quality of competing products or services, the effects of economic conditions, or reductions in the aggregate spending of our sellers' customers. Growth in transacting actives on Cash App and customers' level of engagement with our products and services on Cash App are important to our success and long-term financial performance. However, the growth rate of transacting actives has fluctuated over time, has slowed in recent quarters, and may slow or decline in the future. A number of factors have affected and could negatively affect Cash App customer growth, inflows, and engagement levels, including our ability to introduce new products and services that are compelling to our customers and that they adopt, changes to our systems, processes or other technical or operational requirements that impact how customers use or access our products and services, the impact on our network of other customers choosing whether to use Cash App, our decision to expand into or exit certain markets, technical or other problems that affect customer experience, failure to provide sufficient customer support, fraud and scams targeting Cash App customers, changes in the regulatory environment or regulations applicable to us, and harm to our reputation and brand. Further, certain events or programs, such as government stimulus programs may correlate with periods of significant growth, but such growth may not be sustainable. Additionally, the growth rate of Cash App revenue may be distorted by the prices of bitcoin, as bitcoin revenue may increase or decrease due to changes in the price of, and demand for, bitcoin and may not correlate to customer or engagement growth rates.

The growth of our business depends in part on our existing sellers and customers expanding their use of our products and services. If we are unable to increase broader use of our products and services within each of our ecosystems by our existing sellers and customers, our growth may slow or stop, and our business may be materially and adversely affected. The growth of our business also depends on our ability to attract new sellers and customers, to encourage sellers and customers to use our products and services, and to introduce successful new products and services. We have invested and will continue to invest in our business in order to offer better or new features, products, and services and to adjust our product offerings to changing economic conditions, but if those features, products, services, and changes fail to be successful on the expected timeline or at all, our growth may slow or decline.

***We have generated significant net losses in the past, and we intend to continue to invest in our business. Thus, we may not be able to maintain profitability or our profitability may decline.***

We intend to continue to make investments in our business, including with respect to our employee base, sales and marketing, development of new products, services, and features; acquisitions; infrastructure; expansion of international operations, and general administration, including legal, finance, and other compliance expenses related to our business. We also plan to continue to invest in the development of new technologies and initiatives, which may not be successful or may not generate sufficient returns to offset the investment. If the costs associated with acquiring and supporting new or larger sellers, attracting and supporting new Cash App customers, or with developing and supporting products, services and technologies materially increase in the future, including the fees we pay to third parties to advertise our products and services and compliance costs, our expenses may rise significantly. In addition, increases in our seller base could cause us to incur increased costs because costs associated with new sellers are generally incurred up front, while revenue is recognized in future periods as our products and services are used by our sellers. Moreover, businesses we acquire may have different profitability than our existing business, which may affect our overall profitability, particularly until we are able to realize expected synergies. For example, prior to our acquisition of Afterpay, it historically generated net losses. If we are unable to generate adequate revenue growth and manage our expenses with respect to acquired businesses or our business as a whole, we may incur significant losses and may not maintain profitability on a consistent basis.

From time to time, we have made and may make decisions that will have a negative effect on our short-term operating results if we believe those decisions will improve our operating results over the long-term. For example, we have implemented, and may in the future implement, expense cuts and reduced the size of our workforce to, among other things, align our cost structure with our business and longer term strategies, which may increase expenses in the short term and impact our ability to grow or quickly develop and introduce products. These decisions may not be consistent with the expectations of investors and may not produce the long-term benefits that we expect, in which case our business may be materially and adversely affected.

***Our business depends on our ability to maintain, protect, and enhance our brands.***

Having a strong and trusted brand has contributed significantly to the success of our business. We believe that maintaining, promoting, and enhancing the Square, Cash App, TIDAL, Afterpay, and our other brands, in a cost-effective manner is critical to achieving widespread acceptance of our products and services and expanding our base of customers. Maintaining and promoting our brands will depend largely on our ability to continue to provide useful, reliable, secure, and innovative products and services, as well as our ability to maintain trust and be a technology leader. We may introduce, or make changes to, features, products, services, privacy practices, or terms of service that customers do not like, which may materially and adversely affect our brands. Our brand promotion activities may not generate customer awareness or increase revenue, and even if they do, any increase in revenue may not offset the expenses we incur in building our brands. If we fail to successfully promote and maintain our brands or if we incur excessive expenses in this effort, our business could be materially and adversely affected.

The introduction and promotion of new products and services, as well as the promotion of existing products and services, may be partly dependent on our visibility on third-party advertising platforms, such as Google or Facebook. Changes in the way these platforms operate or changes in their advertising prices, data use practices or other terms could make the maintenance and promotion of our products and services and our brands more expensive or more difficult. If we are unable to market and promote our brands on third-party platforms effectively, our ability to acquire new customers would be materially harmed. We also use retail partners to sell hardware and acquire sellers for Square. Our ability to acquire new sellers could be materially harmed if we are unable to enter into or maintain these partnerships on terms that are commercially reasonable to us, or at all.

Harm to our brands can arise from many sources, including failure by us or our partners and service providers to satisfy expectations of service and quality; inadequate protection or misuse of sensitive information; fraud committed by third parties using our products or applications; compliance failures and claims; litigation, regulatory claims, investigations, enforcement actions, settlements or consent orders; errors caused by us or our partners; and misconduct by our partners, service providers, or other counterparties. Even allegations regarding the foregoing may harm our reputation and brands and have an adverse impact on the market price on our Class A common stock. We have also been from time to time in the past, and may in the future be, the target of incomplete, inaccurate, and misleading or false statements about our company and our business that could damage our reputation and brands and deter customers from adopting our services or our products. In addition, negative statements about us can cause and have caused a decline in the market price of our Class A common stock, divert our management's attention and resources, and could cause other adverse impacts to our business. Partners and influencers or other third parties with whom we maintain relationships could engage in behavior or use their platforms to communicate directly with our sellers and customers in a manner that reflects poorly on our brands and such behavior or communications may adversely affect us. Further, negative publicity or commentary regarding the partners and influencers or other third parties who are, or are perceived to be, affiliated with us may also damage our reputation, even if the negative publicity or commentary is not directly related to us. Any negative publicity about the industries we operate in or our company, the quality and reliability of our products and services, our risk management processes, changes to our products and services, our ability to effectively manage and resolve customer complaints, our privacy, data protection, and information security practices, litigation, regulatory activity, policy positions, and the experience of our sellers and customers with us, our products or services could adversely affect our reputation and the confidence in and use of our products and services. If we do not successfully maintain, protect or enhance our brands, our business could be materially and adversely affected.

***Our efforts to expand our product portfolio and market reach, including through acquisitions, may not succeed and may reduce our revenue growth and profitability.***

We intend to continue to broaden the scope of products and services we offer. However, we may not be successful in maintaining or growing our revenue, or deriving any significant new revenue streams from these products and services. Failure to successfully broaden the scope of products and services that are attractive may inhibit our growth and harm our business. Furthermore, we expect to continue to expand our markets in the future, and we may have limited or no experience in such newer markets. We cannot assure you that any of our products or services will be widely accepted in any market or that they will grow in revenue or contribute to our profitability. Our offerings may present new and difficult technological, operational, and regulatory risks, and other challenges, and if we experience service disruptions, failures, or other issues, our business may be materially and adversely affected. Our expansion into newer markets may not lead to growth and may require significant investment of financial resources and of management time and attention, and we may not be able to recoup our investments in a timely manner or at all. If any of this were to occur, it could damage our reputation, limit our growth, and materially and adversely affect our business.

***Our long-term success depends on our ability to develop products and services to address the rapidly evolving market for payments and financial services, and, if we are not able to implement successful enhancements and new features for our products and services, our business could be materially and adversely affected.***

Rapid and significant technological changes continue to confront the industries in which we operate, including developments in omnichannel commerce, proximity payment devices (including contactless payments via NFC technology), digital banking, mobile financial apps, cryptocurrencies, tokenization (e.g., replacing sensitive data such as payment card information with symbols (tokens) to keep the data safe), blockchain, and AI, including machine learning.

These new and evolving services and technologies may be superior to, impair, or render obsolete the products and services we currently offer or the technologies we currently use to provide them. Our ability to develop new products and services may be inhibited by industry-wide standards, payment card networks, existing and future laws and regulations, resistance to change from our customers, which includes our sellers and their customers, or third parties' intellectual property rights. Incorporating new technologies into our products and services may require substantial expenditures and take considerable time, and we may not be successful in realizing a return on our efforts in a timely manner or at all.

Our success will depend on our ability to develop new technologies, to adapt to technology changes and evolving industry standards, to incorporate new technologies into our products and services, and to provide products and services that are tailored to specific needs and requirements of our customers. For example, generative AI has become more publicly available and enterprise adoption of generative AI has grown. We have incorporated and expect to continue to incorporate AI features into our products and technologies and our success will depend in part on our ability to do so in a way that is compelling to our customers and cost-effective. It is difficult to predict all of the risks related to the use of AI because laws, rules, directives, and regulations governing the use of AI are evolving rapidly and our ability to develop or use AI may be adversely affected. If we are unable to provide enhancements and new features for our products and services or to develop new products and services that achieve market acceptance or that keep pace with rapid technological developments and evolving industry standards, our business would be materially and adversely affected.

We often rely on third parties, including some of our competitors, for the development of and access to new technologies and development of a robust market for these new products and technologies. Failure to accurately predict or to respond effectively to developments in our industry may significantly impair our business. In addition, because our products and services are designed to operate with a variety of systems, infrastructures, and devices, we need to continuously modify and enhance our products and services to keep pace with changes in technologies. Any failure of our products and services to continue to operate effectively with third-party infrastructures and technologies could reduce the demand for our products and services, result in dissatisfaction of our customers, and materially and adversely affect our business.

***Substantial and increasingly intense competition in our markets and industry may harm our business.***

We compete in markets characterized by vigorous competition, changing technology, evolving industry standards, changing customer needs, and frequent introductions of new products and services. We expect competition to intensify in the future as existing and new competitors introduce new services or enhance existing services. For example, companies not traditionally associated with the payments industry have introduced products or services that are or may become competitive with our business. We compete against many companies to attract customers across our products and services, and some of these companies have greater financial resources and substantially larger bases of customers than we do, which may provide them with significant competitive advantages. These companies may devote greater resources to the development, promotion, and sale of products and services, may achieve economies of scale due to the size of their customer bases, and may more effectively introduce their own innovative products and services that adversely impact our growth. For example, we offer Cash App customers access to banking services and products through our bank partners. We compete with established banks, neobanks, and other financial technology companies that provide access to similar offerings, some of which have larger established customer bases or provide customers with a different range of offerings than we do. We also compete in the BNPL market and a number of our competitors have introduced or offer BNPL products. Competitors in the BNPL space have engaged in, and may continue to engage in, aggressive consumer acquisition campaigns, may develop superior technology offerings, or consolidate with other entities and achieve benefits of scale. Such competitive pressures may materially erode our existing market share in the BNPL space and may hinder our expansion into new markets. In addition, mergers and acquisitions by, and collaborations between, the companies we compete against may lead to even larger competitors with more resources.

Certain sellers have long-standing exclusive, or nearly exclusive, relationships with our competitors to accept payment cards and other services that compete with what we offer. These relationships can make it difficult or cost-prohibitive for us to conduct material amounts of business with them. Competing services tied to established brands may engender greater confidence in the safety and efficacy of their services. If we are unable to differentiate ourselves from and successfully compete with our competitors, our business will be materially and adversely affected.

We may also face pricing pressures from competitors. Some competitors may offer lower prices by cross-subsidizing certain services that we also provide through other products they offer. Such competition may result in the need for us to alter our pricing and could reduce our gross profit. Also, sellers may demand more customized and favorable pricing from us, and competitive pressures may require us to agree to such pricing, reducing our gross profit. We currently negotiate pricing discounts and other incentive arrangements with certain large sellers to increase acceptance and usage of our products and services. If we continue this practice and if an increasing proportion of our sellers are large sellers, we may have to increase the discounts or incentives we provide, which could also reduce our gross profit.

***Developments in the cryptocurrency market subject us to additional risks.***

Our investments in bitcoin, our bitcoin ecosystem, and our Cash App feature that permits customers to transact in bitcoin, subject us to additional risks related to any further developments in the cryptocurrency markets and the resulting impact on customer and investor behavior. We may experience adverse impacts to our business as a result of the downstream effects of the bankruptcies filed by certain cryptocurrency market participants and the actions taken by regulators to address their impact. Enforcement actions by U.S. regulators against major crypto asset platforms and negative publicity associated with crypto asset activities may, among other things, result in a decline in confidence or interest in crypto assets. If the cryptocurrency environment either deteriorates or improves, our customers may wish to sell their bitcoin at a price or volume that exceeds the market demand for bitcoin, which could cause disruptions in our operations and have a material and adverse effect on our business and financial condition. For example, if demand increases sharply, either to buy or to sell, we may not be able to fulfill that demand in a timely manner or at all, which could result in customer frustration or movement to other platforms. If our customers experience losses due to market fluctuations in the prices of bitcoin, they may reduce or cease their use of Cash App, or other bitcoin-related products, and our results of operations may be adversely impacted. Further, our customers could attempt to seek compensation from us for their financial investment losses, and those claims, even if unsuccessful, would likely be time-consuming and costly for us to address.

Deterioration in the cryptocurrency markets may also have an adverse effect on our reputation, and any negative perception by our customers of one or more cryptocurrencies, or our bitcoin operations, may lead to a loss of customer demand for our products and services, any of which could have an adverse impact on our business and financial condition. We may also suffer a decline in the market price of our Class A common stock due to any negative perception by our customers, investors, or the general public, of bitcoin or the cryptocurrency markets.

***Acquisitions, strategic investments, new businesses, joint ventures, divestitures, and other transactions we enter into could fail to achieve strategic objectives, disrupt our ongoing operations or result in operating difficulties, liabilities and expenses, harm our business, and negatively impact our results of operations.***

In pursuing our business strategy, we routinely conduct discussions and evaluate opportunities for possible acquisitions, strategic investments, new businesses, joint ventures, divestitures, and other transactions. We have in the past acquired or invested in, and we continue to seek to acquire or invest in, businesses, technologies, or other assets that we believe could complement or expand our business, including acquisitions of new lines of business that are adjacent to or outside of our existing ecosystems or geographic territories. As we grow, the pace and scale of our acquisitions may increase and may include larger acquisitions than we have done historically. The identification, evaluation, and negotiation of potential acquisition or strategic investment transactions may divert the attention of management and entail various expenses, whether or not such transactions are ultimately completed. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in identifying, negotiating, and consummating favorable transaction opportunities. In addition to transaction and opportunity costs, these transactions involve large challenges and risks, whether or not such transactions are completed, including risks that:

- the transaction may not advance our business strategy or may harm our growth, profitability, or reputation;
- we may not be able to secure required regulatory approvals or otherwise satisfy closing conditions for a proposed transaction in a timely manner, or at all;
- the transaction may subject us to additional regulatory burdens that affect our business in potentially unanticipated and significantly negative ways;
- we may not realize a satisfactory return on our investment or increase our revenue;
- we may experience difficulty, and may not be successful in, integrating technologies, IT or business enterprise systems, culture, or management or other personnel of the acquired business;
- we may incur significant acquisition costs and transition costs, including in connection with the assumption of ongoing expenses of the acquired business;
- we may not realize the expected benefits or synergies from the transaction in the expected time period, or at all, which may result in impairment charges, costs of winding down acquired operations or other negative impacts to our business;
- we may be unable to retain key personnel;
- acquired businesses or businesses that we invest in may not have adequate controls, processes, and procedures to ensure compliance with laws and regulations, including with respect to data privacy, data protection, and cybersecurity, and our due diligence process may not identify compliance issues or other liabilities. Moreover, acquired businesses' technology stacks may add complexity, resource constraints, and legacy technological challenges that make it difficult and time consuming to achieve such adequate controls, processes, and procedures;
- we may fail to identify or assess the magnitude of certain liabilities, shortcomings, or other circumstances prior to acquiring or investing in a business, which could result in additional financial, legal, regulatory, or tax exposure and may subject us to additional controls, policies, procedures, liabilities, litigation, costs of compliance or remediation, or other adverse effects on our business, operating results, or financial condition;
- we may have difficulty entering into new market segments or new geographic territories;
- we may be unable to retain the customers, vendors, and partners of acquired businesses;
- there may be lawsuits or regulatory actions resulting from the transaction;

- there may be risks associated with undetected security weaknesses, cyber-attacks, or security breaches or incidents at companies that we acquire or with which we may combine or partner;
- there may be local and foreign regulations applicable to the international activities of our business and the businesses we acquire; and
- acquisitions could result in dilutive issuances of equity securities or the incurrence of additional debt.

We have experienced certain of these risks in connection with our past acquisitions, and any of the foregoing could harm our business and negatively impact our results of operations.

We have in the past, and may in the future, also choose to divest certain businesses or product lines. If we decide to sell assets or a business, we may have difficulty obtaining terms acceptable to us in a timely manner, or at all. Additionally, we may experience difficulty separating out portions of, or entire, businesses, incur loss of revenue or experience negative impact on margins, or we may not achieve the desired strategic and financial benefits. Such potential transactions may also delay achievement of our strategic objectives, cause us to incur additional expenses, disrupt customer or employee relationships, and expose us to unanticipated or ongoing obligations and liabilities, including as a result of our indemnification obligations. Further, during the pendency of a divestiture, we may be subject to risks such as a decline in the business to be divested, loss of employees, customers, or suppliers and the risk that the transaction may not close, any of which would have a material adverse effect on the business to be divested and our retained business. If a divestiture is not completed for any reason, we may not be able to find another buyer on the same terms, and we may have incurred significant costs without any corresponding benefit.

Joint ventures and minority investments inherently involve a lesser degree of control over business operations, thereby potentially increasing the financial, legal, operational, regulatory, and/or compliance risks associated with the joint venture or minority investment. In addition, we may be dependent on joint venture partners, controlling shareholders, management, or other persons or entities who control them and who may have business interests, strategies, or goals that are inconsistent with ours. Business decisions or other actions or omissions of the joint venture partners, controlling shareholders, management, or other persons or entities who control them may adversely affect the value of our investment, result in litigation or regulatory action against us, and may otherwise damage our reputation and brand.

***Operating or expanding our business globally subjects us to new challenges and risks.***

We offer our services and products in multiple countries and we may continue expanding our business further globally. Expansion, whether in our existing or new global markets, will require additional resources and new or expanded controls, and offering our services and products in new geographic regions often requires substantial expenditures and takes considerable time. We may not be successful enough in these new geographies to recoup our investments in a timely manner or at all. Such expansion, and the ongoing operation of our global business, subject our business to substantial risks, including:

- difficulty in attracting sellers and customers, or a lack of acceptance of our products and services in foreign markets;
- failure to anticipate competitive conditions and competition with service providers or other market-players that have greater experience in the foreign markets than we do;
- failure to conform with applicable business customs, including translation into foreign languages, cultural context, and associated expenses;
- increased costs and difficulty in protecting intellectual property and sensitive data;
- changes to or restrictions on the way we do business as compared with our current operations;
- inability to support and integrate with local third-party service providers;
- difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations in an environment of diverse cultures, laws, and customs, challenges caused by distance, language, and cultural differences, and the increased travel, infrastructure, and legal and compliance costs associated with global operations;

- difficulties in recruiting and retaining qualified employees and maintaining our company culture;
- difficulty in gaining acceptance and maintaining compliance with industry self-regulatory bodies;
- compliance with multiple complex, potentially conflicting and changing governmental laws and regulations, including with respect to payments, privacy, data protection, information security, and tax;
- compliance with U.S. and foreign anti-corruption, anti-bribery, and anti-money laundering laws;
- enactment of or increases in tariffs, sanctions, fines, or other trade restrictions;
- exchange rate risk;
- increased exposure to public health issues such as pandemics, and related industry and governmental actions to address these issues; and
- regional economic and political instability and other geopolitical risks.

As a result of these risks, our efforts to expand our global operations may not be successful, which could limit our ability to grow our business.

***We are subject to risks related to the banking ecosystem, including through Square Financial Services, our bank partnerships, and FDIC and other regulatory obligations.***

Volatility in the banking and financial services sectors may impact our bank partnerships and could negatively impact our business. For example, we offer access to deposit products that are eligible for FDIC pass-through insurance coverage through our partnerships with banks that are members of the FDIC. To ensure deposits are insured by the FDIC on a pass-through basis, we and our bank partners must meet certain conditions established by the FDIC, such as appropriately maintaining records of customers' ownership of funds. We believe our banking programs, including records maintained by us and our bank partners, satisfy all applicable regulatory conditions for each eligible participant's deposits to be covered by FDIC insurance, up to the applicable maximum deposit insurance amount. However, if the FDIC were to disagree, the FDIC may not recognize the participants' claims as covered by deposit insurance in the event a bank partner fails and enters receivership proceedings under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("FDIA"). If the FDIC were to determine that funds held at a bank partner are not covered by deposit insurance, or if one or more of our bank partners were to fail and enter receivership proceedings under the FDIA, our sellers and customers may seek to withdraw their funds, or may not be able to withdraw all their funds in a timely manner, which could adversely affect our brand, business and results of operations, and may lead to claims or litigation, which may be costly to address. Additionally, in instances where we are a service-provider to or are otherwise in a third-party relationship with our bank partners in connection with these programs, we are subject to certain risk-management standards for third-party relationships in accordance with federal bank regulatory guidance and examinations by the federal banking regulators. Should we or our bank partners be unable to satisfy these standards, we may have to discontinue certain product offerings or discontinue certain third-party relationships, and our business and operations may be materially and adversely affected.

Further, as a FDIC-insured institution, our subsidiary Square Financial Services is subject to regulatory obligations, including the assessment of a quarterly deposit insurance premium, calculated based on its average consolidated total assets. We are generally unable to control the amount of premiums that we are required to pay for FDIC insurance. If there are additional bank or financial institution failures, we may be required to pay higher deposit insurance assessments or higher fees associated with FDIC-insured products offered through our bank partnerships, or we may be subject to higher capital requirements imposed by the FDIC, our bank partners, or federal banking regulators with authority over our bank partners, which could reduce our profitability, and negatively impact our business and operations.

We intend to continue to explore other products, models, and structures for our product offerings, including with bank partners. Certain of our current product offerings subject us to reporting requirements, bonding requirements, and inspection by applicable federal or state regulatory agencies, and our future product offerings and models and structures for our product offerings may potentially require, or be deemed to require, additional data, procedures, partnerships, licenses, regulatory approvals, or capabilities that we have not yet obtained or developed. Should we terminate any of our relationships with our bank partners, fail to successfully expand and evolve our product offerings, or should our new products, models or structures, or new laws or regulations or interpretations of existing laws or regulations, impose requirements on us that are cumbersome or that we cannot satisfy, our business may be materially and adversely affected.

***Our loan products are subject to risks related to availability of capital and general macroeconomic conditions, and increase our exposure to customer defaults.***

Revenue generated by our loan products such as Square Loans, as well as Cash App Borrow, and our BNPL products depends on our ability to recoup the loan amount. Loan products are generally unsecured obligations of our borrowers, and they are not guaranteed or insured in any way. Although we rely on technology to assess repayment capability for these loan products, there can be no guarantee that such processes will always accurately predict repayments. Miscalculation of repayment ability or a material increase in repayment failures, whether due to inflation, macroeconomic uncertainty and downturn, market volatility, or otherwise, may adversely affect our business, results of operations, and financial condition. If consumers who have purchased products or services using our BNPL platform do not receive the products or services, they may also cease payment on their outstanding balances or request a refund on previous payments, and our business may be negatively impacted. If a merchant ceases its operations, closes some or all of its locations, or fails to deliver goods or services to our BNPL customers, the merchant may not be able to reimburse us for chargebacks or refunds or may not be able to repay the funds we have advanced to them, all of which could result in higher charge-off rates than anticipated.

Square Loans is our commercial lending program. Adverse changes in macroeconomic conditions or the credit quality of our sellers could cause some sellers who utilize Square Loans to cease operating or to experience a decline in their payment processing volume, thereby rendering them unable to make payment on the business loan and/or extend the repayment period beyond the contractual repayment terms on the business loan. To the extent a seller breaches a contractual obligation, such as the requirement to make minimum payments or other breach, the seller would be liable for an accelerated business loan repayment, where our recourse is to the business and not to any individual or other asset. In addition, because the servicing fees we receive from third-party investors depend on the repayment of the business loans, if there is an increase in sellers who utilize Square Loans who are unable to repay their business loans, we will be unable to collect our entire servicing fee for such loans. While our exposure to loans that we sell to third parties is more limited, if the sellers who utilize Square Loans are unable to repay their loans, the risk of loss in our owned loan portfolio will increase and our business may be adversely affected. Square Financial Services, as the originator of the loans provided by Square Loans in the U.S., is subject to additional risks described elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Maintaining and growing our Square Loans business is dependent on institutional third-party investors purchasing the eligible business loans originated by us. If such third parties fail to continue to purchase such business loans or reduce the amount of future loans they purchase, then we may need to reduce originations, or we would need to fund the purchase of additional business loans from our own resources. We then may have to reduce the scale of Square Financial Services, which could have a direct impact on our ability to grow. Additionally, Square Financial Services has certain customary repurchase obligations in its loan purchase and servicing agreements with such institutional third-party investors for breaches of certain eligibility representations and warranties. If third parties reduce the price they are willing to pay for these business loans or reduce the servicing fees they pay us in exchange for servicing the business loans on their behalf, then the financial performance of Square Financial Services would be harmed.

***TIDAL subjects us to risks and uncertainties related to the music industry.***

TIDAL's business is dependent on the various rights holders. We cannot provide assurances that we or TIDAL will be able to maintain or expand arrangements with partners and other third parties on acceptable terms, if at all. Under TIDAL's license agreements and relevant statutes, we must pay all required royalties to record labels, music publishers, and other copyright owners in order to stream, distribute, and display content. The determination of the amount and timing of such royalty payments is complex and subject to a number of variables. Failure to accurately pay our royalties may damage our business relationships, our reputation, and adversely affect our business, operating results, and financial condition.

If we fail to successfully operate and grow our TIDAL business, we will not realize the benefits anticipated when we acquired a majority interest in the business, and any such failure could result in adverse effects on our business and financial results.

#### **Operational Risks**

***We, our sellers, our partners, and others who use our services obtain and process a large amount of sensitive data. Any real or perceived improper or unauthorized use of, disclosure of, or access to such data could harm our reputation as a trusted brand, as well as have a material and adverse effect on our business.***

We, our sellers, and our partners, including third-party vendors and data centers that we use, obtain and process large amounts of sensitive data, including data related to our customers, our sellers' customers, and their transactions. We face risks, including to our reputation as a trusted brand, in the handling and protection of this data. These risks will increase as our business continues to expand to include new products and technologies, such as AI, and as we and our third-party vendors rely on an increasingly distributed workforce. Our operations involve the storage and transmission of sensitive data of individuals and businesses using our services, including their names, addresses, social security/tax ID numbers (or foreign equivalents), government IDs, payment card numbers and expiration dates, bank account information, loans they have applied for or obtained, and data regarding the performance of our sellers' businesses. Additionally, certain of our products and services are subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (and the rules and regulations thereunder, as amended, including with respect to the HITECH Act), and therefore we are required to take measures to safeguard protected health information of our health care entity-sellers' customers when using those products and services. Our services also provide third-party developers the opportunity to provide applications to sellers in the Square and Weebly app marketplaces. Sellers who choose to use such applications can grant permission allowing the applications to access content created or held by sellers in their Square or Weebly account. Should our internal or third-party developers experience or cause a breach, incident, technological bug, or similar event, that could lead to a compromise of the content of data held by such sellers, including personal data, our reputation may be harmed and we may be subject to significant fines, penalties or judgments. The growing use of AI in our products and services presents additional risks. AI algorithms or automated processing of data may be flawed, and datasets may be insufficient or may use third party AI with unclear intellectual property rights or interests. Inappropriate or controversial data practices by us or others could subject us to lawsuits, regulatory investigations, legal and financial liability, or reputational harm. Additionally, our use of AI may create additional, or increase the risk of, cybersecurity breaches and incidents.

Our products and services operate in conjunction with, and we are dependent upon, third-party products and components across a broad ecosystem. There have been and may continue to be significant attacks on third-party providers, and we cannot guarantee that our or our third-party developers or vendors' systems and networks have not been breached or that they do not contain exploitable defects or bugs that could result in a breach of or disruption to our systems and networks or the systems and networks of third parties that support us and our products and services. If there is a security vulnerability, error, or other bug in one of these third-party products or components and if there is a security exploit targeting them, we could face increased costs, claims and liability, proceedings and litigation, reduced revenue, or harm to our reputation or competitive position. The natural sunsetting of third-party products and operating systems that we use requires our personnel to reallocate time and attention to migration and updates, during which period potential security vulnerabilities could be exploited.

More generally, if our privacy, data protection, or cybersecurity measures or those of third-party developers or vendors are inadequate or are breached or otherwise compromised, and, as a result, there is improper disclosure of or someone obtains unauthorized access to or exfiltrates funds, bitcoin, investments, or other assets, or other sensitive data on our systems or our partners' systems, or if we, our third-party developers or vendors suffer a cyber-attack, including a ransomware or advanced persistent threat attack, or if any of the foregoing is reported or perceived to have occurred, our reputation and business could be damaged, and we could face liability and financial losses. If the sensitive data or assets are lost or improperly accessed, misused, disclosed, destroyed, or altered or threatened to be improperly accessed, misused, disclosed, destroyed, or altered, we could incur significant financial losses and costs and liability associated with remediation and the implementation of additional security measures and be subject to claims, litigation, regulatory scrutiny, and investigations. For example, in April 2022 we announced that we determined that a former employee downloaded certain reports of our subsidiary Cash App Investing in December 2021 that contained some U.S. customer information without permission after the former employee's employment ended, as disclosed in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 4, 2022. We have incurred costs related to our investigation and response to this incident, and we could incur other losses, costs, and liabilities in connection with such incident.

Under payment card rules and our contracts with our card processors and other counterparties, if there is a breach of payment card information that we store or that is stored by our sellers or other third parties with which we do business, we could be liable to the payment card issuing banks for certain of their costs and expenses. Additionally, if our own confidential business information were improperly disclosed, accessed, or breached, our business could be materially and adversely affected. A core aspect of our business is the reliability and security of our payments platforms. Any perceived or actual breach of security or other type of security incident or any type of fraud perpetrated by bad actors such as account takeovers or fake account scams, regardless of how it occurs or the extent or nature of the breach, incident, or fraud, could have a significant impact on our reputation as a trusted brand, cause us to lose existing sellers or other customers, prevent us from obtaining new sellers and other customers, require us to expend significant funds to remedy problems caused by breaches and incidents and to implement measures in an effort to prevent further breaches and incidents, and expose us to legal risk and potential liability including those resulting from governmental or regulatory investigations, class action litigation, and costs associated with remediation, such as fraud monitoring and forensics. Any actual or perceived security breach or incident at a company providing services to us or our customers on our behalf could have similar effects. Further, any actual or perceived security breach or incident with respect to the bitcoin and blockchain ledger, regardless of whether such breach or incident directly affects our products and services, could have negative reputational effects and harm customer trust in us and our products and services.

While we maintain cybersecurity insurance, our insurance may be insufficient to cover all liabilities incurred by such attacks. We cannot be certain that our insurance coverage will be adequate for data handling or cybersecurity liabilities actually incurred, that insurance will continue to be available to us on economically reasonable terms, or at all, or that any insurer will not deny coverage as to any future claim. The successful assertion of one or more large claims against us that exceed available insurance coverage, or the occurrence of changes in our insurance policies, premiums, or deductibles could have a material adverse effect on our business, including our financial condition, operating results, and reputation.

***Our products and services may not function as intended due to errors in our software, hardware, and systems, product defects, or due to security breaches or incidents or human error in administering these systems, which could materially and adversely affect our business.***

Our software, hardware, systems, and processes may contain undetected errors or vulnerabilities that could have a material adverse effect on our business, particularly to the extent such errors or vulnerabilities are not detected and remedied quickly. We have from time to time found defects and errors in our customer-facing software and hardware, internal systems, external facing communications, manual processes, and technical integrations with third-party systems, including as a result of ordinary course updates to our software and systems, and new errors or vulnerabilities may be introduced in the future. From time to time, such errors or defects in our software, hardware, systems, or external facing communications, including as a result of human errors, have negatively impacted our customers' experience with us and led to negative publicity and harm to our brand and reputation. In connection with any such defects or errors, we may also face government inquiries or investigations, claims and litigation, and we may incur additional costs or expenses to remediate the issues. Additionally, we rely on a limited number of component and product suppliers located outside of the U.S. to manufacture our products. As a result, our direct control over production and distribution is limited, and it is uncertain what effect such diminished control will have on the quality of our products. If there are defects in the manufacture of our hardware products, we may face similar negative publicity, investigations, and litigation, and we may not be fully compensated by our suppliers for any financial or other liability that we suffer as a result. As our hardware and software services continue to increase in size and complexity, and as we integrate new, acquired subsidiaries with different technology stacks and practices, these risks may correspondingly increase as well.

In addition, we provide frequent incremental releases of product and service updates and functional enhancements, which increase the possibility of errors. The products and services we provide are designed to process complex transactions and deliver reports and other information related to those transactions, all at high volumes and processing speeds. Any errors, data leaks, security breaches or incidents, disruptions in services, or other performance problems with our products or services caused by external or internal actors could hurt our reputation and damage our and our customers' businesses. Software and system errors, or human errors, could delay or inhibit settlement of payments, result in oversettlement, cause reporting errors, cause pricing irregularities or prevent us from collecting transaction-based fees, or negatively impact our ability to serve our customers, all of which have occurred in the past. Similarly, security breaches or incidents, which may be caused by or result from cyber-attacks by hackers or others, computer viruses, worms, ransomware, other malicious software programs, security vulnerabilities, employee or service provider theft, misuse or negligence, phishing, identity theft or compromised credentials, denial-of-service attacks, or other causes, have from time to time impacted our business and could disrupt the proper functioning of our software products or services, cause errors, allow loss or unavailability of, unauthorized access to, or disclosure of, proprietary, confidential or otherwise sensitive data of ours or our customers, and other destructive outcomes. Moreover, security breaches or incidents or errors in our hardware or software design or manufacture could cause product safety issues typical of consumer electronics devices. Any of the foregoing issues could lead to product recalls and inventory shortages, result in costly and time-consuming efforts to redesign and redistribute our products, give rise to regulatory inquiries and investigations, and result in reimbursement obligations, lawsuits and other liabilities and losses, any of which could have a material and adverse effect on our business.

Additionally, electronic payment, hardware, and software products and services, including ours, have been, and could continue to be in the future, specifically targeted and penetrated or disrupted by hackers and other malicious actors. Because the techniques used to obtain unauthorized access to data, products, and services and to disable, degrade, or sabotage them change frequently and may be difficult to detect or remediate for long periods of time, we and our customers may be unable to anticipate these techniques or implement adequate preventative measures to stop them. If we or our sellers or other customers are unable to anticipate or prevent these attacks, our sellers' or other customers may be harmed, our reputation could be damaged, and we could incur significant liability.

***Systems failures, interruptions, delays in service, catastrophic events, and resulting interruptions in the availability of our products or services, or those of our sellers, could harm our business and our brand, and subject us to substantial liability.***

Our systems and those of our third-party vendors, including data center facilities, may experience service interruptions, outages, cyber-attacks and security breaches and incidents, human error, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, pandemics, fires, other natural disasters, power losses, disruptions in telecommunications services, fraud, military or political conflicts, terrorist attacks and other geopolitical unrest, computer viruses, ransomware, and other malicious software, changes in social, political, or regulatory conditions or in laws and policies, or other changes or events. Our systems and facilities are also subject to break-ins, sabotage, and acts of vandalism. Some of our systems are not fully redundant, and our disaster-recovery planning is not sufficient for all eventualities. In addition, as a provider of payments solutions and other financial services, we are subject to increased scrutiny by regulators that require specific business continuity and disaster recovery plans and more rigorous testing of such plans. This increased scrutiny may be costly and time-consuming and may divert our resources from other business priorities.

We have experienced and will likely continue to experience denial-of-service and other cyber-attacks, system failures and disruptions, outages, security incidents, and other events or conditions that interrupt the availability, data integrity, or reduce the speed or functionality of our products and services. These events have resulted and likely will result in loss of revenue. In addition, we may incur significant expense to repair or replace damaged equipment and remedy resultant data loss or corruption. The risk of security incidents is increasing as we experience an increase in electronic payments, e-commerce, and other online activity. Additionally, due to political uncertainty and military actions, including those associated with Russia's invasion of Ukraine, we and our service providers are vulnerable to heightened risks of security incidents and security and privacy breaches from or affiliated with nation-state actors, including attacks that could materially disrupt our systems, operations, supply chain, products, and services. We cannot provide assurances that our preventative efforts against such incidents will be successful. A prolonged interruption in the availability or reduction in the speed or other functionality of our products or services could materially harm our reputation and business. Frequent, persistent or significant interruptions in our products and services could cause customers to believe that our products and services are unreliable, leading them to switch to our competitors or to avoid our products and services, and could permanently harm our reputation and business. Moreover, to the extent that any system failure or similar event results in damages to customers or contractual counterparties, these customers and contractual counterparties could seek compensation from us for their losses, and those claims, even if unsuccessful, would likely be time-consuming and costly for us to address.

A significant natural or man-made disaster could have a material and adverse impact on our business. Certain of our offices and data center facilities are located in the San Francisco Bay Area, a region known for seismic activity. Despite any precautions we may take, the occurrence of a natural disaster or other unanticipated problems at our offices or data centers could result in lengthy interruptions in our services or could result in related liabilities. We do not maintain insurance sufficient to compensate us for the potentially significant losses that could result from disruptions to our services.

Significant natural or other disasters, including pandemics, could also have a material and adverse impact on our sellers or other customers, which, in the aggregate, could in turn adversely affect our results of operations.

***The theft, loss, or destruction of private keys required to access the bitcoin we hold on behalf of ourselves and other parties, such as our customers and our trading partners, may be irreversible, and any failure to safeguard such bitcoin could materially and adversely affect our business, operating results, and financial condition.***

We hold bitcoin on behalf of ourselves and other parties such as our customers and our trading partners. Bitcoin can be accessed by the possessor of the unique cryptographic keys relating to the digital wallet in which the bitcoin is held. While the bitcoin and blockchain ledger require a public key relating to a digital wallet to be published when used in a transaction, private keys must be safeguarded and kept private in order to prevent a third-party from accessing the bitcoin held in such digital wallet. To the extent any of our private keys are lost, destroyed, or otherwise compromised and no backup of such private key is accessible, we will be unable to access the bitcoin we hold on behalf of ourselves and other parties. The vast majority of bitcoin we hold for ourselves and our customers is held in offline and air-gapped cold storage. To facilitate transactions, we hold a small portion of bitcoin in a networked hot wallet. At times, we may also utilize third-party custodians to custody our bitcoin or a portion of the bitcoin held for our customers on our behalf.

Any inappropriate access or theft of bitcoin held by us or any third-party custodian, or the third-party custodian's failure to maintain effective controls over the custody and other settlement services provided to us, could materially and adversely affect us. Although we have taken steps to mitigate the potential risk of loss for the bitcoin we hold on behalf of ourselves and other parties, including holding insurance coverage specifically for certain bitcoin incidents, we cannot provide assurance that the digital wallets used to store our and other parties' bitcoin will not be hacked or compromised. The bitcoin and blockchain ledger, as well as other cryptocurrencies and blockchain technologies, have been, and may in the future be, subject to security breaches or incidents, hacking, or other malicious activities. Any loss of private keys relating to, or hack or other compromise of, digital wallets used to store our customers' bitcoin could adversely affect our customers' ability to access or sell their bitcoin and could harm customer trust in us and our products, require us to expend significant funds for remediation, and expose us to litigation, regulatory enforcement actions, and other potential liability. Additionally, any loss of private keys relating to, or hack or other compromise of, digital wallets used by third parties to store bitcoin or other cryptocurrencies could have negative reputational effects on us and harm customer trust in us and our products and could materially and adversely affect our business, operating results, and financial condition.

***Our risk management efforts may not be effective, which could expose us to losses and liability and otherwise harm our business.***

We offer payments and other products and services to a large number of customers. We have programs to vet and monitor these customers and the transactions we process for them as part of our risk management efforts, but such programs require continuous improvement and may not be effective in detecting and preventing fraud and illegitimate transactions. When our payments services are used to process illegitimate transactions, and we settle those funds to customers and are unable to recover them, we suffer losses and liability. As a greater number of larger sellers use our services, our exposure to material risk losses from a single seller, or from a small number of sellers, will increase. Illegitimate transactions can also expose us to governmental and regulatory enforcement actions, which may impair or otherwise limit our ability to operate or provide certain services, products, or features and potentially prevent us from satisfying our contractual obligations to our third-party partners, which may cause us to be in breach of our obligations. The highly automated nature of, and liquidity offered by, our payments and peer-to-peer services make us and our customers a target for illegal or improper uses, including scams and fraud directed at us and our customers, fraudulent or illegal sales of goods or services, money laundering, and terrorist financing. Identity thieves and those committing fraud using stolen or fabricated credit card, debit card, or bank account numbers, or other deceptive or malicious practices such as account takeovers, potentially can steal significant amounts of money from businesses like ours or from our customers or third parties. Our risk management policies, procedures, techniques, and processes may not be sufficient to identify all of the risks to which we are exposed, to enable us to prevent or mitigate the risks we have identified, or to identify additional risks to which we may become subject in the future. Our current business, the changing and uncertain economic, geopolitical and regulatory environment, and our anticipated domestic and international growth will continue to place significant demands on our risk management and compliance efforts. As our ecosystems grow and our business becomes more complex, we will need to continue developing, improving, and making investments into our risk management infrastructure, techniques, and processes. In addition, when we introduce new products or services, expand existing services or products to new or different cohorts of customers, including online payment acceptance and expanded methods of instantly moving money, focus on new business areas, including consumer financing and loans, or begin to operate in markets where we have a limited history of fraud loss, we may be less able to forecast and carry appropriate reserves on our books for those losses. Additionally, certain Cash App functions are available to customers between the ages of 13 through 17 with the authorization of a parent or guardian. The risks and the potential harm to our reputation are magnified in instances of fraud or unauthorized or inappropriate transactions involving minors.

While we maintain a program of insurance coverage for various types of liabilities, we may self-insure against certain business risks and expenses where we believe we can adequately self-insure against the anticipated exposure and risk or where insurance is either not deemed cost-effective or unavailable.

We are currently, and will continue to be, exposed to risks associated with chargebacks and refunds in connection with payment card fraud or relating to the goods or services provided by our sellers. In the event that a billing dispute between a cardholder and a seller is not resolved in favor of the seller, including in situations where the seller engaged in fraud, the transaction is typically "charged back" to the seller and the purchase price is credited or otherwise refunded to the cardholder. The risk of chargebacks is typically greater with our sellers that promise future delivery of goods and services. Moreover, chargebacks typically increase during economic downturns due to sellers becoming insolvent or bankrupt or otherwise unable to fulfill their commitments for goods or services. Global supply chain disruptions and shortages may also negatively affect sellers' ability to deliver goods and services on time or at all, which increases the risk of chargebacks. If we are unable to collect chargebacks or refunds from the seller's account, or if the seller refuses to or is unable to reimburse us for chargebacks or refunds due to closure, bankruptcy, or other reasons, we, as the merchant of record, may bear the loss for the amounts paid to the cardholder. We collect and hold reserves for a limited number of sellers whose businesses are deemed higher risk in order to help cover potential losses from chargebacks and refunds, but this practice is limited and there can be no assurances that we will be successful in mitigating such losses. Our financial results would be adversely affected to the extent sellers do not fully reimburse us for the related chargebacks and refunds. In addition, if more of our sellers, or a number of our larger sellers, become insolvent or bankrupt, our potential losses from chargebacks and refunds may increase and exceed our reserves, in which case we may suffer financial losses and our business may be adversely affected. Moreover, businesses that cannot process EMV chip cards are held financially responsible for certain fraudulent transactions conducted using chip-enabled cards. Not all of the readers we offer to merchants are EMV-compliant. If we are unable to maintain our losses from chargebacks at acceptable levels, the payment card networks could fine us, increase our transaction-based fees, or terminate our ability to process payment cards. Any increase in our transaction-based fees could damage our business, and if we were unable to accept payment cards, our business would be materially and adversely affected. If any of our risk management policies and processes, including self-insurance or holding seller reserves, are ineffective, we may suffer large financial losses, we may be subject to civil and criminal liability, and our business may be materially and adversely affected.

***We are dependent on payment card networks and acquiring processors, and changes to our relationships with payment card networks and acquiring processors could harm our business.***

Our business depends on our ability to accept credit and debit cards, and this ability is provided by the payment card networks, including Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover. For a majority of our transactions, we do not directly access the payment card networks that enable our acceptance of payment cards. As a result, we must rely on banks and acquiring processors to process transactions on our behalf. These banks and acquiring processors may fail or refuse to process transactions on our behalf, may breach their agreements with us, may take actions that degrade the functionality of our services, impose additional costs or requirements on us, or give preferential treatment to competitive services, including their own services. We have in the past and may in the future terminate or change the scope of our relationships with these banks and acquiring processors. If we are unsuccessful in establishing, renegotiating, or maintaining mutually beneficial relationships with these payment card networks, banks, and acquiring processors, our business may be harmed.

The payment card networks and our acquiring processors require us to comply with payment card network operating rules, including special operating rules that apply to us as a "payment facilitator" providing payment processing services to merchants. The payment card networks set these network rules and have discretion to interpret the rules and change them at any time. Changes to these network rules or how they are interpreted could have a significant impact on our business and financial results. For example, changes in the payment card network rules regarding chargebacks may affect our ability to dispute chargebacks and the amount of losses we incur from chargebacks. Any changes to or interpretations of the network rules that are inconsistent with the way we or our acquiring processors currently operate may require us to make changes to our business that could be costly or difficult to implement. If we fail to make such changes or otherwise resolve the issue with the payment card networks, the networks could fine us or prohibit us from processing payment cards. In addition, violations of the network rules or any failure to maintain good relationships with the payment card networks could impact our ability to receive incentives from them, increase our costs, or otherwise harm our business. If we were unable to accept payment cards or were limited in our ability to do so, our business would be materially and adversely affected.

We are required to pay interchange and assessment fees, processing fees, and bank settlement fees to third-party payment processors, payment networks, and financial institutions. From time to time, payment card networks have increased, and may in the future increase, the interchange fees and assessments that they charge for each transaction processed using their networks. In some cases, we have negotiated favorable pricing with acquiring processors and networks that are contingent on certain business commitments and other conditions. If we fail to meet such conditions, the fees we are charged will rise, and we may be required to pay back some or all of the favorable pricing benefits. Moreover, our acquiring processors and payment card networks may refuse to renew our agreements with them on terms that are favorable, commercially reasonable, or at all. Interchange fees or assessments are also subject to change from time to time due to government regulation. Any increase or decrease in interchange fees or assessments or in the fees we pay to our third-party payment processors, payment networks, or financial institutions could increase our costs, make our pricing less competitive, lead us to change our pricing model, or adversely affect our margins, all of which could materially harm our business and financial results.

We could be, and in the past have been, subject to penalties from payment card networks if we fail to detect activities that are illegal, contrary to the payment card network operating rules, or considered "high risk." We must either prevent high-risk individuals from using our products and services or register such high-risk individuals with the payment card networks and conduct additional monitoring with respect to such high-risk individuals. Any such penalties could become material and could result in termination of our ability to accept payment cards or could require changes in our process for registering new sellers and customers. This could materially and adversely affect our business.

***We rely on third parties and their systems for a variety of services, including the processing of transaction data and settlement of funds to us and our customers, and these third parties' failure to perform these services adequately or refusal to continue their relationship with us could materially and adversely affect our business.***

To provide our products and services, we rely on third parties that we do not control, such as the payment card networks, our acquiring and issuing processors, the payment card issuers, a carrying broker-dealer, bank partners, various financial institution partners, systems like the Federal Reserve Automated Clearing House, and other partners. We rely on these third parties for a variety of services, including the transmission of transaction data, processing of chargebacks and refunds, settlement of funds to our sellers, certain brokerage services, storing customer funds, authorizing payment transactions under our various card programs, originating loans to customers, providing liquidity for Cash App's feature that permits our customers to buy and sell bitcoin, and providing information and other elements of our services. For example, we rely on a limited number of acquiring processors in some of the jurisdictions in which we offer our services. We frequently review and assess third-party partners that provide services. Adding or transitioning to new acquiring or issuing processors, bank partners, or other third-party providers may significantly disrupt our business or increase our costs. We have also in the past experienced outages with third parties, which have affected our ability to provide services and process payments, including for cards issued under our own brands. In the event these third parties fail to provide these services adequately, including as a result of financial difficulty or insolvency, errors in their systems, outages or events beyond their control, or refuse to provide these services or renew our agreements with them on terms acceptable to us or at all, and we are not able to find suitable alternatives, our business may be materially and adversely affected.

***We depend on key management, as well as our experienced and capable employees, and any failure to attract, motivate, and retain our employees could harm our ability to maintain and grow our business.***

Our future success is significantly dependent upon the continued service of our executives and other key employees. If we lose the services of any member of management or any key personnel, we may not be able to locate a suitable or qualified replacement, and we may incur additional expenses to recruit and train a replacement, which could disrupt our business and growth.

To maintain and grow our business, we will need to identify, attract, hire, develop, motivate, and retain highly skilled employees. This requires significant time, expense, and attention. In addition, we have made and may in the future make changes in our management team or management structure that may be disruptive to our business. If our management team or management structure, including any new hires that we make, fails to work together effectively and to execute our plans and strategies on a timely basis, our business could be harmed. Competition for highly skilled personnel is intense. We may need to invest significant amounts of cash and equity to attract and retain new employees, and we may never realize returns on these investments. Further, our plan to continue to cap our employee base at approximately 12,000, changes in our organizational structure, and any other future plans to restructure our employee base to improve operational efficiencies and operating costs, may adversely impact employee morale, and adversely affect our ability to retain or attract highly skilled employees.

Historically, equity awards have been a key component of our employee compensation, and as a result, any decline in the price of our Class A common stock (directly or relative to the stock price of other companies with which we compete for talent) may adversely impact our ability to retain employees or to attract new employees. Additionally, potential changes in U.S. immigration policy may make it difficult to renew or obtain visas for any highly skilled personnel that we have hired or may hire in the future. Furthermore, our business may be materially adversely affected if legislative or administrative changes to immigration or visa laws and regulations impair our hiring processes or projects involving personnel who are not citizens of the country where the work is to be performed. If we are not able to add or retain employees effectively, our ability to achieve our strategic objectives will be adversely affected, and our business and growth prospects will be harmed.

***If we do not continue to improve our operational, financial, and other internal controls and systems to manage growth effectively, our business could be harmed.***

Our current business and anticipated growth, as well as our entry into new lines of business and our acquisitions, will continue to place significant demands on our management and other resources. In order to manage our growth effectively, we must continue to strengthen our existing infrastructure and operational procedures, enhance our internal controls and reporting systems, and ensure we timely and accurately address issues as they arise. In particular, our continued growth will increase the challenges involved in:

- improving existing and developing new internal administrative infrastructure, particularly our operational, financial, communications, and other internal systems and procedures;
- successfully expanding and implementing internal controls as they relate to our new lines of business and any acquired businesses;
- identifying and mitigating new and developing risks;
- installing enhanced management information and control systems; and
- preserving our core values, strategies, and goals and effectively communicating these to our employees worldwide.

These challenges have increased as we shift to a more distributed workforce. If we are not successful in developing and implementing the right processes and tools to manage our enterprise, our ability to compete successfully and achieve our business objectives could be impaired.

These efforts may require substantial financial expenditures, commitments of resources, developments of our processes, and other investments and innovations. As we grow and our business model evolves, we must balance the need for additional controls and systems with the ability to efficiently develop and launch new features for our products and services. However, it is likely that as we grow, we will not be able to launch new features, or respond to customer or market demands as quickly as a smaller, more efficient organization. If we do not successfully manage our growth, our business will suffer.

The metrics we use to measure our business are calculated using internal company data based on the activity we measure on our platforms and may be compiled from multiple systems, including systems that are organically developed or acquired through business combinations. There are inherent challenges and limitations in measuring our business globally at scale, and the methodologies used to calculate our metrics inherently require certain assumptions and judgments. For example, we currently identify a Cash App transacting active as a Cash App account that has at least one financial transaction using any product or service within Cash App during a specified period although certain of these accounts may share an alias identifier with one or more other transacting active accounts (for example, families sharing one alias identifier or one customer with multiple accounts). Examples of transactions include sending or receiving a peer-to-peer payment, transferring money into or out of Cash App, making a purchase using Cash App Card, earning a dividend on a stock investment, paying back a loan, among others. We regularly review our processes for calculating these metrics, and from time to time we may make adjustments to improve their accuracy or relevance. Further, as our business develops, we may revise or cease reporting metrics if we determine that such metrics are no longer appropriate measures of our performance. If investors, customers or other stakeholders do not believe our reporting metrics accurately reflect our business or they disagree with our methodologies, our reputation may be harmed and our business may be adversely impacted.

***Many of our key components are procured from a single or limited number of suppliers. Thus, we are at risk of shortage, price increases, tariffs, changes, delay, or discontinuation of key components, which could disrupt and materially and adversely affect our business.***

Many of the key components used to manufacture our products, such as the custom parts of our magstripe reader, come from limited or single sources of supply. Due to our reliance on the components or products produced by third-party suppliers, we are subject to the risk of shortages and long lead times or other disruptions in the supply of certain components or products. We have in the past experienced, and may in the future experience, component shortages or delays or other problems in product assembly, and the availability of these components or products may be difficult to predict. For example, our manufacturers may experience temporary or permanent disruptions in their manufacturing operations due to equipment breakdowns, labor strikes or shortages, natural disasters, the occurrence of a contagious disease or illness, component or material shortages, cost increases, acquisitions, insolvency, bankruptcy, business shutdowns, trade restrictions, changes in legal or regulatory requirements, or other similar problems. In addition, if we underestimate or overestimate demand for a particular product, our contract manufacturers and suppliers may not be able to deliver sufficient quantities of that product to meet our requirements, or we may carry excess inventory, all of which could adversely affect our business.

Additionally, various sources of supply-chain risk, including strikes or shutdowns at delivery ports or loss of or damage to our products while they are in transit or storage, intellectual property theft, losses due to tampering, third-party vendor issues with quality or sourcing control, failure by our suppliers to comply with applicable laws and regulation, potential tariffs or other trade restrictions, or other similar problems could limit or delay the supply of our products or harm our reputation. In the event of a shortage or supply interruption from suppliers of these components, we may not be able to develop alternate sources quickly, cost-effectively, or at all. Any interruption or delay in manufacturing, component supply, any increases in component costs, or the inability to obtain these parts or components from alternate sources at acceptable prices and within a reasonable amount of time, would harm our ability to provide our products to sellers on a timely basis or impact our cost of goods sold. This could harm our relationships with our sellers, prevent us from acquiring new sellers, and materially and adversely affect our business.

Some of our hardware devices manufactured in China are subject to 25% tariffs when imported to the United States, while some other hardware devices are subject to tariffs at 7.5%. These tariffs negatively affect our gross margin on the impacted products, and increases in our pricing as a result of tariffs would reduce the competitiveness of our products if our competitors do not make similar pricing adjustments. The impact of any increased or new tariffs or other trade restrictions, for example, as proposed by the new U.S. presidential administration, could have a material and adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

**Our services must integrate with a variety of operating systems. If we are unable to ensure that our services or hardware interoperate with such operating systems and devices, our business may be materially and adversely affected.**

We are dependent on the ability of our products and services to integrate with a variety of operating systems, web browsers, and wired and wireless interfaces to mobile devices that we do not control. Any changes in these systems that degrade the functionality of our products and services, impose additional costs or requirements on us, or give preferential treatment to competitive services, including their own services, could materially and adversely affect usage of our products and services. In addition, we rely on app marketplaces, such as the Apple App Store and Google Play, to drive downloads of our mobile apps. Apple, Google, or other operators of app marketplaces regularly make changes to their marketplaces, and those changes may make access to our products and services more difficult. In the event that it is difficult for our customers to access and use our products and services, our business may be materially and adversely affected. Furthermore, Apple, Google, or other operators of app marketplaces regularly provide software updates, and such software updates may not operate effectively with our products and services, which may reduce the demand for our products and services, result in dissatisfaction by our customers, and may materially and adversely affect our business.

#### **Economic, Financial, and Tax Risks**

##### ***A deterioration of general macroeconomic conditions could materially and adversely affect our business and financial results.***

Our performance is subject to economic conditions and the impact of such conditions on levels of spending by businesses and individuals. Most of the sellers that use our services are small businesses, many of which are in the early stages of their development, and these businesses are often disproportionately adversely affected by economic downturns and may fail at a higher rate than larger or more established businesses. In particular, inflation and economic uncertainty have impacted and may continue to impact consumer spending in general and at these businesses specifically. Small businesses frequently have limited budgets and limited access to capital, and they may choose to allocate their spending to items other than our financial or marketing services, especially in times of economic uncertainty or in recessions. In addition, if our sellers cease to operate, this may have an adverse impact not only on the growth of our payments services but also on our transaction and advance loss rates, and the success of our other services. For example, if sellers processing payments with Square receive chargebacks after they cease to operate, we may incur additional losses. We serve sellers across a variety of industry verticals and in an economic downturn, certain verticals, particularly those that may be viewed as discretionary by consumers, may be impacted to a greater degree than others, which may harm our business and financial results.

We may experience material and adverse impacts to our business as a result of the uncertainty and volatility in the banking and financial services sectors, deteriorating macroeconomic conditions, including inflation and interest rate increases, availability of credit, bankruptcies or insolvencies of customers, and recession or economic downturn. Changes in interest rates and monetary policy can impact the demand for new loans, the credit profile of our borrowers, the yields earned on loans and securities, and the rates paid on deposits and borrowings. As a result of economic conditions, the growth in the number of Square sellers qualifying for participation in the Square Loans program may slow, or business loans may be paid more slowly, or not at all. In addition, customers who utilize our BNPL products and consumer loan products, such as Cash App Borrow, may also be disproportionately adversely affected by economic downturns, which could negatively impact demand for these product offerings or cause loss rates on such products to increase.

Further, our suppliers, distributors, and other third-party partners may suffer their own financial and economic challenges. Such suppliers and third parties may demand pricing accommodations, delay payment, or become insolvent, which could harm our ability to meet end customer demands or collect revenue or otherwise could harm our business. Furthermore, our investment portfolio, which includes U.S. government and corporate securities, is subject to general credit, liquidity, market, and interest rate risks, which may be exacerbated by certain events that affect the global financial markets. If global credit and equity markets decline for extended periods, or if there is a downgrade of the securities within our portfolio, our investment portfolio may be adversely affected and we could determine that our investments have experienced an other-than-temporary decline in fair value, requiring impairment charges that could adversely affect our financial results. In addition, from time to time we have reduced expenses and needed to restructure or reorganize certain portions of our operations in order to align our business with market conditions and our strategies, any of which can result in near term expense and harm to our growth prospects.

We are currently subletting some of our office space. An economic downturn and our work-from-home practices have caused and may in the future cause us to need less office space than we are contractually committed to leasing. We have, and may continue to, incur losses or recognize impairment charges in connection with any unused office space if we are unable to successfully sublease any unused office space, or if we are unable to successfully terminate any of our leasing commitments.

***We may not be able to secure financing on favorable terms, or at all, to meet our future capital needs, and our existing credit agreement and our Senior Notes contain, and any future debt financing may contain, covenants that impact the operation of our business and pursuit of business opportunities.***

We have funded our operations since inception primarily through debt and equity financings, bank credit agreements, finance lease arrangements, and cash from operations. While we believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents, marketable debt securities, and availability under our line of credit are sufficient to meet our working capital needs, planned capital expenditures, and service our debt, there is no guarantee that this will continue to be true in the future. In the future, we may require or seek additional capital to respond to business opportunities, refinancing needs, business and financial challenges, regulatory surety bond requirements, acquisitions, or unforeseen circumstances and may decide to engage in equity, equity-linked, or debt financings or enter into additional credit agreements for other reasons. We may not be able to secure any such additional financing or refinancing on favorable terms, in a timely manner, or at all. If we are unable to obtain adequate financing or financing on terms satisfactory to us when we require it, our ability to continue to grow or support our business and to respond to business challenges could be significantly limited.

We have financing arrangements with financial institutions in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and the United Kingdom (collectively, the "Warehouse Facilities") to partly fund our BNPL platform. The terms of the Warehouse Facilities contain covenants that may be triggered in certain situations (such as non-repayments on consumer borrowings exceeding certain monetary thresholds or key management resigning), which may negatively impact our ability to obtain additional funding under the Warehouse Facilities. If certain events of default occur under the Warehouse Facilities, we may not be able to draw future funding from those Warehouse Facilities or the debt outstanding under the Warehouse Facilities may be accelerated and our business and financial results could be adversely impacted.

Our credit agreement contains affirmative and negative covenants, including customary limitations on the incurrence of certain indebtedness and liens, restrictions on certain intercompany transactions, and limitations on dividends and stock repurchases. The indentures pursuant to which our 2026 Senior Notes, 2031 Senior Notes, and 2032 Senior Notes (collectively, the "Senior Notes") were issued contain covenants that restrict or could restrict, among other things, our business and operations. Any debt financing obtained by us in the future could also involve restrictive covenants relating to our capital-raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for us to operate our business, obtain additional capital, and pursue business opportunities, including potential acquisitions. Our ability to comply with these covenants may be affected by events beyond our control, and breaches of these covenants could result in a default under our existing credit agreement or our Senior Notes and any future financing agreements into which we may enter. If not waived, these defaults could cause indebtedness outstanding under our credit agreement, our Senior Notes, our other outstanding indebtedness, including our 2025 Convertible Notes, 2026 Convertible Notes, and 2027 Convertible Notes (collectively, the "Convertible Notes," and together with the Senior Notes, the "Notes"), and any future financing agreements that we may enter into to become immediately due and payable or may prevent us from borrowing under our credit agreement.

If we raise additional funds through further issuances of equity or other securities convertible into equity, including convertible debt securities, our existing stockholders could suffer dilution in their percentage ownership of our company, and any such securities we issue could have rights, preferences, and privileges senior to those of holders of our Class A common stock.

Changes by any rating agency to our outlook or credit rating could negatively affect the value of both our debt and equity securities and increase our borrowing costs. If our credit ratings are downgraded or other negative action is taken, our ability to obtain additional financing in the future on favorable terms or at all could be adversely affected.

***Servicing our Notes may require a significant amount of cash, and we may not have sufficient cash or the ability to raise the funds necessary to settle conversions of the Convertible Notes in cash, repay the Notes at maturity, or repurchase the Notes as required following a fundamental change.***

As of December 31, 2024, we had \$1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of 2025 Convertible Notes, \$575.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 2026 Convertible Notes, \$575.0 million outstanding aggregate principal amount of 2027 Convertible Notes, \$1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of 2026 Senior Notes, \$1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of 2031 Senior Notes, and \$2.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of 2032 Senior Notes.

Prior to December 1, 2024, in the case of the 2025 Convertible Notes, February 1, 2026, in the case of the 2026 Convertible Notes, and August 1, 2027, in the case of the 2027 Convertible Notes, the applicable Convertible Notes are convertible at the option of the holders only under certain conditions or upon occurrence of certain events. After such dates, the holders may convert all or a portion of such Convertible Notes at their option. If holders of the Convertible Notes of a series elect to convert such Convertible Notes when eligible, we will be required to settle the Convertible Notes in cash, shares of Class A common stock or any combination thereof.

In addition, holders of each series of Notes also have the right to require us to repurchase all or a portion of their Notes of such series upon the occurrence of a fundamental change (as defined in the applicable indenture governing the Notes) and, in the case of the Senior Notes, accompanied by a downgrade of the Senior Notes, at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, or at a repurchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the Senior Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, as applicable. If the Notes of any series have not previously been converted or repurchased, we will be required to repay such Notes in cash at maturity.

Our ability to make required cash payments in connection with conversions of the Convertible Notes, repurchase the Notes as required following a fundamental change, or to repay or refinance the Notes at maturity will depend on market conditions and our future performance, which is subject to economic, financial, competitive, and other factors beyond our control. We also may not use the cash proceeds we raised through the issuance of the Notes in an optimally productive and profitable manner. Since inception, our business has generated net losses in most quarters, and we may continue to incur significant losses. As a result, we may not have enough available cash or be able to obtain financing at the time we are required to repurchase or repay the Notes or pay cash with respect to the Convertible Notes being converted to the extent we elect to settle such Convertible Notes in cash.

In addition, our ability to repurchase or to pay cash upon conversion or at maturity of the Notes may be limited by law or regulatory authority. Our failure to repurchase Notes as required following a fundamental change or to pay cash upon conversion of our Convertible Notes (unless we elect to deliver solely shares of our Class A common stock to settle such conversion) or at maturity of the Notes as required by the applicable indenture would constitute a default under such indenture. A default under the applicable indenture could also lead to a default under our credit agreement, our other outstanding indebtedness, or agreements governing our future indebtedness. Moreover, the occurrence of the fundamental change itself could lead to such a default. Any such default could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition. If the payment of our other outstanding indebtedness or future indebtedness were to be accelerated after any applicable notice or grace periods, we may not have sufficient funds to repay such indebtedness and repurchase the Notes or to pay cash upon conversion of the Convertible Notes or at maturity of the Notes.

***We are subject to counterparty risk with respect to the convertible note hedge transactions.***

In connection with the issuance of each series of our Convertible Notes, we entered into convertible note hedge transactions with certain financial institutions, which we refer to as the "option counterparties." The option counterparties are financial institutions or affiliates of financial institutions, and we will be subject to the risk that one or more of such option counterparties may default under the convertible note hedge transactions. Our exposure to the credit risk of the option counterparties will not be secured by any collateral. If any option counterparty becomes subject to insolvency proceedings, we will become an unsecured creditor in those proceedings with a claim equal to our exposure at that time under the convertible note hedge transaction. Our exposure will depend on many factors but, generally, the increase in our exposure will be correlated to the increase in our Class A common stock market price and in the volatility of the market price of our Class A common stock. In addition, upon a default by any option counterparty, we may suffer adverse tax consequences and dilution with respect to our Class A common stock. We can provide no assurance as to the financial stability or viability of any option counterparty.

***Our bitcoin investment is subject to volatile market prices.***

We have made, and expect to make additional, investments in bitcoin. The price of bitcoin has been highly volatile and may continue to be volatile in the future, due to market factors, regulatory developments and other risks that are outside of our control. The prevalence of bitcoin is a relatively recent trend, and the long-term adoption of bitcoin by investors, consumers, and businesses remains uncertain. Bitcoin's lack of a physical form, its reliance on technology for its creation, existence, and transactional validation, and its decentralization may subject its integrity to the threat of malicious attacks and technological obsolescence. To the extent the market value of our bitcoin investment continues to decrease relative to the purchase prices, our financial condition may be adversely impacted.

The manner in which we account for our bitcoin under applicable accounting rules has changed. Prior to our adoption of ASU 2023-08, Accounting for and Disclosure of Crypto Assets ("ASU 2023-08"), our bitcoin was accounted for as an indefinite-lived intangible asset and for each reporting period, we were required to evaluate our bitcoin for impairment and record impairment losses if the fair value decreased below the carrying value during the assessed period. Since impairment losses for our bitcoin investment could not be recovered for any subsequent increases in fair value until the asset was sold, our operating results were adversely affected in any period in which such impairment occurred. Upon adoption of ASU 2023-08, we remeasured our bitcoin investment to its fair value as of January 1, 2023, resulting in an adjustment to our accumulated deficit. We will continue to remeasure our bitcoin investment at the end of each reporting period with changes recognized in our consolidated statements of operations. Accordingly, fluctuations in the market value of bitcoin in any quarter may cause fluctuations in our financial results. If there are future changes in applicable accounting rules that require us to change the manner in which we account for our bitcoin investment, there could be a material and adverse effect on our financial results and the market price of our Class A common stock.

***We are exposed to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.***

Our exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates through our international operations could have a negative impact on our reported results of operations. From time to time, we may enter into forward contracts, options, and/or foreign exchange swaps related to foreign currency exposures that arise in the normal course of our business. These and other such hedging activities may not eliminate our exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations. Moreover, the use of hedging instruments may introduce additional risks if we are unable to structure effective hedges with such instruments.

***We may have exposure to greater-than-anticipated tax liabilities, which may materially and adversely affect our business.***

We are subject to income taxes and non-income taxes in the United States and other countries in which we transact or conduct business, and such laws and rates vary by jurisdiction. We are subject to review and audit by U.S. federal, state, local, and foreign tax authorities. Such tax authorities have in the past disagreed, and may in the future disagree, with tax positions we take, and if any such tax authority were to successfully challenge any such position, our financial results and operations could be materially and adversely affected. For example, in June 2024, the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the City and County of San Francisco (the "Tax Collector") finalized its audit and issued an assessment of San Francisco's gross receipts tax, including interest and penalties, following its gross receipt tax audit for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022. The Tax Collector has asserted that incremental taxes are owed on a portion of the receipts generated by the Company related to sales of Bitcoin. The Company strongly disagrees with the Tax Collector's assessment and plans to vigorously pursue all available remedies. In January 2025, the Tax Collector rejected the Company's request for redetermination, and in January 2025 the Company paid the assessed amount of \$71.4 million and plans to file a claim for a refund. Should the Company not reach a settlement or prevail in its legal challenge, the Tax Collector may challenge the Company's gross receipts tax position going forward, including for 2023 and 2024. In addition, we currently are, and expect to continue to be, subject to numerous federal, state, local and foreign tax audits relating to transfer pricing, income, sales and use, gross receipts, franchise, value-added ("VAT"), and other tax liabilities. While we have established reserves based on assumptions and estimates that we believe are reasonably sufficient to cover such eventualities, any adverse outcome of such a review or audit could have an adverse impact on our financial position and results of operations if the reserves prove to be insufficient.

Our tax liability could be adversely affected by changes in tax laws, rates, regulations, and administrative practices. For example, various levels of government and international organizations, such as in the United States, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD"), and the European Union ("EU"), have increasingly focused on tax reform and any result from this development may create changes to long-standing tax principles, which could adversely affect our effective tax rate. On October 8, 2021, the OECD announced an international agreement with more than 130 countries to implement a new global minimum effective corporate tax rate of 15% (known as "Pillar Two") for large multinational companies with certain aspects of Pillar Two effective January 1, 2024 and other aspects effective January 1, 2025. Countries we operate in have adopted or intend to adopt laws to implement this initiative. Such countries and organizations are also actively considering changes to existing tax laws or have proposed or enacted new laws that could increase our tax obligations in countries where we do business or cause us to change the way we operate our business.

On August 16, 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act was enacted in the United States, which introduced, among provisions, a new minimum corporate income tax on certain large corporations, an excise tax of 1% on certain share repurchases by corporations, and increased funding for the Internal Revenue Service. Although we do not anticipate the new corporate minimum income tax will currently apply to us, we may be subject to the corporate minimum income tax in the future due to changes in our financial results, business and any future regulations or other guidance on the interpretation and application of the new corporate minimum tax. We currently have a share repurchase program and we may enter into share repurchase programs in the future. The new minimum corporate income tax and 1% excise tax on share repurchases may result in additional taxes payable by us, which could materially and adversely affect our financial results and operations.

Our income tax obligations are based on our corporate operating structure, including the manner in which we develop, value, and use our intellectual property and the scope of our international operations. The tax authorities of the jurisdictions in which we operate may challenge our methodologies for valuing developed technology or intercompany arrangements. Additionally, tax authorities at the international, federal, state, and local levels are currently reviewing the appropriate tax treatment of companies engaged in internet commerce and financial technology and attempting to broaden the classification and definitions of activities subject to taxation. For example, various states may attempt to broaden the definition of internet hosting, data processing, telecommunications, and other services to capture additional types of activities. These developing changes could affect our financial position and results of operations. In particular, it is possible that tax authorities at the international, federal, state, and local levels may attempt to regulate our transactions or levy new or revised sales and use taxes, gross receipts, franchise, VAT, digital services taxes, digital advertising taxes, income taxes, loan taxes, streaming taxes, or other taxes relating to our activities, which would likely increase the cost of doing business. New taxes could also create significant increases in internal costs necessary to capture data and collect and remit taxes. Proposed or enacted laws regarding tax compliance obligations could require us to make changes to our infrastructure or increase our compliance obligation. Any of these events could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations. Moreover, an increasing number of states, the U.S. federal government, and certain foreign jurisdictions have considered or adopted laws or administrative practices that impose obligations for on-demand and streaming services, online marketplaces, payment service providers and other intermediaries. These obligations may deem parties, such as us, to be the legal agent of merchants and therefore may require us to collect and remit taxes on the merchants' behalf and take on additional reporting and record-keeping obligations. For example, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 requires businesses that process payments to report payments for goods and services on Form 1099-K when those transactions total more than \$600 in a year for a given seller, which reporting requirement applies to Square and Cash App for Business accounts. However, the IRS has delayed the \$600 threshold for 2023 and prior tax years and affected businesses are only required to send out Forms 1099-K to taxpayers who receive over \$20,000 and have over 200 transactions in those years. According to IRS guidance released in 2024, the threshold for reporting is \$5,000 for 2024, \$2,500 for 2025, and \$600 for 2026. Any failure by us to prepare for and to comply with these and similar reporting and record-keeping obligations could result in substantial monetary penalties and other sanctions, adversely impact our ability to do business in certain jurisdictions, and harm our business.

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

***We have in the past recorded, and may in the future record, significant valuation allowances on our deferred tax assets, which may have a material impact on our results of operations and cause fluctuations in such results.***

As of December 31, 2024, we released a material portion of the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets in the United States. Our deferred tax assets relate predominantly to the United States federal and state tax jurisdictions. The need for a valuation allowance requires an assessment of both positive and negative evidence to determine whether it is more likely than not that deferred tax assets are recoverable; such assessment is required on a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction basis. In making such an assessment, significant weight is given to evidence that can be objectively verified. Refer to Note 15, *Income Taxes* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

We continue to monitor the likelihood that we will be able to recover our deferred tax assets in the future and adjustments in our valuation allowance may be required. The recording of any future increases in or release of all or any portion of our valuation allowance could have a material impact on our reported results, and both the recording and release of the valuation allowance could cause fluctuations in our quarterly and annual results of operations.

## Legal, Regulatory, and Compliance Risks

***Our business is subject to extensive regulation and oversight in a variety of areas, all of which are subject to change and uncertain interpretation.***

We are subject to a wide variety of local, state, federal, and international laws, regulations, licensing schemes, and industry standards in the United States and in other countries in which we operate. These laws, regulations, and standards govern numerous areas that are important to our business, and include, or may in the future include, those relating to or placing restrictions upon banking, lending, deposit-taking, cross-border and domestic money transmission, foreign exchange, payments services (such as payment processing and settlement services), cryptocurrency, trading in shares and fractional shares, personal income tax filing, fraud detection, consumer protection, anti-money laundering, anti-bribery and anti-corruption, escheatment, sanctions regimes and export controls, AI, privacy, data protection and cybersecurity, fiscalization and compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard, a set of requirements designed to ensure that all companies that process, store, or transmit payment card information maintain a secure environment to protect cardholder data.

These laws, rules, regulations, and standards are enforced by multiple authorities and governing bodies in the United States, including federal agencies, such as the FDIC, the SEC, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("CFPB"), the Department of Justice ("DOJ") and Office of Foreign Assets Control, self-regulatory organizations, and numerous state and local agencies, such as the Utah Department of Financial Institutions. Outside of the United States, we are subject to additional regulators, authorities, and governing bodies. As we expand into new jurisdictions, expand our product offerings in existing jurisdictions, or as laws, regulations, and standards evolve, the number of foreign regulations and regulators, authorities, and governing bodies governing our business will expand as well. For example, in connection with our acquisition of Afterpay we established a secondary listing on the ASX, subjecting us to additional listing requirements. As our business and products continue to develop and expand, we may become subject to additional rules, regulations, and industry standards. We may not always be able to accurately predict the scope or applicability of certain regulations to our business, particularly as we expand into new areas of operations, which could have a significant negative effect on our existing business and our ability to pursue future plans. In addition, certain regulators have imposed and in the future may impose additional requirements on our business as a condition for obtaining or maintaining permits, licenses or rights to conduct our business, including conditions under any settlements and consent orders with regulators, that restrict our business or our ability to take certain actions. If we fail to comply with the terms of such permits, licenses or other requirements, we could face regulatory or other enforcement actions, penalties or we may not be able to continue operating our business in the same manner.

Laws, regulations, and standards are subject to changes and evolving interpretations and application, including by means of legislative changes and/or executive orders, and may not be consistent across jurisdictions or regulatory bodies. It can be difficult to predict how such laws, regulations, and standards may be applied to our business and the way we conduct our operations, particularly as we introduce new products and services and expand into new jurisdictions.

For example, Cash App includes a feature that permits our customers to buy and sell bitcoin. Bitcoin is not widely accepted as legal tender or backed by governments around the world, and it has experienced price volatility, technological glitches, security compromises, and various law enforcement and regulatory interventions. Certain existing laws also prohibit transactions with certain persons and entities, and we have a risk-based program in place to prevent such transactions. Despite this, due to the nature of bitcoin and blockchain technology, we may not be able to prevent all such transactions, and there can be no guarantee that our measures will be viewed as sufficient. The regulation of bitcoin, as well as cryptocurrency and crypto platforms is an evolving area, and we could become subject to additional legislation or regulation in the future, or we might not be able to continue operating the feature in Cash App, at least in current form. If we fail to comply with regulations or prohibitions applicable to us, we could face regulatory or other enforcement actions, potential fines, reputational harm, and other consequences. Further, we might need to make other changes to our business operations, our products or our services as a result of changes in laws, regulations, standards, or decisions made by governing or regulatory authorities, which could cause the price of our Class A common stock to decrease.

We are subject to audits, inspections, inquiries, and investigations from regulators, authorities, and governing bodies, as applicable, on an ongoing basis, as well as certain monitoring of our compliance with our obligations under applicable laws, regulations and agreements. Although we have a compliance program focused on the laws, rules, regulations, and standards applicable to our business, we have been and are still subject to audits, inspections, inquiries, investigations, fines, or other actions or penalties in one or more jurisdictions levied by regulators, including federal and state agencies, state Attorneys General and private plaintiffs who may be acting as private attorneys general pursuant to various applicable laws, as well as those levied by foreign regulators, authorities, and governing bodies. For example, following the publication of a short seller report in March 2023, we received inquiries from the SEC and DOJ and we continue to cooperate in such matters. Refer to Note 19, *Commitments and Contingencies* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details on regulatory and litigation matters. Regulatory, governmental and other agencies have and may continue to coordinate or share information from time to time, which may result in new or consolidated actions by various agencies against us. In addition to fines, penalties for failing to comply with applicable rules and regulations could include significant criminal and civil lawsuits, forfeiture of significant assets, increased licensure requirements, revocation of licenses or other enforcement actions. We have been and may be required to make changes to our business practices or compliance programs as a result of regulatory scrutiny. In addition, any perceived or actual failure by us to comply with applicable laws, rules, regulations, standards or consent orders could have a significant impact on our reputation as a trusted brand and could cause us to lose existing customers, prevent us from obtaining new customers, require us to expend significant funds to remedy issues identified by regulators, and expose us to legal risk and potential criminal and civil liability.

***Our business is subject to complex and evolving regulations and oversight related to privacy, data protection, and information security.***

We are subject to laws and regulations relating to the collection, use, retention, privacy, protection, security, and transfer of information, including personal information of our employees and customers. As with the other laws and regulations noted above, these laws and regulations may change or be interpreted and applied differently over time and from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, and it is possible they will be interpreted and applied in ways that will materially and adversely affect our business. For example, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") and similar legislation in the United Kingdom ("U.K.") impose stringent privacy and data protection requirements and provide for greater penalties for noncompliance of up to the greater of 4% of worldwide annual revenue or €20 million or £17.5 million, as applicable. The GDPR restricts international data transfers from the EU to other jurisdictions unless the rights of the individual data subjects in respect of their personal data is protected by an approved transfer mechanism, or one of a limited number of exceptions applies. In the U.K., the Data Protection Act and legislation referred to as the U.K. GDPR substantially enact the GDPR into U.K. law and provide for similar requirements. When transferring personal data from the EU to other jurisdictions, we utilize standard contractual clauses published by the EU Commission (the "SCCs"). We use similar mechanisms approved by the U.K. Information Commissioner's Office when transferring personal data from the UK to other jurisdictions. On July 16, 2020, the Court of Justice of the European Union issued a decision imposing additional obligations on companies when relying on those SCCs. On July 10, 2023, the European Commission issued its "adequacy decision" for the EU-US Data Privacy Framework, concluding that the DPF ensures U.S. protection of personal data transferred between the countries is comparable to that offered in the EU. In the U.K., personal data generally may be transferred from the EU to the U.K. without restriction pursuant to an adequacy decision issued by the European Commission under the GDPR and the Law Enforcement Directive, subject to a four-year "sunset" period that expires in 2025, after which the European Commission's adequacy decision may be renewed. The European Commission may intervene at any time with respect to its adequacy decision. The UK's adequacy determination therefore is subject to future uncertainty and may be subject to modification or revocation in the future. These and other developments relating to cross-border data transfer could result in increased costs of compliance and limitations on our customers and us. Additionally, legal or regulatory challenges or other developments relating to cross-border data transfer may serve as a basis for our personal data handling practices, or those of our customers and vendors, to be challenged and may otherwise adversely impact our business, financial condition, and operating results. We could be required to make additional changes to the way we conduct our business and transmit data between the U.S., the U.K., the EU, and the rest of the world. Further, in addition to the GDPR, the European Commission has a draft regulation in the approval process that focuses on a person's right to conduct a private life. The proposed legislation, known as the Regulation of Privacy and Electronic Communications ("ePrivacy Regulation"), would replace the current ePrivacy Directive. If adopted, it would carry broad potential impacts on the use of internet-based services and tracking technologies, such as cookies. We expect to incur additional costs to comply with the requirements of the ePrivacy Regulation as it is finalized for implementation. Additionally, on January 13, 2022, the Austrian data protection regulator published a decision ruling that the collection of personal data and transfer to the U.S. through Google Analytics and other analytics and tracking tools used by website operators violates the GDPR. The Dutch, French and Italian data protection regulators have adopted similar decisions. Other data protection regulators in the EU increasingly are focused on the use of online tracking tools. Any of these changes or other developments with respect to EU data protection law could disrupt our business and otherwise adversely impact our business, financial condition, and operating results. In addition, some countries are considering or have enacted legislation addressing matters such as requirements for local storage and processing of data that could impact our compliance obligations, expose us to liability, and increase the cost and complexity of delivering our services.

Likewise, the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 ("CCPA") became effective on January 1, 2020 and was amended by the California Privacy Rights Act, which was passed in November 2020 and became effective on January 1, 2023. The CCPA, as amended, imposes stringent data privacy and data protection requirements relating to personal information of California residents, and provides for penalties for noncompliance of up to \$7,500 per violation. Aspects of the interpretation and enforcement of the CCPA remain unclear. More generally, privacy, data protection, and information security continue to be rapidly evolving areas, and further legislative activity has arisen and will likely continue to arise in the U.S., the EU, and other jurisdictions. For example, several states in the U.S. have proposed or enacted laws that contain obligations similar to the CCPA that have taken effect or will take effect in coming years. The U.S. federal government also is contemplating federal privacy legislation. The effects of recently proposed or enacted laws and regulation potentially are far-reaching and may require us to modify our data processing practices and policies and to incur substantial costs and expenses in an effort to comply. Further, variances in these laws and regulations or their interpretations may increase our compliance costs.

We have incurred, and may continue to incur, significant expenses to comply with evolving privacy, data protection, and cybersecurity standards and protocols imposed by law, regulation, industry standards, shifting consumer expectations, or contractual obligations. Laws and regulations directed at privacy, data protection, and cybersecurity, and those that have been applied in those areas, can be challenging to comply with and may be subject to evolving interpretations or applications. In particular, with laws and regulations such as the GDPR in the EU and the CCPA, and other laws in the U.S. imposing new and relatively burdensome obligations, and with the interpretation and application of these and other laws and regulations subject to evolving and uncertain interpretation and application, we may face challenges in addressing their requirements and making necessary changes to our policies and practices, and we may incur significant costs and expenses in an effort to do so. Any failure, real or perceived, by us to comply with our privacy, data protection, or information security policies, changing consumer expectations, or with any evolving legal or regulatory requirements, industry standards, or contractual obligations could result in claims, demands, and litigation by private parties, investigations and other proceedings by regulatory authorities, and fines, penalties and other liabilities, may harm our reputation and competitive position, and may cause our customers to reduce their use of our products and services, disrupt our supply chain or third-party vendor or developer partnerships, and materially and adversely affect our business.

***We are subject to risks related to legal and regulatory matters.***

We are currently, and may continue to be, subject to a variety of legal and regulatory matters, including claims, lawsuits (including class actions and individual lawsuits), disputes, investigations, subpoenas, inquiries or audits, and other actions or proceedings, including from regulatory bodies and governmental agencies. We have been, and may continue to be, subject to enforcement actions from regulatory bodies and governmental agencies, which may be public and may harm our brand and reputation, cause our customers to stop using our product or applications, cause our partners to discontinue their relationship with us, impair our ability to grow our customer base, subject us to financial penalties and liabilities, and otherwise adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. For example, in January 2025, we entered into a Consent Order with the CFPB related to certain customer service and dispute resolutions matters. Any noncompliance with the order may result in further exposure to CFPB action.

The number and significance of our legal or regulatory matters have increased as we have grown larger, as our business has expanded in scope and geographic reach, and as our products and services have increased in complexity, and we expect that we will continue to face additional legal or regulatory matters as we continue to grow and expand. We also receive significant media attention, which could result in increased legal or regulatory matters. Moreover, legal or regulatory matters have in the past and could in the future cause follow-on litigation or regulatory scrutiny by additional parties. These matters may require significant time and expense even if we are successful in resolving the matter, and the outcomes can be uncertain and unpredictable and may involve material penalties, fines, or restrictions on our business.

Some of the laws and regulations affecting the internet, mobile commerce, dispute resolution, payment processing, BNPL, bitcoin and equity investing, streaming service, business financing, and employment were not written with businesses like ours in mind, and many of the laws and regulations, including those affecting us have been enacted relatively recently. As a result, there is substantial uncertainty regarding the scope and application of many of the laws and regulations to which we are or may be subject, which increases the risk that we will be subject to claims alleging violations of those laws and regulations. The scope, outcome, and impact of legal or regulatory matters to which we are subject cannot be predicted with certainty. Regardless of the outcome, such matters can have a material and adverse impact on us due to their costs, diversion of our resources, restrictions placed on our business, and other factors. Plaintiffs or regulatory agencies may seek, and we may become subject to, preliminary or provisional rulings in the course of litigation, including preliminary injunctions requiring us to cease some or all of our operations. We may decide to settle legal or regulatory matters on terms that are unfavorable to us.

**As a licensed money transmitter, we are subject to important obligations and restrictions.**

We have obtained licenses to operate as a money transmitter (or as other financial services institutions) in the U.S. and in the states where this is required, as well as in some non-U.S. jurisdictions, including but not limited to the EU, the U.K., and Australia. As a licensed money transmitter, we are subject to obligations and restrictions including with respect to the investment of customer funds, reporting requirements, bonding requirements, and inspection by state and federal regulatory agencies concerning those aspects of our business considered money transmission. Evaluation of our compliance efforts, as well as the questions of whether and to what extent our products and services are considered money transmission, are matters of regulatory interpretation and could change over time. Our state money transmission license regulators also frequently collaborate on their examinations of our business. We have and continue to work with them on any concerns they raise. In the past, we have been subject to, and may in the future be subject to, fines and other penalties by such regulatory authorities due to their interpretations and applications to our business of their respective state money transmission laws. For example, in January 2025, we entered into a settlement agreement and consent order with various state money transmission license regulators related to aspects of our Bank Secrecy Act/anti-money laundering program. Failure to take required corrective actions may result in further exposure to state action. Any examinations and investigations by state regulators could result in liability, including governmental fines, restrictions on our business, or other sanctions, and we could be forced to cease conducting business in certain jurisdictions, be forced to otherwise change our business practices in certain jurisdictions, or be required to obtain additional licenses or regulatory approvals. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain or maintain any such licenses, and, even if we were able to do so, there could be substantial costs and potential product changes involved in maintaining such licenses, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business.

**We are subject to a number of regulatory risks in the BNPL space.**

The regulation of BNPL products is evolving, and states or countries have and may continue to pass new or additional regulations or additional and changing legal, regulatory, tax, licensing, and compliance requirements and industry standards that could adversely impact our BNPL products or the way we operate our BNPL platform. The CFPB has clarified that companies offering certain BNPL products are subject to many of the same regulatory requirements as credit card issuers. Increased compliance obligations and regulatory scrutiny may negatively impact our revenue and profitability. Any inability, or perceived inability, to comply with existing or new compliance obligations issued by the CFPB or any other regulatory authority, including with respect to BNPL products, could lead to regulatory investigations, or result in administrative or enforcement action, such as fines, penalties, and/or enforceable undertakings and adversely affect us and our results of operations. Regulatory scrutiny or changes in the BNPL space may impose significant compliance costs and make it uneconomical for us to continue to operate in our current markets or for us to expand into new markets.

**Our subsidiary Cash App Investing is a broker-dealer registered with the SEC and a member of FINRA, and therefore is subject to extensive regulation and scrutiny.**

Our subsidiary Cash App Investing facilitates transactions in shares and fractionalized shares of publicly-traded stock and exchange-traded funds by users of our Cash App through a third-party clearing and carrying broker-dealer, DriveWealth LLC ("DriveWealth"). Cash App Investing is registered with the SEC as a broker-dealer under the Exchange Act and is a member of FINRA. Therefore, Cash App Investing is subject to regulation, examination, and supervision by the SEC, FINRA, and state securities regulators. The regulations applicable to broker-dealers cover all aspects of the securities business, including sales practices, use and safekeeping of clients' funds and securities, capital adequacy, record-keeping, and the conduct and qualification of officers, employees, and independent contractors. As part of the regulatory process, broker-dealers are subject to periodic examinations by their regulators, the purpose of which is to determine compliance with securities laws and regulations, and from time to time may be subject to additional routine and for-cause examinations. It is not uncommon for regulators to assert, upon completion of an examination, that the broker-dealer being examined has violated certain of these rules and regulations. Depending on the nature and extent of the violations, the broker-dealer may be required to pay a fine and/or be subject to other forms of disciplinary and corrective action. Additionally, the adverse publicity arising from the imposition of sanctions could harm our reputation and cause us to lose existing customers or fail to gain new customers.

The SEC, FINRA, and state regulators have the authority to bring administrative or judicial proceedings against broker-dealers, whether arising out of examinations or otherwise, for violations of state and federal securities laws. Administrative sanctions can include cease-and-desist orders, censure, fines, and disgorgement and may even result in the suspension or expulsion of the firm from the securities industry. Similar sanctions may be imposed upon officers, directors, representatives, and employees.

Cash App Investing has adopted, and regularly reviews and updates, various policies, controls, and procedures designed for compliance with Cash App Investing's regulatory obligations. However, appropriately addressing Cash App Investing's regulatory obligations is complex and difficult, and our reputation could be damaged if we fail, or appear to fail, to appropriately address them. Failure to adhere to these policies and procedures may also result in regulatory sanctions or litigation against us. Cash App Investing also relies on various third parties, including DriveWealth, to provide services, including managing and executing customer orders, and failure of these third parties to adequately perform these services may negatively impact customer experience, product performance, and our reputation and may also result in regulatory sanctions or litigation against us or Cash App Investing.

In the event of any regulatory action or scrutiny, we or Cash App Investing could also be required to make changes to our business practices or compliance programs. In addition, any perceived or actual breach of compliance by Cash App Investing with respect to applicable laws, rules, and regulations could have a significant impact on our reputation, could cause us to lose existing customers, prevent us from obtaining new customers, require us to expend significant funds to remedy problems caused by breaches and to avert further breaches, and expose us to legal risk, including litigation against us, and potential liability.

***Cash App Investing is subject to net capital and other regulatory capital requirements; failure to comply with these rules could harm our business.***

Our subsidiary Cash App Investing is subject to the net capital requirements of the SEC and FINRA. These requirements typically specify the minimum level of net capital a broker-dealer must maintain and also mandate that a significant part of its assets be kept in relatively liquid form. Failure to maintain the required net capital may subject a firm to limitation of its activities, including suspension or revocation of its registration by the SEC and suspension or expulsion by FINRA, and ultimately may require its liquidation. Currently, Cash App Investing has relatively low net capital requirements, because it does not hold customer funds or securities, but instead introduces customers and directs transactions to DriveWealth. However, a change in the net capital rules, a change in how Cash App Investing handles or holds customer assets, or the imposition of new rules affecting the scope, coverage, calculation, or amount of net capital requirements could have adverse effects. Finally, because Cash App Investing is subject to such net capital requirements, we may be required to provide additional capital into Cash App Investing from time to time and as such, we may have liability and/or our larger business may be affected by any of these outcomes.

***Our subsidiary Square Financial Services is a Utah state-chartered industrial loan company, which requires that we serve as a source of financial strength to it and subjects us to potential regulatory sanctions and additional risks.***

On March 1, 2021, Square Financial Services received its deposit insurance from the FDIC and charter approval from the Utah Department of Financial Institutions and became operational. The FDIA requires that we serve as a source of financial strength to Square Financial Services. This means that we are required by law to provide financial assistance to Square Financial Services in the event that it experiences financial distress. In this regard, the FDIC's approval requires that Square Financial Services have initial paid-in capital of not less than approximately \$56 million, and at all times meet or exceed the regulatory capital levels required for Square Financial Services to be considered "well capitalized" under the FDIC's prompt corrective action rules. The regulatory total capital and leverage ratios of Square Financial Services may not be less than the levels provided in Square Financial Services' business plan approved by the FDIC and in no event may Square Financial Services' leverage ratio be less than twenty percent, as calculated in accordance with FDIC regulations. If Square Financial Services' total capital or leverage ratios fall below the levels required by the FDIC, we will need to provide sufficient capital to Square Financial Services so as to enable it to maintain its required regulatory capital ratios. If the FDIC were to increase Square Financial Services' capital requirements, it could negatively impact our business and operations and those of Square Financial Services.

The FDIC's approval is also contingent on us maintaining a Capital and Liquidity Maintenance Agreement as well as a Parent Company Agreement. The Capital and Liquidity Maintenance Agreement requires, among other things, that we maintain a third-party line of credit for the benefit of Square Financial Services acceptable to the FDIC; purchase any loan from Square Financial Services at the greater of the cost basis or fair market value, if deemed necessary by the FDIC or Square Financial Services; and establish and maintain a reserve deposit of \$50 million at an unaffiliated third-party bank that Square Financial Services could draw upon in the event that we fail to provide sufficient funds to maintain Square Financial Services' capital ratios at the required levels. The Parent Company Agreement requires, among other things, that we consent to the FDIC's examination of us and our subsidiaries; limit our representation on Square Financial Services' board of directors to no more than 25 percent; submit a contingency plan to the FDIC that describes likely scenarios of significant financial or operational stress and, if we were unable to serve as a source of financial strength, options for the orderly wind down or sale of Square Financial Services. Jack Dorsey, who is considered our controlling shareholder in this context, also agreed to cause us to perform under these agreements. Should we fail to comply with these obligations, we could be subject to regulatory sanctions. In addition, any failure by Square Financial Services to comply with applicable laws, rules, and regulations could also subject us and Square Financial Services to regulatory sanctions. These sanctions could adversely impact our reputation and our business, require us to expend significant funds for remediation, and expose us to litigation and other potential liability.

Square Financial Services is subject to the requirements in Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act and the Federal Reserve Board's implementing Regulation W, which regulate loans, extensions of credit, purchases of assets, and certain other transactions between an insured depository institution (such as Square Financial Services) and its affiliates. The statute and regulation require Square Financial Services to impose certain quantitative limits, collateral requirements, and other restrictions on "covered transactions" between Square Financial Services and its affiliates and requires all transactions be on "market terms" and conditions consistent with safe and sound banking practices. Any failure by us or Square Financial Services to comply with these requirements could limit the types of products and services we may offer and may impose additional compliance costs.

***Our intellectual property rights are valuable, and any inability to protect them could reduce the value of our products, services, and brand.***

Our trade secrets, trademarks, copyrights, patents, and other intellectual property rights are critical to our success. We rely on, and expect to continue to rely on, a combination of confidentiality, invention assignment, and license agreements with our employees, consultants, and third parties with whom we have relationships, as well as trademark, trade dress, domain name, copyright, trade secret, and patent rights, to protect our brand and other intellectual property rights. However, various events outside of our control may pose a threat to our intellectual property rights, as well as to our products and services. Effective protection of intellectual property rights is expensive and difficult to maintain, both in terms of application and maintenance costs, as well as the costs of defending and enforcing those rights. The efforts we have taken to protect our intellectual property rights may not be sufficient or effective. Our intellectual property rights may be infringed, misappropriated, or challenged, which could result in them being narrowed in scope or declared invalid or unenforceable. Similarly, our reliance on unpatented proprietary information and technology, such as trade secrets and confidential information, depends in part on agreements we have in place with employees and third parties that place restrictions on the use and disclosure of this intellectual property. These agreements may be insufficient or may be breached, or we may not enter into sufficient agreements with such individuals in the first instance, in either case potentially resulting in the unauthorized use or disclosure of our trade secrets and other intellectual property, including to our competitors, which could cause us to lose any competitive advantage resulting from this intellectual property. Individuals not subject to invention assignment agreements may make adverse ownership claims to our current and future intellectual property. There can be no assurance that our intellectual property rights will be sufficient to protect against others offering products or services that are substantially similar to ours and that compete with our business.

We routinely apply for patents in the U.S. and internationally to protect innovative ideas in our technology, but we may not always be successful in obtaining patent grants from these applications. We also pursue registration of copyrights, trademarks, and domain names in the United States and in certain jurisdictions outside of the United States, but doing so may not always be successful or cost-effective. In general, we may be unable or, in some instances, choose not to obtain legal protection for our intellectual property, and our existing and future intellectual property rights may not provide us with competitive advantages or distinguish our products and services from those of our competitors. The laws of some foreign countries do not protect our intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States, and effective intellectual property protection and mechanisms may not be available in those jurisdictions. We may need to expend additional resources to defend our intellectual property in these countries, and the inability to do so could impair our business or adversely affect our international expansion. Our intellectual property rights may be contested, circumvented, or found unenforceable or invalid, and we may not be able to prevent third parties from infringing, diluting, or otherwise violating them. Additionally, our intellectual property rights and other confidential business information are subject to risks of compromise or unauthorized disclosure if our security measures or those of our third-party service providers are unable to prevent cyber-attacks. Unauthorized disclosure or use of our intellectual property rights may also occur if third parties were to breach the licensing terms under which certain of our innovations are offered broadly, including under open source licenses. Furthermore, the growing use of generative AI presents an increased risk of unintentional and/or unauthorized disclosure or use of our intellectual property rights. Significant impairments of our intellectual property rights, and limitations on our ability to assert our intellectual property rights against others, could have a material and adverse effect on our business.

We regularly contribute software source code under open source and other permissive licenses and have made other technology we developed available under such licenses, and we include open source software in our products. Additionally, our AI services may be trained on data sets that may include open source software and the outputs of our AI services may be subject to open source license restrictions or obligations. As a result of our open source contributions and the use of open source software in our products, we may license or be required to license or disclose code and/or 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 brands and other intangible assets may be diminished and competitors may be able to more effectively mimic our products, services, and methods of operations. Any of these events could have an adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

***Assertions by third parties of infringement or other violation by us of their intellectual property rights could harm our business.***

Third parties have asserted, and may in the future assert, that we have infringed, misappropriated, or otherwise violated their copyrights, patents, and other intellectual property rights. Although we expend significant resources to seek to comply with the statutory, regulatory, and judicial frameworks and the terms and conditions of statutory licenses, we cannot assure you that we are not infringing or violating any third-party intellectual property rights, or that we will not do so in the future, particularly as new technologies such as generative AI impact the industries in which we operate. It is difficult to predict whether assertions of third-party intellectual property rights or any infringement or misappropriation claims arising from such assertions will substantially harm our business, operating results, and financial condition. If we are forced to defend against any infringement or misappropriation claims, whether they are with or without merit, are settled out of court, or are determined in our favor, we may be required to expend significant time and financial resources on the defense of such claims. Legal and regulatory changes in this area may also present uncertainty and risk. For instance, the Unified Patent Court in the European Union creates an opportunity to efficiently resolve such claims in a specialized forum, while also introducing limited operational uncertainty as the court's procedures and processes scale. Regardless of the forum, an adverse outcome of a dispute may require us to pay significant damages, which may be even greater if we are found to have willfully infringed upon a party's intellectual property; cease exploiting copyrighted content that we have previously had the ability to exploit; cease using solutions that are alleged to infringe or misappropriate the intellectual property of others; expend additional development resources to redesign our solutions; enter into potentially unfavorable royalty or license agreements in order to obtain the right to use necessary technologies, content, or materials; indemnify our partners and other third parties; and/or take other actions that may have material and adverse effects on our business, operating results, and financial condition.

In some instances, third-party assertions of intellectual property rights have led, and may continue to lead, to litigation. In such instances, we are accused of having, or may be found to have, infringed or violated third-party copyrights, patents, trademarks, and other intellectual property rights. If we are forced to defend against any infringement or misappropriation claims, whether they are with or without merit, are settled out of court, or are determined in our favor, we may be required to expend significant time and financial resources on the defense of such claims. If any IP litigation to which we are a party is resolved adversely, we may be subject to an unfavorable judgment that we may not choose to appeal or that may not be reversed upon appeal. We have also, from time to time, needed to obtain a license to continue existing practices as a result of changes in law or for which we are found to be in violation of a third-party's rights. If we are required, or choose to enter into, royalty or licensing arrangements, such arrangements 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 or procure alternative non-infringing technology or discontinue use of technology, and doing so could require significant effort and expense or may not be feasible. In addition, the terms of any settlement or judgment in connection with any legal claims, lawsuits, or proceedings may require us to cease some or all of our operations or to pay substantial amounts to the other party and could materially and adversely affect our business.

***Increased scrutiny from investors, regulators, and other stakeholders relating to environmental, social, and governance issues could result in additional costs for us and may adversely impact our reputation.***

Investors, regulators, customers, employees and other stakeholders continue to focus on environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") matters. Our ESG strategy is focused on four key areas: our customers and communities, global climate action, our people, and corporate governance. We publicly report on certain commitments, initiatives, and goals regarding ESG matters in our annual Corporate Social Responsibility Report, on our website, in our SEC filings, and elsewhere. For example, we are committed to building a diverse workforce that reflects our customers and the communities we serve and one of our climate goals is to achieve net zero carbon for operations by 2030. The implementation of our ESG commitments, initiatives, and goals may require additional investments, and in certain cases, are reliant on third-party verification and/or performance, and we cannot guarantee that we will make progress on our commitments and initiatives or achieve our goals. If we fail, or are perceived to fail, to make such progress or achievements, or to maintain ESG practices that meet evolving stakeholder expectations, or if we revise any of our ESG commitments, initiatives, or goals, our reputation and our ability to attract and retain employees could be harmed, and we may be negatively perceived by investors or our customers. In addition, we could also be criticized or face claims regarding our ESG commitments, initiatives, and goals, including with respect to the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of related disclosures, and our reputation and business could be negatively impacted. Further, regulatory requirements with respect to carbon emissions disclosures and other aspects of ESG may result in increased compliance requirements on our business and supply chain, and may increase our operating costs. For example, in October 2023, the California Governor signed into law the Climate-Related Financial Risk Act and the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act, which significantly expand climate-related disclosure requirements for companies doing business in California, and the SEC recently adopted rules that will require registrants to provide climate-related information in their registration statements and annual reports, such as disclosure of material climate-related risks, Board of Directors' oversight and risk management activities, material greenhouse gas emissions, and material climate-related targets and goals. The SEC rules will also require entities to quantify certain effects of severe weather events and other natural conditions in the audited financial statements. While the SEC's rules have been stayed pending judicial review, to the extent they become effective, we expect to expend significant time and resources to comply with the requirements. In addition, a number of jurisdictions outside the United States have adopted ESG rules that apply to us and we will incur costs and expend resources to comply with such applicable ESG rules.

#### **Risks Related to Ownership of Our Common Stock**

***The dual class structure of our common stock has the effect of concentrating voting control within our stockholders who held our stock prior to our initial public offering, including many of our 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 has one vote per share. Stockholders who hold shares of Class B common stock, including certain of our executive officers, employees, and directors and their affiliates, held approximately 52% of the voting power of our combined outstanding capital stock as of December 31, 2024. 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 hold more than a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, and therefore such holders are able to control all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval. When the shares of our Class B common stock represent less than 5% of the combined voting power of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock, the then-outstanding shares of Class B common stock will automatically convert into shares of Class A common stock.

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 conversions of Class B common stock to Class A common stock upon transfer 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 our Class B stockholders retain shares of Class B common stock constituting as little as 10% of all outstanding shares of our Class A and Class B common stock combined, they will continue to control a majority of the combined voting power of our outstanding capital stock.

***The market price of our Class A common stock has been and will likely continue to be volatile, and you could lose all or part of your investment.***

The market price of our Class A common stock has been and may continue to be subject to wide fluctuations in response to various factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be related to our operating performance. In addition to the factors discussed in this *Risk Factors* section and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, factors that could cause fluctuations in the market price of our Class A common stock include the following:

- general economic, regulatory, and market conditions, in particular conditions that adversely affect our sellers' business and the amount of transactions they are processing;
- public health crises and related measures to protect the public health;
- sales of shares of our common stock by us or our stockholders;
- issuance of shares of our Class A common stock, whether in connection with an acquisition or upon conversion of some or all of our outstanding Convertible Notes;
- short selling of our Class A common stock or related derivative securities;
- from time to time we make investments in equity that is, or may become, publicly held, and we may experience volatility due to changes in the market prices of such equity investments;
- fluctuations in the price of bitcoin;
- reports by securities or industry analysts, media or other third parties, that are interpreted either negatively or positively by investors, failure of securities analysts to maintain coverage and/or to provide accurate consensus results of us, changes in financial estimates by securities analysts who follow us, or our failure to meet these estimates or the expectations of investors;
- the financial or other projections we may provide to the public, any changes in those projections, or our failure to meet those projections;
- announcements by us or our competitors of new products or services;
- rumors and market speculation involving us or other companies in our industry;
- actual or perceived security incidents that we or our service providers may suffer; and
- actual or anticipated developments in our business, our competitors' businesses, or the competitive landscape generally.

In addition, in the past, following periods of volatility in the overall market and the market price of a particular company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against these companies. Such litigation could result in substantial costs and a diversion of our management's attention and resources.

***Our Class A common stock is listed to trade on more than one stock exchange, and this may result in price variations between the exchanges.***

Our Class A common stock is listed for trade on the NYSE and as CDIs on the ASX. Dual-listing may result in price variations between the exchanges due to a number of factors. Our Class A common stock is traded in U.S. dollars on the NYSE and our CDIs are traded in Australian Dollars on the ASX. The two exchanges also have differing vacation schedules. Differences in the trading schedules, as well as volatility in the exchange rate of the two currencies, among other factors, may result in different trading prices for our Class A common stock on the two exchanges.

***The convertible note hedge and warrant transactions may affect the value of our Class A common stock.***

In connection with the issuance of each series of our Convertible Notes, we entered into convertible note hedge transactions with the option counterparties. We also entered into warrant transactions with the option counterparties pursuant to which we sold warrants for the purchase of our Class A common stock. The convertible note hedge transactions are expected generally to offset the potential dilution to our Class A common stock upon any conversion of the Convertible Notes and/or reduce any cash payments we are required to make in excess of the principal amount of converted Convertible Notes, as the case may be. The warrant transactions would separately have a dilutive effect to the extent that the market price per share of our Class A common stock exceeds the strike price of any warrants unless, subject to the terms of the warrant transactions, we elect to cash settle the warrants.

From time to time, the option counterparties or their respective affiliates may modify their hedge positions by entering into or unwinding various derivative transactions with respect to our Class A common stock and/or purchasing or selling our Class A common stock or other securities of ours in secondary market transactions prior to the maturity of the Convertible Notes. This activity could cause or avoid an increase or a decrease in the market price of our Class A common stock.

***Anti-takeover provisions contained in our certificate of incorporation, our bylaws, and provisions of Delaware law could impair a takeover attempt.***

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation ("certificate of incorporation"), our amended and restated bylaws ("bylaws"), and Delaware law contain provisions that could have the effect of rendering more difficult, delaying, or preventing an acquisition deemed undesirable by our board of directors and therefore depress the trading price of our Class A common stock.

Among other things, our dual-class common stock structure provides our holders of Class B common stock with the ability to significantly influence the outcome of matters requiring stockholder approval, even if they own significantly less than a majority of the shares of our outstanding shares of common stock. Further, our certificate of incorporation and bylaws include provisions (i) creating a classified board of directors whose members serve staggered three-year terms; (ii) authorizing "blank check" preferred stock, which could be issued by our board of directors without stockholder approval and may contain voting, liquidation, dividend, and other rights superior to our common stock; (iii) limiting the ability of our stockholders to call special meetings; (iv) eliminating the ability of our stockholders to act by written consent without a meeting or to remove directors without cause; and (v) requiring advance notice of stockholder proposals for business to be conducted at meetings of our stockholders and for nominations of candidates for election to our board of directors. These provisions, alone or together, could delay or prevent hostile takeovers and changes in control or changes in our management.

As a Delaware corporation, we are also subject to provisions of Delaware law, including Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which prevents certain stockholders holding more than 15% of our outstanding capital stock from engaging in certain business combinations without the approval of our board of directors or the holders of at least two-thirds of our outstanding capital stock not held by such stockholder.

Any provision of our certificate of incorporation, bylaws, or Delaware law that has the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control could limit the opportunity for our stockholders to receive a premium for their shares of our capital stock and could also affect the price that some investors are willing to pay for our Class A common stock.

***Our bylaws provide that (1) the Delaware Court of Chancery or another state court or federal court located within the State of Delaware will be the exclusive forum for substantially all disputes between us and our stockholders and (2) the federal district courts of the U.S. will be the exclusive forum for all causes of action arising under the Securities Act, which could limit our stockholders' ability to choose the judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers, or employees.***

Our bylaws provide that, unless we consent to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or, if the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware does not have jurisdiction, another state court in Delaware or the federal district court for the District of Delaware) is the exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf; (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of fiduciary duty owed by any of our directors, officers, or other employees to us or to our stockholders; (iii) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law, our certificate of incorporation or our bylaws; or (iv) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine, in all cases subject to the court having jurisdiction over the claims at issue and the indispensable parties. The choice of forum provision will not apply to suits brought to enforce any liability or duty created by the Exchange Act.

Section 22 of the Securities Act creates concurrent jurisdiction for federal and state courts over all Securities Act actions. Accordingly, both state and federal courts have jurisdiction to entertain such claims. To prevent having to litigate claims in multiple jurisdictions and the threat of inconsistent or contrary rulings by different courts, among other considerations, our bylaws also provide that the federal district courts of the United States of America will be the exclusive forum for resolving any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act.

Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in any of our securities shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the foregoing bylaw provisions. Although we believe these exclusive forum provisions benefit us by providing increased consistency in the application of Delaware law and federal securities laws in the types of lawsuits to which each applies, the exclusive forum provisions may limit a stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum of its choosing for disputes with us or any of our directors, officers, stockholders, or other employees, which may discourage lawsuits with respect to such claims against us and our current and former directors, officers, stockholders, or other employees. Our stockholders will not be deemed to have waived our compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder as a result of our exclusive forum provisions. Further, in the event a court finds either exclusive forum provision contained in our bylaws to be unenforceable or inapplicable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm our results of operations.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM 1C. CYBERSECURITY****Risk Management and Strategy**

We have a cybersecurity risk management program consisting of policies and procedures for assessing, identifying, and managing material risk from cybersecurity threats, and we have integrated these policies and procedures into our overall risk management systems and processes. Our cybersecurity policies and procedures are based on recognized frameworks established by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the International Organization for Standardization and other applicable industry standards. We routinely assess material risks from cybersecurity threats and regularly assess and update our cybersecurity risk management program in response to emerging trends and changes in our operations.

Our risk management program includes, among other elements:

**Identification:** We aim to proactively identify sources of risk, areas of impact, and relevant events that could give rise to cybersecurity risks, such as changes to our infrastructure, service providers, or personnel.

**Assessment:** We conduct periodic risk assessments to identify cybersecurity threats. We also conduct likelihood and impact assessments with the goal of identifying reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks, the likelihood and potential damage that could result from such risks, and the sufficiency of existing policies, procedures, systems, and safeguards in place to manage such risks.

**Management:** Following our risk assessments, we design and implement reasonable safeguards to address any identified gaps in our existing processes and procedures. Our employees participate in cybersecurity training and awareness upon hire and at least annually thereafter.

We engage third parties, including consultants and auditors, to evaluate the effectiveness of our risk management program, control environment, and cybersecurity practices through security audits, penetration testing, and other engagements.

We have processes in place to identify, review and evaluate cybersecurity risks associated with our use of third-party service providers. These reviews are conducted at onboarding and periodically throughout the tenure of the service provider based on risk tier rating of each service provider. We believe these processes enable us to evaluate a third-party service provider's security posture, identify risks that may arise out of our use of the third party's service, and make decisions regarding acceptable levels of risk and risk mitigation.

For additional information regarding whether any risks from cybersecurity threats, including as a result of any previous cybersecurity incidents, have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our company, including our business strategy, results of operations, or financial condition, please refer to Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in this annual report on Form 10-K.

**Board and Management's Role in Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Oversight**

Our board of directors recognizes the oversight of risk management as one of its primary responsibilities and central to maintaining an effective, risk-aware and accountable organization. While the board of directors maintains ultimate responsibility for the oversight of our data privacy and cybersecurity program and risks, it has delegated certain oversight responsibilities to our audit and risk committee. Our board of directors and audit and risk committee's principal role is one of oversight, recognizing that management is responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of an effective program for protecting against and mitigating data privacy and cybersecurity risks. The audit and risk committee assists the board of directors in enhancing its understanding of data privacy and cybersecurity issues by overseeing our data privacy and information security programs, strategy, policies, processes, and material risks, as well as overseeing responses to security and data incidents, as appropriate.

The full board of directors receives an annual information security update by our Chief Information Security Officer ("CISO") and an annual privacy update, which covers, among other matters, our privacy and cybersecurity programs and risks. Our audit and risk committee receives updates, at least quarterly, on significant data privacy and security risks, including any significant incidents, relevant industry developments, threat vectors and significant risks identified in periodic penetration tests or vulnerability scans. The updates also include significant legal and legislative developments concerning data privacy and security, our approach to complying with applicable law, and significant engagement with regulators concerning data privacy and cybersecurity. Our audit and risk committee provides regular updates to the board of directors on such reports.

Our CISO oversees our cybersecurity policies and processes, including those described in "Risk Management and Strategy" above. Our data security governance, infrastructure security, product security, applied security engineering and security operations teams report directly to our CISO and provide regular updates on significant or potentially significant threats and incidents. Additionally, we have an incident response team and an incident response plan that outlines the roles and responsibilities of key personnel, including representatives from information security, compliance, and counsel, that are involved in responding to, remediating and escalating such incidents to the CISO, as appropriate. Our CISO reports directly to our Technology + Engineering Lead and indirectly to our audit and risk committee. Our CISO provides updates on significant or potentially significant threats and incidents to our Block Head and leadership team, in addition to the audit and risk committee and our board of directors as appropriate and in accordance with the processes detailed in the prior paragraph.

Our CISO is primarily responsible for assessing and managing our material risks from cybersecurity threats. Our CISO has over 20 years of experience in information security, including serving as head of cybersecurity and privacy response at a global public company and information security leadership positions with the United States government. Our CISO holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in computer information systems and computer science with an information security focus and possesses various certifications, including the Information Systems Security Professional (NSTISSI No. 4011) and Information Systems Security Officer (CNSSI No. 4014) certifications.

#### **ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

We do not designate a headquarters location as we have adopted a distributed work model. We lease space in New York, New York for a product development, sales, and business operations office under a lease that expires in 2028 and office space in Oakland, California for general corporate purposes under a lease that expires in 2031. We also lease space in St Louis, Missouri, for a business operations office under a lease that expires in 2036 with two renewal options to extend the lease for an additional term of 5 years each. We also have offices in several other locations and believe our facilities are sufficient for our current needs.

#### **ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We are currently a party to, and may in the future be involved in, various legal matters, investigations, subpoenas, inquiries, audits, claims, lawsuits and disputes, including with regulatory bodies and governmental agencies. For information regarding legal proceedings in which we are involved, see "Litigation and Regulatory Matters" in Note 19, *Commitments and Contingencies* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, which is incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, from time to time, we are involved in various other legal matters, investigations, subpoenas, inquiries, audits, claims, lawsuits and disputes arising in the ordinary course of business. We cannot at this time fairly estimate a reasonable range of exposure, if any, of the potential liability with respect to these other matters. While we do not believe, at this time, that any ultimate liability resulting from any of these other matters will have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial position, or liquidity, we cannot give any assurance regarding the ultimate outcome of these other matters, and their resolution could be material to our operating results for any particular period.

#### **ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

## PART II

### ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

#### Market Information for Common Stock

Our Class A common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange and our CDIs are traded on the ASX, both under the symbol "XYZ". There is no public trading market for our Class B common stock.

#### Holders of Record

As of February 18, 2025, there were 504 holders of record of our Class A common stock and 24 holders of record of our Class B common stock. Because many of our shares of Class A common stock are held by brokers and other institutions on behalf of stockholders, we are unable to estimate the total number of beneficial owners of our Class A common stock represented by these record holders. As of February 18, 2025, we have approximately 39,934 holders of record of our CDIs.

#### Dividend Policy

We have never declared nor paid any cash dividends on our capital stock. We do not expect to pay any dividends on our capital stock in the foreseeable future. Any future determination relating to our dividend policy 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.

#### Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

In October 2023, the Company's board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$1 billion of the Company's Class A common stock. On July 25, 2024, the Company's board of directors authorized an increase to the Company's share repurchase program to repurchase up to an additional \$3 billion of the Company's Class A common stock, for a total overall authorization of \$4 billion. Repurchases may be made from time to time through open market purchases or through privately negotiated transactions subject to market conditions, applicable legal requirements and other relevant factors. The repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any particular amount of its Class A common stock and may be suspended at any time at the Company's discretion. The timing and number of shares repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including the stock price, business and market conditions, corporate and regulatory requirements, alternative investment opportunities, acquisition opportunities, and other factors.

The following table summarizes the share repurchase activity for the three months ended December 31, 2024 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average price paid per share <sup>(i)</sup>	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or program	Approximate dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
October 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024	1,090	\$ 70.44	1,090	\$ 2,779,232
November 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	653	\$ 82.50	653	\$ 2,725,360
December 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024	567	\$ 92.61	567	\$ 2,672,850
Total	<u>2,310</u>		<u>2,310</u>	

<sup>(i)</sup> Average price paid per share for open market purchases includes broker commissions.

**Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities**

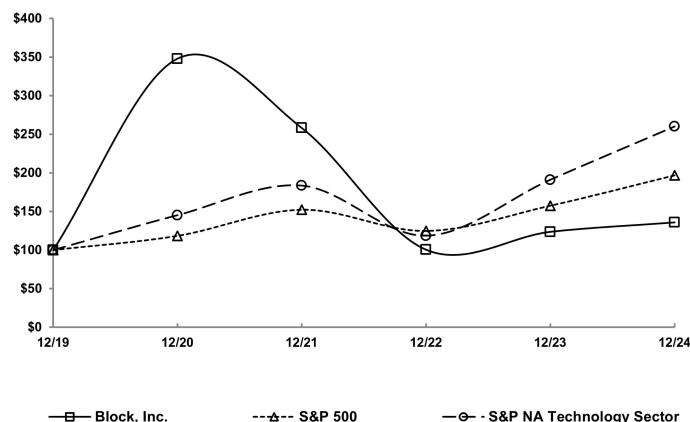
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## Performance Graph

This performance graph shall not be deemed "soliciting material" or to be "filed" with the SEC for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Block, Inc. under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The following graph compares the cumulative total return to stockholders of our common stock relative to the cumulative total returns of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index ("S&P 500"), and the S&P North American Technology Index. An investment of \$100 (with reinvestment of all dividends) is assumed to have been made in our Class A common stock and in each index on the last trading day for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 and its relative performance is tracked through December 31, 2024. The returns shown are based on historical results and are not intended to suggest future performance.

**COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN\***  
Among Block, Inc., the S&P 500 Index  
and the S&P NA Technology Sector Index



\*\$100 invested on 12/31/19 in stock or index, including reinvestment of dividends.  
Fiscal year ending December 31.

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Company/Index	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2024
Block, Inc.	\$ 100.00	\$ 347.89	\$ 258.17	\$ 100.45	\$ 123.64	\$ 135.85
S&P 500	\$ 100.00	\$ 118.40	\$ 152.39	\$ 124.79	\$ 157.59	\$ 197.02
S&P North American Technology	\$ 100.00	\$ 145.15	\$ 183.47	\$ 118.60	\$ 191.10	\$ 260.04



## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

*This management's discussion and analysis provides a review of the results of operations, key operating metrics and non-GAAP financial measures, and liquidity and capital resources of Block, Inc. on a historical basis and outlines the factors that have affected recent earnings, as well as those factors that may affect future earnings. The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K ("Form 10-K").*

*This section of this Form 10-K generally discusses fiscal 2024 compared to fiscal 2023. The comparison of the fiscal 2023 results with the fiscal 2022 results that are not included in this Form 10-K can be found in the "Management's Discussion and Analysis Results of Operations" section in the Company's fiscal 2023 Annual Report within Part II, Item 7 of Form 10-K, filed on February 22, 2024.*

*The statements in this discussion regarding our expectations of our future performance, liquidity, and capital resources; our plans, estimates, beliefs, and expectations that involve risks and uncertainties; and other non-historical statements in this discussion are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the risks and uncertainties described under Item 1A. Risk Factors and elsewhere in this Form 10-K. Our actual results may differ materially from those contained in or implied by any forward-looking statements.*

### Overview

We launched the Square ecosystem in February 2009 to enable businesses ("sellers") to accept card payments, an important capability that was previously inaccessible to many businesses. We have expanded to provide sellers additional products and services and to give them access to a cohesive ecosystem of tools to help them manage and grow their businesses. Similarly, with Cash App, we have built an ecosystem of financial products and services to help individuals manage their money. In January 2022, we completed the acquisition of Afterpay, a buy now, pay later ("BNPL") platform that facilitates commerce between retail merchants and consumers by allowing retail merchant clients to offer their customers the ability to buy goods and services on a BNPL basis. In addition, our nascent businesses include TIDAL and two bitcoin businesses, Bitkey and Proto.

We delivered strong growth across our primary ecosystems in 2024, with gross profit of \$8.9 billion, up 18% year over year. Cash App generated gross profit of \$5.2 billion in 2024, up 21% year over year. Performance was driven by growth in inflows per active as we execute on our Bank Our Base strategy, which prioritizes engaging customers with more products across our ecosystem and increasing paycheck deposit actives. Square generated gross profit of \$3.6 billion in 2024, up 15% year over year, as we continued to increase product velocity and optimize our go-to-market strategies.

In 2024, operating income was \$892.3 million and Adjusted Operating Income was \$1.6 billion, compared to an operating loss of \$278.8 million and Adjusted Operating Income of \$351.4 million in 2023. For the same period, net income attributable to common stockholders was \$2.9 billion compared to \$9.8 million, and Adjusted EBITDA was \$3.0 billion, an increase of 69% year over year. Net income for 2024 and 2023 included a gain of \$420.9 million and \$207.1 million, respectively, from the remeasurement of our bitcoin investment. Additionally, as a result of our improved profitability in the United States, we released our valuation allowance associated with certain federal and state deferred tax assets, as well as recognized deferred tax assets as part of internal legal entity restructuring efforts, which resulted in one-time benefits to net income for 2024 of \$1.9 billion. These one-time tax benefits had a corresponding impact of \$3.10 and \$3.00 per share on our basic and diluted net income per share, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Refer to the *Key Operating Metrics and Non-GAAP Financial Measures* section below for reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to their nearest generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") equivalents.

Starting in 2023, we sharpened our focus on our organizational structure and expenditures with a view to identifying areas where we can be more cost efficient as we focus on disciplined growth and pursuing cost efficiencies. In 2023, we also announced we would implement an absolute cap of 12,000 on the number of employees we have at our company, which we have achieved in 2024, and we plan to continue to operate below this cap through a combination of performance management, centralization of teams and functions to reduce duplication, and prioritization of our scope. In 2024, we continued to make progress on cost efficiency goals and we expect to continue these efforts, including implementing greater expense discipline and reassessing certain contractual vendor arrangements. We may continue to incur expenses, including restructuring costs, in the short term to implement these initiatives. We continue to realize benefits related to our focus on disciplined growth and cost efficiencies and we expect to continue to benefit from these actions in future periods.

During the second quarter of 2024, we issued \$2.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due 2032 ("2032 Senior Notes"). We ended 2024 with \$10.7 billion in available liquidity, with \$9.9 billion in cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and investments in marketable debt securities, as well as an undrawn amount of \$775.0 million available under our revolving credit facility. This represents an increase of \$3.0 billion from the end of 2023.

On October 26, 2023, our board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$1 billion of the Company's Class A common stock. On July 25, 2024, our board of directors authorized an increase to this share repurchase program to repurchase up to an additional \$3 billion of our Class A common stock, for a total overall authorization of \$4 billion. The goal of the program is to return capital to shareholders. The timing and amount of shares repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including the stock price, business and market conditions, corporate and regulatory requirements, alternative investment opportunities, acquisition opportunities, and other factors. As of December 31, 2024, we have repurchased \$1.3 billion of our Class A common stock under the program, of which \$1.2 billion was purchased in 2024.

## **Components of Results of Operations**

### **Revenue**

#### *Transaction-based Revenue*

We charge our sellers a transaction fee that is generally calculated based on a percentage of the total transaction amount processed. We also selectively offer custom pricing for certain larger sellers. Transaction-based revenue also includes amounts we charge our Cash App customers for peer-to-peer transactions to business accounts and payments sent from a credit card.

#### *Subscription and Services-based Revenue*

Subscription and services-based revenue is primarily comprised of revenue we generate from Cash App, Square Loans (formerly known as Square Capital), our BNPL platform, TIDAL, and various other software as a service ("SaaS") products that we offer through Square. Cash App subscription and services-based revenue is primarily comprised of transaction fees from Cash App Instant Deposit, Cash App Card, bitcoin withdrawal fees, and other Cash App financial services offerings. Our other SaaS products include subscription fees on our vertical software solutions (including Square for Restaurants, Square Appointments, and Square for Retail), Customer Engagement products (including Square Loyalty, Square Marketing, Square Gift Cards), staff management products (including Square Team Management and Square Payroll), website hosting and domain name registration services, and other products.

Instant Deposit is a functionality within the Cash App and our managed payment solutions that enables customers, including individuals and sellers, to instantly deposit funds into their bank accounts.

Cash App Card offers Cash App customers the ability to use their stored funds via a Visa prepaid card that is linked to the balance the customer stores in Cash App. We charge the customer a per transaction fee when they instantly deposit funds to their bank account or withdraw funds from an ATM. We also earn interchange fees when a Cash App Card is used to make a purchase. These transaction and interchange fees are treated as revenue when charged.

Square Loans originates loans to sellers that are generally repaid through withholding a percentage of the collections of the seller's receivables processed by us or a specified monthly amount. In April 2021, we began originating loans in the U.S. through our wholly-owned subsidiary bank, Square Financial Services. We also originate loans to the customers of certain sellers, which are generally repaid via ACH. For some of the loans, it is our intention to sell the rights, title, and interest to third-party investors for an upfront fee. We are retained by the third-party investors to service the loans and earn a servicing fee for facilitating the repayment of these loans through our payments solutions. Certain loans, for which we have the intention and ability to hold through maturity, are not immediately sold to third-party investors, in which case, interest and fees earned are recognized as revenue using the effective interest method.

Cash App Borrow, the first credit product for Cash App customers, allows customers to access short-term loans for a small fee. The loans are repaid at the end of the loan term and customers may elect to prepay all or a part of the outstanding balance. If the outstanding balance is not paid when due, late fees in the form of interest may be charged. The short-term loans are facilitated through a partnership with an industrial bank. The loans are originated by the bank partner, from whom the Company purchases the loans obtaining all rights, title, and interest. Net amounts paid to the bank are recorded as the cost of the loans purchased, and amounts collected in excess of the carrying value are recognized as revenue over the life of the loans.

Revenue from our BNPL platform includes fees generated from consumer receivables, late fees, and certain affiliate and advertising fees. Through the use of our BNPL platform, consumers can pay for their purchases over time by splitting their purchase price generally into three or four installments, typically due in two-week increments, without paying fees (if payments are made on time). For the majority of our BNPL products, we do not charge consumers interest or fees, other than late fees, which may be charged in certain regions as an incentive to encourage consumers to pay their outstanding balances as and when they fall due. We also offer the ability for consumers to pay for larger transaction sizes over a six- or twelve-month period using a monthly payment option, which includes no late fees and no compounding interest with a cap on total interest owed. For some of the loans, it is our intention to sell the rights, title, and interest to a third-party investor for an upfront fee. We are retained by the third-party investor to service the loans and earn a servicing fee for facilitating the repayment of these loans through our payments solutions.

TIDAL primarily generates revenue from subscriptions to customers, and such subscriptions allow access to the song library, video library, and improved sound quality. Customers can subscribe to services directly from the TIDAL website or through the Apple store. For both subscription channels, we charge customers a monthly fee for those subscription services.

#### *Hardware Revenue*

Hardware revenue includes revenue from sales of magstripe readers, contactless and chip readers, Square Stand, Square Register, Square Terminal, and third-party peripherals. Third-party peripherals include cash drawers, receipt printers, scales, and barcode scanners, all of which can be integrated with Square Stand, Square Register, or Square Terminal to provide a comprehensive point-of-sale solution.

#### *Bitcoin Revenue*

Our Cash App customers have the ability to purchase bitcoin, a cryptocurrency. We recognize revenue when customers purchase bitcoin and it is transferred to the customer's account. We purchase bitcoin from private broker dealers or from Cash App customers and apply a small margin before selling it to our customers. The sale amounts received from our customers are recorded as revenue on a gross basis and the associated bitcoin cost as cost of revenues, as we are the principal in the bitcoin sale transaction. Bitcoin revenue may fluctuate as a result of changes in customer demand or the market price of bitcoin.

#### **Cost of Revenue**

##### *Transaction-based Costs*

Transaction-based costs consist primarily of interchange and assessment fees, processing fees, and bank settlement fees paid to third-party payment processors and financial institutions.

#### *Subscription and Services-based Costs*

Subscription and services-based costs consist primarily of processing and partnership fees related to Cash App including Instant Deposit and Cash App Card, and our BNPL platform, as well as costs associated with TIDAL.

#### *Hardware Costs*

Hardware costs consist primarily of product costs associated with magstripe readers, contactless and chip readers, Square Stand, Square Register, Square Terminal, and third-party peripherals. Product costs include manufacturing-related overhead and personnel-related costs, certain royalties, packaging, and fulfillment costs. Hardware is sold primarily as a means to grow our transaction-based revenue and, as a result, generating positive gross margins from hardware sales is not the primary goal of the hardware business.

#### *Bitcoin Costs*

Bitcoin costs consist of the amounts we pay to purchase bitcoin that is sold to customers. These costs fluctuate in line with bitcoin revenue.

#### *Amortization of Acquired Technology Assets*

Amortization of acquired technology assets is primarily comprised of amortization related to the acquired technology assets from the acquisition of Afterpay.

#### *Operating Expenses*

Operating expenses consist of product development; sales and marketing; general and administrative expenses; transaction, loan, and consumer receivable losses; bitcoin impairment losses; and amortization of customer and other acquired intangible assets. For product development and general and administrative expenses, the largest single component is personnel-related expenses, including salaries, commissions and bonuses, employee benefit costs, and share-based compensation. In the case of sales and marketing expenses, a significant portion is related to the Cash App peer-to-peer transactions and Cash App Card issuance costs, in addition to paid advertising and personnel-related expenses. Operating expenses also include allocated overhead costs for facilities, human resources, and IT.

#### *Product Development Expenses*

Product development expenses currently represent the largest component of our operating expenses and consist primarily of expenses related to our engineering, data science, and design personnel; fees and supply costs related to maintenance at third-party data center facilities; hardware related development and tooling costs; software and cloud computing infrastructure fees; and fees for software licenses, consulting, legal, and other services that are directly related to growing and maintaining our portfolio of products and services. Additionally, product development expenses include the depreciation of product-related infrastructure and tools, including data center equipment, internally developed software, and computer equipment. We continue to focus our product development efforts on adding new features and expanding our apps, and on enhancing the functionality and ease of use of our offerings. Our ability to realize returns on these investments is substantially dependent upon our ability to successfully address current and emerging requirements of sellers, buyers, and customers through the development and introduction of these new products and services.

#### *Sales and Marketing Expenses*

Sales and marketing expenses are aggregated into two main components. The first component consists of traditional advertising costs incurred such as direct sales expense, account management, local and product marketing, retail and e-commerce, partnerships, and communications personnel. The second component of sales and marketing expenses consists of costs incurred for services, incentives, and other costs that are not directly related to revenue generating transactions that we consider to be marketing costs to encourage the usage of Cash App. These expenses include, but are not limited to, Cash App peer-to-peer processing costs and transaction losses, card issuance costs, customer referral bonuses, and promotional giveaways that are expensed as incurred.

#### ***General and Administrative Expenses***

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of expenses related to our customer support, finance, legal, risk operations, human resources, and administrative personnel. General and administrative expenses also include costs related to fees paid for professional services, including legal, tax, and accounting services.

#### ***Transaction, Loan, and Consumer Receivable Losses***

Transaction losses include chargebacks for unauthorized credit card use and the inability to collect on disputes between buyers and sellers over the delivery of goods or services, as well as losses on Cash App activity related to peer-to-peer payments sent from a credit card, Cash for Business, and Cash App Card. We base our reserve estimates on prior chargeback history and current period data points indicative of transaction loss. We reflect additions to the reserve in current operating results, while realized losses are offset against the reserve. The establishment of appropriate reserves for transaction losses is an inherently uncertain process, and ultimate losses may vary from the current estimates. We regularly update our reserve estimates as new facts become known and events occur that may affect the settlement or recovery of losses.

Loan losses relate to Square Loans and Cash App Borrow and are recorded whenever the amortized cost of a loan exceeds its fair value. Such charges are reversed for subsequent increases in fair value, but only to the extent that such reversals do not result in the amortized cost of a loan exceeding its fair value.

Losses on consumer receivables relate to management's estimate of expected credit losses in the outstanding portfolio of consumer receivables. We reflect additions to the reserve in current operating results, while realized losses are offset against the reserve.

#### ***Amortization of Customer and Other Acquired Intangible Assets***

Amortization of customer and other acquired intangible assets is primarily as a result of the intangible assets from the Afterpay acquisition.

#### ***Interest Expense (Income), net***

Interest expense (income), net consists primarily of interest expense related to our long-term debt and interest income on our investments in marketable debt securities.

#### ***Remeasurement Loss (Gain) on Bitcoin Investment***

Remeasurement loss (gain) on bitcoin investment is the result of gains or losses arising from remeasurements of our bitcoin investment.

#### ***Other Expense (Income), net***

Other expense (income), net consists primarily of gains or losses arising from remeasurements of our investments in equity securities and foreign currency-related gains and losses.

#### ***Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes***

The provision for (benefit from) income taxes consists primarily of federal, state, local, and foreign tax. Our effective tax rate fluctuates from period to period due to changes in the mix of income and losses in jurisdictions with a wide range of tax rates, the effect of acquisitions, changes resulting from the amount of recorded valuation allowance, permanent differences between U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and local tax laws, certain one-time items, and changes in tax contingencies.

## Results of Operations

### Revenue (in thousands, except for percentages)

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2024	2023	\$ Change	% Change
Transaction-based revenue	\$ 6,613,680	\$ 6,315,301	\$ 298,379	5 %
Subscription and services-based revenue	7,164,799	5,944,842	1,219,957	21 %
Hardware revenue	143,369	157,178	(13,809)	NM <sup>(i)</sup>
Bitcoin revenue	10,199,205	9,498,302	700,903	7 %
<b>Total net revenue</b>	<b>\$ 24,121,053</b>	<b>\$ 21,915,623</b>	<b>\$ 2,205,430</b>	<b>10 %</b>

<sup>(i)</sup> Not meaningful ("NM")

Total net revenue for the year ended December 31, 2024, increased by \$2.2 billion, or 10%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. Bitcoin revenue increased by \$700.9 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. Excluding bitcoin revenue, total net revenue increased by \$1.5 billion, or 12%, in the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023.

Transaction-based revenue for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$298.4 million, or 5%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. This increase in revenue was largely in line with the increase in Gross Payment Volume ("GPV") of 6% for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. GPV increased due to overall Square GPV growth. Square GPV growth was driven by improvements in both card-present and card-not-present volumes as a result of growth from in-person and online channels, as well as growth in our international markets. See below in *Key Operating Metrics and Non-GAAP Financial Measures* for further discussion of GPV.

Subscription and services-based revenue for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$1.2 billion, or 21%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase was primarily due to growth in Cash App's financial service-related products, including Cash App Card usage, Cash App Borrow, Cash App Instant Deposit volumes, and Cash App Pay, as well as revenue from the BNPL platform. Revenue generated from the BNPL platform was \$1.3 billion for the year ended December 31, 2024 compared to \$1.0 billion for the year ended December 31, 2023. Growth in Square's financial services-related products, primarily Square Lending, also contributed to the increase in revenue in 2024.

Bitcoin revenue for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$700.9 million, or 7%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. As bitcoin revenue is the total sale amount of bitcoin sold to customers, the amount of bitcoin revenue recognized will fluctuate depending on customer demand as well as changes in the market price of bitcoin. This increase for the year ended December 31, 2024 was driven by an increase in the average market price of bitcoin, partially offset by a decrease in the quantity of bitcoin sold to customers, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. While bitcoin contributed 42% and 43% of the total revenue in 2024 and 2023, respectively, gross profit generated from bitcoin was only 3% of the total gross profit in both 2024 and 2023.

**Cost of Revenue (in thousands, except for percentages)**

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2024	2023	\$ Change	% Change
Transaction-based costs	\$ 3,881,013	\$ 3,702,016	\$ 178,997	5 %
Subscription and services-based costs	1,135,813	1,075,129	60,684	6 %
Hardware costs	236,441	267,650	(31,209)	NM
Bitcoin costs	9,910,386	9,293,113	617,273	7 %
Amortization of acquired technology assets	68,364	72,829	(4,465)	NM
Total cost of revenue	\$ 15,232,017	\$ 14,410,737	\$ 821,280	6 %

Total cost of revenue for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$821.3 million, or 6%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. Bitcoin costs of revenue, which increased by \$617.3 million, was the primary driver of the increase in total cost of revenue, with the remaining increase related to an increase in GPV. Excluding bitcoin costs of revenue, total cost of revenue increased by approximately \$204.0 million, or 4%, in the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023.

Transaction-based costs for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$179.0 million, or 5%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. Transaction-based costs were largely in line with the growth of GPV of 6%, partially offset by more favorable interchange economics for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Subscription and services-based costs for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$60.7 million, or 6%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase was driven by growth in Cash App's financial service-related products, including Cash App Card and related processing costs and fees as well as the cost of revenues associated with the BNPL platform. Cost of revenues associated with the BNPL platform were \$311.6 million and \$286.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

Bitcoin costs for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$617.3 million, or 7%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. Bitcoin costs are comprised of the total amount we pay to purchase bitcoin, which fluctuates in line with bitcoin revenue.

**Operating Expenses (in thousands, except for percentages)**

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2024	2023	\$ Change	% Change
Product development	\$ 2,914,415	\$ 2,720,819	\$ 193,596	7 %
% of total net revenue	12 %	12 %		
% of total gross profit	33 %	36 %		
Sales and marketing	\$ 1,984,265	\$ 2,019,009	\$ (34,744)	(2) %
% of total net revenue	8 %	9 %		
% of total gross profit	22 %	27 %		
General and administrative	\$ 2,149,099	\$ 2,209,190	\$ (60,091)	(3) %
% of total net revenue	9 %	10 %		
% of total gross profit	24 %	29 %		
Transaction, loan, and consumer receivable losses	\$ 794,221	\$ 660,663	\$ 133,558	20 %
% of total net revenue	3 %	3 %		
% of total gross profit	9 %	9 %		
Amortization of customer and other acquired intangible assets	\$ 154,709	\$ 174,044	\$ (19,335)	(11) %
% of total net revenue	1 %	1 %		
% of total gross profit	2 %	2 %		
Total operating expenses	\$ 7,996,709	\$ 7,783,725	\$ 212,984	3 %

Product development expenses for the year ended December 31, 2024, increased by \$193.6 million, or 7%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, primarily due to an increase of \$154.1 million in software and cloud computing infrastructure fees for the year ended December 31, 2024, as a result of increased capacity needs and expansion of our cloud-based services. Impairment charges of certain assets related to TIDAL of \$60.3 million were also recognized in the fourth quarter of 2024. The increase in product development expenses was partially offset by a decrease of \$87.9 million in personnel costs primarily due to a decrease in headcount, which is a result of executing on our cost efficiency goals and employee headcount cap.

Sales and marketing expenses for the year ended December 31, 2024, decreased by \$34.7 million, or 2%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, primarily due to a decrease of \$49.5 million in marketing and other advertising costs from decreased online campaigns as we focused on expense discipline as well as a release of estimated chargeback losses of \$27.3 million in the first quarter of 2024. The decrease was partially offset by charges related to changes to certain contractual arrangements as well as inventory write-offs during the third quarter of 2024.

General and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2024, decreased by \$60.1 million, or 3%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, primarily due to the following:

- a decrease in personnel costs of \$169.4 million due to a decrease in headcount as well as a reduction of facilities and other expenses of \$59.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2024;
- a decrease in certain impairment charges related to TIDAL of \$58.8 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. Refer to Note 9, *Goodwill* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more details; partially offset by
- an increase in accrued expenses for estimated and settled amounts in connection with certain litigation and regulatory matters of \$231.9 million. Refer to Note 19, *Commitments and Contingencies* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more details; and
- a charge of \$32.2 million related to adjustments of certain TIDAL acquisition deferred purchase consideration during the first quarter of 2024, as well as a derecognition of \$15.1 million during the second quarter of 2024 of certain indemnification assets related to the TIDAL acquisition which were deemed no longer recoverable.

Transaction, loan, and consumer receivable losses for the year ended December 31, 2024, increased by \$133.6 million, or 20%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, primarily due to the following:

- an increase in loan losses of \$221.3 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, primarily due to increased loan volumes; partially offset by
- a decrease in transaction losses of \$87.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2024. The decrease in transaction losses is attributable to both an operational outage in the third quarter of 2023, which resulted in higher transaction losses incurred, as well as a release of previously established risk loss provisions in the second quarter of 2024 related to prior periods.

Amortization of customer and other acquired intangible assets decreased \$19.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, primarily as a result of the revision of certain intangibles' useful lives in the third quarter of 2023.

***Interest Expense (Income), Net (in thousands, except for percentages)***

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2024	2023	\$ Change	% Change
Interest expense (income), net	\$ 9,302	\$ (47,221)	\$ 56,523	(120)%

Interest expense, net, of \$9.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 was primarily due to an increase in interest expense related to our 2032 Senior Notes issued in the second quarter of 2024, which more than offset an increase in interest income received as a result of higher investment balances. Refer to Note 14, *Indebtedness* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details. Interest income, net, of \$47.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2023 was primarily due to an increase in interest income received as a result of both higher interest rates and investment balances, which more than offset interest expense in the period.

**Remeasurement Loss (Gain) on bitcoin investment (in thousands, except for percentages)**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	\$ Change
Remeasurement gain on bitcoin investment	\$ (420,918)	\$ (207,084)	\$ (213,834)

Remeasurement gain on bitcoin investment of \$420.9 million and \$207.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, was due to the remeasurement of our bitcoin investment to its fair value at each reporting date. Refer to Note 13, *Bitcoin* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details regarding the remeasurement of our bitcoin investment.

**Other Expense (Income), Net (in thousands, except for percentages)**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	\$ Change
Other expense (income), net	\$ (53,211)	\$ 4,609	\$ (57,820)

Other income, net, of \$53.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 was comprised of unrealized gains of \$37.7 million arising from the revaluation of certain equity investments as well as accretion of investments in marketable debt securities. Other expense, net, of \$4.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2023 was due to unrealized losses on certain marketable and non-marketable investments, partially offset by accretion of investments in marketable debt securities.

**Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes (in thousands, except for percentages)**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	\$ Change
Benefit from income taxes	\$ (1,509,343)	\$ (8,019)	\$ (1,501,324)

Benefit from income taxes of \$1.5 billion for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to a benefit from income taxes of \$8.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, was primarily due to one-time benefits of \$1.9 billion related to both the release of the valuation allowance associated with certain federal and state deferred tax assets as well as the recognition of deferred tax assets as part of internal legal entity restructuring efforts in the fourth quarter of 2024. These benefits were partially offset by \$487.7 million related to our current and deferred tax provisions associated with 2024 activity. Refer to Note 15, *Income Taxes* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

**Segment Results**

**Square Results**

The following tables provide a summary of the revenue and gross profit for our Square segment for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands, except for percentages):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	% Change
Segment net revenue	\$ 7,681,656	\$ 7,033,384	9 %
Segment cost of revenue	4,082,744	3,904,730	5 %
Segment gross profit	\$ 3,598,912	\$ 3,128,654	15 %

#### *Revenue*

Revenue for the Square segment for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$648.3 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase was primarily due to the Square items referenced within the Company's overall revenue discussion.

#### *Cost of Revenue*

Cost of revenue for the Square segment for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$178.0 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase was primarily due to the Square items referenced within the Company's overall cost of revenue discussion.

#### **Cash App Results**

The following tables provide a summary of the revenue and gross profit for our Cash App segment for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands, except for percentages):

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2024	2023	\$ Change	% Change
Segment net revenue	\$ 16,247,880	\$ 14,681,686	\$ 1,566,194	11 %
Segment cost of revenue	11,008,869	10,358,223	650,646	6 %
Segment gross profit	\$ 5,239,011	\$ 4,323,463	\$ 915,548	21 %

#### *Revenue*

Revenue for the Cash App segment for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$1.6 billion compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase was due to the Cash App items referenced within the Company's overall revenue discussion. While bitcoin revenue contributed 63% and 65% of Cash App revenue in 2024 and 2023, respectively, gross profit generated from bitcoin was only 6% and 5% of Cash App gross profit in both 2024 and 2023.

Excluding bitcoin revenue, Cash App net revenue increased \$865.3 million, or 17%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### *Cost of Revenue*

Cost of revenue for the Cash App segment for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$650.6 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase was due to the items referenced within the Company's overall revenue and cost of revenue discussion. Excluding bitcoin cost of revenue, Cash App cost of revenue increased \$33.4 million, or 3%.

## Key Operating Metrics and Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We collect and analyze operating and financial data to evaluate the health of our business, allocate our resources, and assess our performance. In addition to total net revenue, operating income (loss), net income (loss), and other results reported under GAAP, the following table sets forth key operating metrics and non-GAAP financial measures we use to evaluate our business. We believe these metrics and measures are useful to facilitate period-to-period comparisons of our business, and to facilitate comparisons of our performance to that of other payment solution providers.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Gross Payment Volume (GPV) (in millions)	\$ 240,812	\$ 227,699	\$ 203,536
Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) (in thousands)	\$ 1,608,790	\$ 351,351	\$ (145,408)
Adjusted EBITDA (in thousands)	\$ 3,029,031	\$ 1,792,420	\$ 990,964
<b>Adjusted Net Income Per Share:</b>			
Basic	\$ 3.47	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.05
Diluted	\$ 3.37	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.00

### **Gross Payment Volume ("GPV")**

GPV includes Square GPV and Cash App Business GPV. Square GPV is defined as the total dollar amount of all card and bank payments processed by sellers using Square, net of refunds. Cash App Business GPV is comprised of Cash App activity related to peer-to-peer transactions received by business accounts, and peer-to-peer payments sent from a credit card. GPV does not include transactions from our BNPL platform because GPV is related only to transaction-based revenue and not to subscription and services-based revenue.

### **Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income Per Share ("Adjusted EPS") and Adjusted Operating Income**

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS are non-GAAP financial measures that represent our net income (loss) and net income (loss) per share, adjusted to eliminate the effect of items as described below. Adjusted Operating Income is a non-GAAP financial measure that represents our operating income (loss), adjusted to eliminate the effect of items as described below.

We have included these non-GAAP financial measures in this *Annual Report on Form 10-K* because they are key measures used by our management to evaluate our operating performance, generate future operating plans, and make strategic decisions, including those relating to operating expenses and the allocation of internal resources. Accordingly, we believe these measures provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors. In addition, they provide useful measures for period-to-period comparisons of our business, as they remove the effect of certain non-cash items and certain variable charges that do not vary with our operations.

- We believe it is useful to exclude certain non-cash charges, such as amortization of intangible assets, and share-based compensation expenses, from our non-GAAP financial measures because the amount of such expenses in any specific period may not directly correlate to the underlying performance of our business operations.
- We believe that excluding the expense related to amortization of debt discount and issuance costs from our non-GAAP measures is useful to investors because such incremental non-cash interest expense does not represent a current or future cash outflow for the Company and is therefore not indicative of our continuing operations or meaningful when comparing current results to past results. Additionally, for purposes of calculating diluted Adjusted EPS, we add back cash interest expense on convertible notes, as if converted at the beginning of the period, if the impact is dilutive.

- We exclude the following from non-GAAP financial measures because we do not believe that these items are reflective of our ongoing business operations: gain or loss on the disposal of property and equipment; gain or loss on revaluation of equity investments; remeasurement gain or loss of our bitcoin investment, bitcoin impairment losses on our bitcoin investment (prior to the adoption of ASU 2023-08), and one-time income tax impacts from deferred taxes, as applicable.
- To aid in comparability of our results across periods, we also exclude certain acquisition-related and integration costs associated with business combinations, various restructuring and other costs, and goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges, each of which are not normal operating expenses. Acquisition related costs include amounts paid to redeem acquirees' unvested share-based compensation awards, charges associated with holdback liabilities, and legal, accounting, valuation, and due diligence costs. Integration costs include advisory and other professional services or consulting fees necessary to integrate acquired businesses. Contingencies, restructuring and other costs that are not reflective of our core business operating expenses may include severance costs, contingent losses, impairment charges, and certain litigation and regulatory charges. We also add back the impact of the acquired deferred revenue and deferred cost adjustment, which was written down to fair value in purchase accounting.

In addition to the items above, Adjusted EBITDA as a non-GAAP financial measure also excludes depreciation and amortization, other cash interest income and expense, and other income and expense.

Non-GAAP financial measures have limitations, should be considered as supplemental in nature, and are not meant as a substitute for the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. These limitations include the following:

- share-based compensation expense has been, and will continue to be for the foreseeable future, a significant recurring expense in our business and an important part of our compensation strategy;
- the intangible assets being amortized may have to be replaced in the future, and the non-GAAP financial measures do not reflect cash capital expenditure requirements for such replacements or for new capital expenditures or other capital commitments; and
- non-GAAP measures do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs.

In addition to the limitations above, Adjusted EBITDA as a non-GAAP financial measure does not reflect the effect of depreciation and amortization expense and related cash capital requirements, income taxes that may represent a reduction in cash available to us, and the effect of foreign currency exchange gains or losses, which is included in other income and expense.

In view of the limitations associated with Adjusted EBITDA, we also present Adjusted Operating Income (Loss), which is a non-GAAP financial measure that excludes certain expenses that we believe are not reflective of our core operating performance, including amortization of intangible assets, bitcoin investment impairment losses (prior to the adoption of ASU 2023-08), acquisition-related accelerated share-based compensation expenses, acquisition-related and integration costs, contingencies, restructuring and other costs, and goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges. Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) does however include the effect of share-based compensation expense, which is a significant recurring expense in our business and an important part of our compensation strategy, as well as depreciation expense.

Other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate the non-GAAP financial measures differently or not at all, which reduces their usefulness as comparative measures.

Because of these limitations, you should consider the non-GAAP financial measures alongside other financial performance measures, including net income (loss) and our other financial results presented in accordance with GAAP.

The following table presents a reconciliation of operating income (loss) to Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) for each of the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Operating income (loss)	\$ 892,327	\$ (278,839)	\$ (624,532)
Amortization of acquired technology assets	68,364	72,829	70,194
Acquisition-related and integration costs	49,019	11,422	105,518
Contingencies, restructuring and other charges	302,446	239,582	51,746
Restructuring share-based compensation expense	8,071	—	—
Goodwill and intangible asset impairment	133,854	132,313	—
Bitcoin impairment losses	—	—	46,571
Amortization of customer and other acquired intangible assets	154,709	174,044	138,758
Acquisition-related share based acceleration costs	—	—	66,337
Adjusted Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 1,608,790</u>	<u>\$ 351,351</u>	<u>\$ (145,408)</u>

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA for each of the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 2,897,047	\$ 9,772	\$ (540,747)
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	(30,550)	(30,896)	(12,258)
Net income (loss)	2,866,497	(21,124)	(553,005)
Share-based compensation expense	1,264,486	1,276,097	1,069,289
Restructuring share-based compensation expense	8,071	—	—
Depreciation and amortization	376,127	408,560	340,523
Acquisition-related and integration costs	49,019	11,422	105,518
Contingencies, restructuring and other charges	302,446	239,582	51,746
Goodwill and intangible asset impairment	133,854	132,313	—
Interest expense (income), net	9,302	(47,221)	36,228
Remeasurement gain on bitcoin investment	(420,918)	(207,084)	—
Other expense (income), net	(53,211)	4,609	(95,443)
Bitcoin impairment losses	—	—	46,571
Benefit from income taxes	(1,509,343)	(8,019)	(12,312)
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	2,634	3,186	1,619
Acquired deferred revenue and cost adjustment	67	99	230
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 3,029,031</u>	<u>\$ 1,792,420</u>	<u>\$ 990,964</u>

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss) to Adjusted Net Income (Loss) Per Share for each of the periods indicated (in thousands, except per share data):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 2,897,047	\$ 9,772	\$ (540,747)
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	(30,550)	(30,896)	(12,258)
Net income (loss)	2,866,497	(21,124)	(553,005)
Share-based compensation expense	1,264,486	1,276,097	1,069,289
Restructuring share-based compensation expense	8,071	—	—
Acquisition-related and integration costs	49,019	11,422	105,518
Contingencies, restructuring and other charges	302,446	239,582	51,746
Goodwill and intangible asset impairment	133,854	132,313	—
Amortization of intangible assets	223,072	246,873	208,952
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs	14,413	11,904	15,162
Loss (gain) on revaluation of equity investments	(32,245)	16,523	(73,457)
Remeasurement gain on bitcoin investment	(420,918)	(207,084)	—
Bitcoin impairment losses	—	—	46,571
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	2,634	3,186	1,619
Acquired deferred revenue and cost adjustment	67	99	230
Tax effect of one-time income tax benefits from deferred tax assets	(1,909,848)	—	—
Tax effect of non-GAAP net income adjustments	(360,782)	(582,703)	(264,523)
<b>Adjusted Net Income - basic</b>	<b>\$ 2,140,766</b>	<b>\$ 1,127,088</b>	<b>\$ 608,102</b>
Cash interest expense on convertible notes	2,711	3,554	5,014
<b>Adjusted Net Income - diluted</b>	<b>\$ 2,143,477</b>	<b>\$ 1,130,642</b>	<b>\$ 613,116</b>
<b>Weighted-average shares used to compute Adjusted Net Income Per Share:</b>			
Basic	616,993	608,856	578,949
Diluted	636,390	628,320	615,034
<b>Adjusted Net Income Per Share:</b>			
Basic	<b>\$ 3.47</b>	<b>\$ 1.85</b>	<b>\$ 1.05</b>
Diluted	<b>\$ 3.37</b>	<b>\$ 1.80</b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>

Diluted Adjusted Net Income Per Share is computed by dividing Adjusted Net Income by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding adjusted for the dilutive effect of all potential shares of common stock. In periods when we reported an Adjusted Net Loss, diluted Adjusted Net Income Per Share is the same as basic Adjusted Net Income Per Share because the effects of potentially dilutive items were anti-dilutive.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the tax effect of non-GAAP net income adjustments to our provision for (benefit from) income taxes (in thousands, except effective tax rate):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Benefit from income taxes, as reported	\$ (1,509,343)	\$ (8,019)	\$ (12,312)
Tax effect of one-time income tax benefits from deferred tax assets	1,909,848	—	—
Tax effect of other non-GAAP net income adjustments	360,782	582,703	264,523
Adjusted provision for income taxes, non-GAAP	\$ 761,287	\$ 574,684	\$ 252,211
Non-GAAP effective tax rate	26 %	34 %	29 %

We determined the adjusted provision for income taxes by calculating the estimated annual effective tax rate based on our adjusted provision for income taxes, non-GAAP and applying it to Adjusted Net Income before income taxes.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2024, we had approximately \$10.7 billion in available liquidity, with \$9.9 billion in cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and investments in marketable debt securities, which includes net proceeds of approximately \$2.0 billion from the issuance of our 2032 Senior Notes in the second quarter of 2024, as well as an undrawn amount of \$775.0 million available under our revolving credit facility subject to compliance with the terms of the credit facility, including our covenants. Additionally, we had \$253.9 million available to be withdrawn under our warehouse funding facilities. Refer to Note 14, *Indebtedness* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more details. We intend to continue focusing on our long-term business initiatives and believe that our available funds are sufficient to meet our liquidity needs for the foreseeable future, including our share repurchase program. As of December 31, 2024, we were in compliance with all financial covenants associated with our revolving credit facility and senior notes. None of our warehouse funding facilities contain financial covenants.

The following table summarizes our available liquidity (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,075,247	\$ 4,996,465
Short-term restricted cash <sup>(i)</sup>	902,478	770,380
Long-term restricted cash	69,915	71,812
Investments in short-term debt securities	403,426	851,901
Investments in long-term debt securities	471,977	251,127
Revolving credit facility	775,000	775,000
<b>Total liquidity</b>	<b>\$ 10,698,043</b>	<b>\$ 7,716,685</b>

<sup>(i)</sup> As of December 31, 2024, the Company has invested \$319.8 million of restricted cash into a money market fund. See Note 5, *Fair Value Measurements*.

Our principal sources of liquidity are our cash and cash equivalents, and investments in marketable debt securities. Customer funds cash and cash equivalents are excluded from our liquidity as these are funds we hold on behalf of customers that are separate from our corporate funds and are not available for corporate purposes. Investments in marketable debt securities were held primarily in certificates of deposits, money market funds, reverse repurchase agreements, U.S. government and agency securities, commercial paper, and corporate bonds. We consider all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Our investments in marketable debt securities are classified as available-for-sale.

As of December 31, 2024, we held approximately 8,485 bitcoins for investment purposes ("bitcoin investment") with a fair value of \$792.3 million based on observable market prices, which is included within "Other non-current assets" on the consolidated balance sheets. We believe cryptocurrency is an instrument of economic empowerment that aligns with our corporate purpose. We expect to hold these investments for the long term but will continue to reassess our bitcoin investment relative to our balance sheet. Bitcoin is considered an indefinite-lived intangible asset, and upon adoption of Accounting Standards Update No. 2023-08, *Accounting for and Disclosure of Crypto Assets*, effective January 1, 2023, our bitcoin investment is remeasured at fair value at each reporting date with changes recognized in net income through the consolidated statements of operations. We purchased approximately 447 bitcoins with a cost basis of \$31.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2024 for investment purposes. We did not sell any of our bitcoin investment during the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. We recognized gains of \$420.9 million and \$207.1 million from the remeasurement of our bitcoin investment during the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

In September 2020, we announced our intent to invest \$100.0 million towards impact investments that further our purpose of economic empowerment. As of December 31, 2024, we have invested \$67.9 million in aggregate towards this initiative, of which \$23.6 million and \$12.3 million were invested in the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Our principal commitments consist of convertible notes, senior notes, our revolving credit facility, warehouse funding facilities, operating leases, capital leases, and purchase commitments. Refer to Note 14, *Indebtedness* and Note 19, *Commitments and Contingencies* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more details on these commitments.

#### **Senior Notes and Convertible Notes**

As of December 31, 2024, we held \$6.2 billion in aggregate principal amount of debt, comprised of, \$1.0 billion in aggregate amount of convertible senior notes that mature on March 1, 2025 ("2025 Convertible Notes"), \$575.0 million in aggregate amount of convertible senior notes that mature on May 1, 2026 ("2026 Convertible Notes"), and \$575.0 million in aggregate amount of convertible senior notes that mature on November 1, 2027 ("2027 Convertible Notes," collectively referred to as the "Convertible Notes"), as well as an outstanding \$1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that mature on June 1, 2026 ("2026 Senior Notes"), \$1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that mature on June 1, 2031 ("2031 Senior Notes"), and \$2.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that mature on May 15, 2032 ("2032 Senior Notes" and, together with the 2026 Senior Notes and 2031 Senior Notes, the "Senior Notes" and, together with the Convertible Notes, the "Notes"). Refer to Note 14, *Indebtedness* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

On May 25, 2018, the Company issued an aggregate principal amount of \$862.5 million of convertible senior notes ("2023 Convertible Notes"). On May 15, 2023, we paid \$461.8 million in cash to settle the outstanding principal balance and interest on the 2023 Convertible Notes upon maturity.

#### **Revolving Credit Facility**

We have entered into a revolving credit agreement with certain lenders, as subsequently amended, which provides a \$775.0 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the "2020 Credit Facility") maturing in June 2028. Refer to Note 14, *Indebtedness* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

#### **Warehouse Funding Facilities**

We have warehouse funding facilities ("Warehouse Facilities") with an aggregate commitment amount of \$1.7 billion on a revolving basis, of which \$1.5 billion was drawn as of December 31, 2024. The Warehouse Facilities have been arranged utilizing wholly-owned and consolidated entities (collectively, the "Warehouse Special Purpose Entities (SPEs)") formed for the sole purpose of financing the origination of consumer receivables to partly fund our BNPL platform. Borrowings under the Warehouse Facilities are secured against the respective consumer receivables. While the Warehouse SPEs are included in our consolidated financial statements, they are separate legal entities that maintain legal ownership of the receivables they hold. The assets of the Warehouse SPEs are not available to satisfy our claims or those of our creditors.

#### **Cash, Restricted Cash, and Working Capital**

We believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents, investment in marketable debt securities, and availability under our line of credit will be sufficient to meet our working capital needs, including any expenditures related to strategic transactions and investment commitments that we may from time to time enter into, and planned capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months. From time to time, we have raised capital by issuing equity, equity-linked, or debt securities such as our convertible notes and senior notes; and we may do so in the future, however, such funding may not be available on terms acceptable to us or at all.

During 2024, we received a non-investment grade rating by S&P Global Ratings (BB+), Fitch Ratings, Inc. (BB+), and Moody's Corporation (Ba2). We expect that these credit rating agencies will continue to monitor our performance, including our capital structure and results of operations. Our liquidity, access to capital, and borrowing costs could be adversely impacted by declines in our credit rating.

Short-term restricted cash of \$902.5 million as of December 31, 2024 primarily includes cash held by the Warehouse SPEs used in the Warehouse Facilities funding arrangements that will be used to pay the borrowings under the Warehouse Facilities or will be distributed to us. It also includes pledged cash deposits in accounts at the financial institutions that process our sellers' payment transactions and collateral pursuant to various agreements with banks relating to our products. We use restricted cash to secure letters of credit with the related financial institutions to provide collateral for cash flow timing differences in the processing of payments. We have recorded these amounts as current assets on our consolidated balance sheet given the short-term nature of these cash flow timing differences and that there is no minimum time frame during which the cash must remain restricted.

Long-term restricted cash of \$69.9 million as of December 31, 2024 is primarily related to cash held as collateral as required by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") for Square Financial Services. We have recorded these amounts as non-current assets on our consolidated balance sheet as the requirement by the FDIC specifies a time frame of 12 months or longer during which the cash must remain restricted.

We experience significant day-to-day fluctuations in our cash and cash equivalents due to fluctuations in settlements receivable, and customers payable, and hence working capital. These fluctuations are primarily due to:

- *Timing of period end.* For periods that end on a weekend or a bank holiday, our cash and cash equivalents, settlements receivable, and customers payable balances typically will be higher than for periods ending on a weekday, as we settle to our sellers for payment processing activity on business days; and
- *Fluctuations in daily GPV.* When daily GPV increases, our cash and cash equivalents, settlements receivable, and customers payable amounts increase. Typically our settlements receivable and customers payable balances at period end represent one to four days of receivables and disbursements to be made in the subsequent period. Customers payable, excluding amounts attributable to Cash App stored funds, and settlements receivable balances typically move in tandem, as pay-out and pay-in largely occur on the same business day. However, customers payable balances will be greater in amount than settlements receivable balances due to the fact that a subset of funds are held due to unlinked bank accounts, risk holds, and chargebacks. Customer funds obligations, which may be impacted by the timing of period end, number of processors used and processing times, are included in customers payable and may also cause customers payable to trend differently than settlements receivable. Holidays and day-of-week may also cause significant volatility in daily GPV amounts.

#### Cash Flow Activities

The following table summarizes our cash flow activities (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,707,350	\$ 100,961
Net cash provided by investing activities	649,952	683,201
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,952,662	(240,137)
Effect of foreign exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	(88,539)	29,156
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and customer funds	\$ 4,221,425	\$ 573,181

#### Cash Flows from Operating Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2024, cash provided by operating activities was \$1.7 billion, primarily due to net income of \$2.9 billion, adjusted for non-cash expenses of \$2.6 billion consisting primarily of share-based compensation; transaction, loan, and consumer receivable losses; depreciation and amortization; goodwill and intangible asset impairments; and non-cash lease expense, each of which contributed positively to cash provided by operating activities. Additionally, there were net inflows related to changes in other assets and liabilities, including settlements receivable and customers payable, of \$207.3 million due to timing of period end. These were partially offset by a change in deferred income taxes of \$1.7 billion; amortization of discounts and premiums and other non-cash adjustments on consumer receivables of \$1.1 billion; net outflows from loan products of \$797.5 million; bitcoin remeasurement of \$420.9 million; and gains on the revaluation of certain equity investments of \$32.2 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, cash provided by operating activities was \$101.0 million, comprised of net loss of \$21.1 million, adjusted for non-cash expenses of \$2.6 billion, consisting primarily of share-based compensation; transaction, loan, and consumer receivable losses; depreciation and amortization; non-cash lease expense; and goodwill impairment, all of which contributed positively to operating activities. These were partially offset by the amortization of discounts and premiums and other non-cash adjustments of \$984.4 million; net outflows from loan products of \$553.6 million; bitcoin remeasurement of \$207.1 million; a change in deferred income taxes of \$85.9 million; as well as changes in other assets and liabilities, including settlements receivable and customers payable, of \$685.3 million due to timing of period end, including a \$350.0 million deposit held by a processor to meet requirements related to processing volumes.

#### Cash Flows from Investing Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2024, cash provided by investing activities was \$650.0 million, primarily due to a net inflow related to consumer receivables of \$604.0 million and net proceeds from investments of marketable securities of \$253.9 million. These were partially offset by the purchase of property and equipment of \$153.9 million and purchases of other investments of \$53.9 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, cash provided by investing activities was \$683.2 million, primarily due to the net proceeds from investments of marketable securities of \$600.3 million and a net inflow related to consumer receivables of \$272.9 million. These were partially offset by the purchase of property and equipment of \$151.2 million and purchases of other investments of \$38.8 million.

#### **Cash Flows from Financing Activities**

For the year ended December 31, 2024, cash provided by financing activities was \$2.0 billion, primarily due to approximately \$2.0 billion of net proceeds related to the issuance of the 2032 Senior Notes in the second quarter of 2024, a change in customer funds of \$1.0 billion, and proceeds from issuances of common stock from the exercise of options and purchases under our employee share purchase plan of \$154.8 million. These were partially offset by repurchases of common stock of \$1.2 billion, a net outflow from warehouse facilities borrowings of \$74.0 million, and a net outflow for other financing activities of \$18.5 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, cash used in financing activities was \$240.1 million, primarily as a result of a cash payment of \$461.8 million to settle the 2023 Convertible Notes in May 2023, stock repurchases of \$156.8 million, a net outflow for other financing activities of \$20.0 million, and the repayment and forgiveness of Paycheck Protection Program loans of \$16.8 million. These were partially offset by net proceeds from warehouse facilities borrowings of \$269.6 million and proceeds from issuances of common stock from the exercise of options and purchases under our employee share purchase plan of \$130.4 million.

#### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. GAAP requires us to make certain estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported in our financial statements. We base our estimates on historical experience, anticipated future trends, and other assumptions we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Because these accounting estimates require significant judgment, our actual results may differ materially from our estimates.

We believe accounting policies and the assumptions and estimates associated with the determination of valuation allowances for deferred taxes could potentially have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements, and therefore are critical accounting policies and estimates.

#### *Deferred Tax Valuation Allowance*

Deferred income tax assets represent amounts available to reduce income taxes payable on taxable income in future years. Such assets arise because of temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, as well as from net operating loss, capital loss, and tax credit carryforwards. We evaluate the realizability of our deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis to determine whether a valuation allowance is necessary and reduce such assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. This evaluation requires significant judgment and involves the consideration of all available positive and negative evidence, including our historical operating results, the existence of cumulative losses in recent years, ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies, and projections of future taxable income.

In the fourth quarter of 2024, based on the relative weight of positive and negative evidence, including the amount of our taxable income in 2024, and consideration of our expected future taxable earnings, we concluded that it is more likely than not that a material portion of our U.S. federal and certain state deferred tax assets are realizable. Therefore, we released the valuation allowance associated with a material portion of our U.S. federal and certain states' deferred tax assets, resulting in a \$1.3 billion non-cash benefit to the provision for income taxes.

We have retained a full valuation allowance against California deferred tax assets which primarily consists of tax loss carryovers and tax credit carryovers. We do not have sufficient evidence of future income to realize the California deferred tax assets on a more likely than not basis.

Refer to Note 15, *Income Taxes* within the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

#### *Recent Accounting Pronouncements*

See "Recent Accounting Pronouncements" described in Note 1, *Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* within Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We have operations both within the United States and globally, and we are exposed to market risks in the ordinary course of our business, including the effects of interest rate changes and foreign currency fluctuations. Information relating to quantitative and qualitative disclosures about these market risks is described below.

### **Equity Price Risk**

#### *Marketable Equity Investments*

Our marketable equity investments are investments held in publicly-traded companies and are measured using quoted prices in active markets which could result in volatility in our financial results in future periods. As of December 31, 2024, our marketable equity investments were immaterial. Adjustments are recorded in other (expense) income, net on the consolidated statements of operations and establish a new carrying value for the investment. A hypothetical 10% increase or decrease in the fair value of our marketable equity investments would not have a material effect on our financial results.

#### *Non-Marketable Equity Investments*

Our non-marketable equity investments are investments in privately-held companies that we hold for purposes other than trading. These investments are inherently risky because there is no established market for these securities and the markets for the technologies or products these companies are developing are typically in the early stages. As such, we could lose our entire investment in these companies. Adjustments are recorded in other expense (income), net on the consolidated statements of operations and establish a new carrying value for the investment. As of December 31, 2024, the aggregate carrying value of our non-marketable equity investments included in other non-current assets was \$245.6 million. A hypothetical 10% increase or decrease in the carrying value of our non-marketable equity investments would not have a material effect on our financial results.

### **Bitcoin Market Price Risk**

Our bitcoin investment is measured using observed prices from active exchanges and adjustments are recorded in net income through "other expense (income), net" on the consolidated statements of operations. The bitcoin market price may fluctuate significantly and a decline in the market price of bitcoin could result in a material and adverse effect on our financial results in future periods. As of December 31, 2024, the fair value of our bitcoin investment included in other non-current assets was \$792.3 million, and for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, we recognized a \$420.9 million and \$207.1 million gain, respectively, from the remeasurement of our bitcoin investment.

### **Interest Rate Sensitivity**

Our cash and cash equivalents, and marketable debt securities as of December 31, 2024 were held primarily in certificates of deposits, money market funds, U.S. government and agency securities, commercial paper, and corporate bonds. The fair value of our cash, cash equivalents, and marketable debt securities would not be significantly affected by either an increase or decrease in interest rates due mainly to the short-term nature of a majority of these instruments. Additionally, we have the ability to hold these instruments until maturity if necessary to reduce our risk. Our Warehouse Facilities borrowings and any future borrowings incurred under the 2020 Credit Facility both accrue interest at variable rates based on formulas tied to certain market rates at the time of incurrence. A hypothetical 10% increase or decrease in interest rates would not have a material effect on our financial results.

### **Foreign Currency Risk**

Our consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars. Most of our revenue is earned in U.S. dollars and, subsequent to the acquisition of Afterpay, a portion is earned in Australian Dollars. Our exposure to other foreign currencies would not have a material effect on our financial results. Our foreign operations are denominated in the currencies of the countries in which our operations are located, and may be subject to fluctuations due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Our results of operations and cash flows are, therefore, subject to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and may cause us to recognize transaction gains and losses on our financial statements.

From time to time, we use foreign exchange derivative contracts to hedge a portion of our exposure to changes in currency exchange rates, which result from our global operating and financing activities. We do not use derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. Gains and losses from foreign currency transactions, as well as foreign exchange forward contracts, were not significant for any period presented in the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We did not have any material gains and losses from foreign currency derivatives outstanding as of December 31, 2024. A hypothetical 10% increase or decrease in current exchange rates on our financial instruments would not have a material effect on our financial results.

**ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**BLOCK, INC.**

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Block, Inc.

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Block, Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework), and our report dated February 24, 2025 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

### Adoption of SAB 122

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method of accounting for obligations to safeguard crypto-assets held in custody on behalf of its users in 2024 due to the adoption of SAB 122.

### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

**Bitcoin Investment and Bitcoin Held for Other Parties**

**Description of the Matter**

As described in Notes 1, 12 and 13 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company holds bitcoin for long term investment purposes ("bitcoin investment"). The Company remeasures its bitcoin investment at fair value at the end of each reporting period and as of December 31, 2024, the fair value of the Company's bitcoin investment was \$792.3 million.

The Company also allows its Cash App customers to store bitcoin in the Company's digital wallets. No amounts are recognized on the consolidated balance sheets for bitcoin held for other parties. In the event such bitcoin was lost, the Company would be required to evaluate if a liability should be recorded under ASC 450, Contingencies. The Company has concluded that it has no probable liability for its custodial obligations to recognize as of December 31, 2024.

Bitcoin is generally accessible only by the possessor of the unique cryptographic (private) key relating to the public address on which the bitcoin is held. To the extent any of the private keys are lost or destroyed, the Company will be unable to access the bitcoin it controls on behalf of the Company and other parties, which can result in a loss in the consolidated financial statements.

We identified the evaluation of audit evidence pertaining to the existence of bitcoin and whether the Company controls the bitcoin as a critical audit matter. Subjective auditor judgment was involved in determining the nature and extent of audit effort required to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to address the risks of material misstatement related to the Company's ability to access and control the bitcoin investment and bitcoin held for other parties. The nature and extent of audit effort required to address the matter includes significant involvement of more experienced engagement team members and assistance from subject matter experts.

**How We  
Addressed the  
Matter in Our  
Audit**

We obtained an understanding, evaluated the design, and tested the operating effectiveness of controls related to the ability to access and control the private keys to its wallets as well as management's controls related to reconciling its internal books and records to the public bitcoin blockchain.

Our audit procedures included utilizing our proprietary audit tool to independently obtain evidence from the public bitcoin blockchain to test the existence of bitcoin in the Company's custody on a sample basis, testing management's reconciliation of its internal books and records to the public bitcoin blockchain, and testing that management has control of the private keys required to access bitcoin in its wallets through observing the movement of a sample of bitcoin from the Company's wallets.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2019.

San Francisco, California

February 24, 2025

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Block, Inc.

**Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

We have audited Block, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). In our opinion, Block, Inc. (the Company) maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes and our report dated February 24, 2025 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

**Basis for Opinion**

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

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

**Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP  
San Francisco, California  
February 24, 2025

**BLOCK, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
*(In thousands, except per share data)*

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,075,247	\$ 4,996,465
Investments in short-term debt securities	403,426	851,901
Settlements receivable	1,060,966	3,226,294
Customer funds	4,182,872	3,170,430
Consumer receivables, net	2,504,879	2,444,695
Loans held for sale	1,111,107	775,424
Other current assets	2,541,704	2,353,488
Total current assets	<u>19,880,201</u>	<u>17,818,697</u>
Property and equipment, net	314,432	296,056
Goodwill	11,417,422	11,919,720
Acquired intangible assets, net	1,433,067	1,761,521
Investments in long-term debt securities	471,977	251,127
Operating lease right-of-use assets	219,954	244,701
Deferred tax assets (Note 15)	1,800,994	9,397
Other non-current assets	1,239,548	730,089
<b>Total assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 36,777,595</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 33,031,308</u></u>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Customers payable	\$ 5,837,152	\$ 6,795,340
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	1,525,149	1,334,669
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 14)	999,497	—
Warehouse funding facilities, current	185,000	753,035
Total current liabilities	<u>8,546,798</u>	<u>8,883,044</u>
Deferred tax liabilities	162,435	35,695
Warehouse funding facilities, non-current	1,296,680	854,882
Long-term debt (Note 14)	5,105,939	4,120,091
Operating lease liabilities, non-current	278,617	289,788
Other non-current liabilities	152,164	154,972
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u><u>15,542,633</u></u>	<u><u>14,338,472</u></u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 19)		
<b>Stockholders' equity:</b>		
Preferred stock, \$ 0.0000001 par value: 100,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023. None issued and outstanding at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.	—	—
Class A common stock, \$ 0.0000001 par value: 1,000,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023; 559,606 and 555,306 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.	—	—
Class B common stock, \$ 0.0000001 par value: 500,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023; 60,070 and 60,515 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.	—	—
Additional paid-in capital	19,900,379	19,601,992
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	( 1,001,065 )	( 378,307 )
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	2,368,618	( 528,429 )
Total stockholders' equity attributable to common stockholders	21,267,932	18,695,256
Noncontrolling interests	( 32,970 )	( 2,420 )
Total stockholders' equity	<u>21,234,962</u>	<u>18,692,836</u>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<u><u>\$ 36,777,595</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 33,031,308</u></u>

*The accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.*

**BLOCK, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
*(In thousands, except per share data)*

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Transaction-based revenue	\$ 6,613,680	\$ 6,315,301	\$ 5,701,540
Subscription and services-based revenue	7,164,799	5,944,842	4,552,773
Hardware revenue	143,369	157,178	164,418
Bitcoin revenue	10,199,205	9,498,302	7,112,856
Total net revenue	<u>24,121,053</u>	<u>21,915,623</u>	<u>17,531,587</u>
<b>Cost of revenue:</b>			
Transaction-based costs	3,881,013	3,702,016	3,364,028
Subscription and services-based costs	1,135,813	1,075,129	861,745
Hardware costs	236,441	267,650	286,995
Bitcoin costs	9,910,386	9,293,113	6,956,733
Amortization of acquired technology assets	68,364	72,829	70,194
Total cost of revenue	<u>15,232,017</u>	<u>14,410,737</u>	<u>11,539,695</u>
Gross profit	8,889,036	7,504,886	5,991,892
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Product development	2,914,415	2,720,819	2,135,612
Sales and marketing	1,984,265	2,019,009	2,057,951
General and administrative	2,149,099	2,209,190	1,686,849
Transaction, loan, and consumer receivable losses	794,221	660,663	550,683
Bitcoin impairment losses	—	—	46,571
Amortization of customer and other acquired intangible assets	154,709	174,044	138,758
Total operating expenses	<u>7,996,709</u>	<u>7,783,725</u>	<u>6,616,424</u>
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<u>892,327</u>	<u>( 278,839 )</u>	<u>( 624,532 )</u>
Interest expense (income), net	9,302	( 47,221 )	36,228
Remeasurement gain on bitcoin investment	( 420,918 )	( 207,084 )	—
Other expense (income), net	( 53,211 )	4,609	( 95,443 )
Income (loss) before income tax	1,357,154	( 29,143 )	( 565,317 )
Benefit from income taxes <sup>(i)</sup>	( 1,509,343 )	( 8,019 )	( 12,312 )
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<u>2,866,497</u>	<u>( 21,124 )</u>	<u>( 553,005 )</u>
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	( 30,550 )	( 30,896 )	( 12,258 )
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,897,047</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,772</u></b>	<b><u>\$ ( 540,747 )</u></b>
<b>Net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders:</b>			
Basic	\$ 4.70	\$ 0.02	\$ ( 0.93 )
Diluted	<u>\$ 4.56</u>	<u>\$ 0.02</u>	<u>\$ ( 0.93 )</u>
<b>Weighted-average shares used to compute net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders:</b>			
Basic	616,993	608,856	578,949
Diluted	<u>636,390</u>	<u>614,024</u>	<u>578,949</u>

<sup>(i)</sup> Includes one-time benefits from income taxes of \$ 1.9 billion in fiscal 2024 related to both the release of the Company's valuation allowance associated with certain federal and state deferred tax assets as well as the recognition of deferred tax assets as part of internal legal entity restructuring efforts. Refer to Note 15, *Income Taxes* within the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

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**BLOCK, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**  
*(In thousands)*

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,866,497	\$ ( 21,124 )	\$ ( 553,005 )
Net foreign currency translation adjustments	( 628,507 )	104,728	( 471,166 )
Net unrealized gain (loss) on marketable debt securities, net of tax	5,749	40,055	( 35,489 )
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 2,243,739</b>	<b>\$ 123,659</b>	<b>\$ ( 1,059,660 )</b>

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**BLOCK, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
*(In thousands, except for number of shares)*

	Common stock and additional paid-in common stock	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	Noncontrolling interests	Total stockholders' equity
	Shares	capital	loss		
Balance at December 31, 2021	464,944	\$ 3,317,255	\$ (16,435)	\$ (27,965)	\$ 40,734
Net loss	—	—	—	(540,747)	(12,258)
Shares issued in connection with employee stock plans	11,824	81,768	—	—	81,768
Issuance of common stock in connection with business combination	113,617	13,827,929	—	—	13,827,929
Change in other comprehensive loss	—	—	(506,655)	—	(506,655)
Share-based compensation	—	1,092,010	—	—	1,092,010
Tax withholding related to vesting of restricted stock units	(37)	(4,735)	—	—	(4,735)
Issuance of common stock in conjunction with the conversion of convertible notes	20	454	—	—	454
Exercise of bond hedges in conjunction with the conversion of convertible notes	(1,189)	—	—	—	—
Issuance of common stock in connection with the exercise of common stock warrants	10,881	—	—	—	—
Balance at December 31, 2022	<u>600,060</u>	<u>\$ 18,314,681</u>	<u>\$ (523,090)</u>	<u>\$ (568,712)</u>	<u>\$ 28,476</u>
Cumulative adjustment due to adoption of ASU 2023-08	—	—	—	30,511	—
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	9,772	(30,896)
Shares issued in connection with employee stock plans	18,055	130,433	—	—	130,433
Repurchases of common stock	(2,466)	(156,812)	—	—	(156,812)
Change in other comprehensive income	—	—	144,783	—	144,783
Share-based compensation	—	1,307,032	—	—	1,307,032
Issuance of common stock in connection with business combination	172	6,658	—	—	6,658
Balance at December 31, 2023	<u>615,821</u>	<u>\$ 19,601,992</u>	<u>\$ (378,307)</u>	<u>\$ (528,429)</u>	<u>\$ (2,420)</u>
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	2,897,047	(30,550)
Shares issued in connection with employee stock plans	20,799	154,779	—	—	154,779
Repurchases of common stock	(16,944)	(1,170,339)	—	—	(1,170,339)
Change in other comprehensive loss	—	—	(622,758)	—	(622,758)
Share-based compensation	—	1,313,947	—	—	1,313,947
Balance at December 31, 2024	<u><u>619,676</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,900,379</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (1,001,065)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,368,618</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (32,970)</u></u>
					<u><u>\$ 21,234,962</u></u>

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**BLOCK, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
*(In thousands)*

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,866,497	\$ (21,124)	\$ (553,005)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	376,127	408,560	340,523
Amortization of discounts and premiums and other non-cash adjustments	(1,099,024)	(984,442)	(592,489)
Non-cash lease expense	72,055	144,198	129,811
Share-based compensation	1,272,779	1,276,097	1,071,278
Loss (gain) on revaluation of equity investments	(32,245)	16,523	(73,457)
Remeasurement gain on bitcoin investment	(420,918)	(207,084)	—
Transaction, loan, and consumer receivable losses	794,221	660,663	550,683
Bitcoin impairment losses	—	—	46,571
Change in deferred income taxes	(1,665,812)	(85,879)	(69,593)
Goodwill and intangible asset impairment	133,853	132,313	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Settlements receivable	1,947,849	(1,108,529)	(1,499,057)
Purchases and originations of loans	(15,210,746)	(8,586,293)	(6,114,847)
Proceeds from payments and forgiveness of loans	14,413,277	8,032,687	6,040,369
Customers payable	(1,853,872)	1,256,578	1,060,861
Settlements payable	(8,139)	(454,036)	207,894
Other assets and liabilities	121,448	(379,271)	(369,639)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,707,350</u>	<u>100,961</u>	<u>175,903</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchases of marketable debt securities	(1,197,804)	(1,126,615)	(755,697)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable debt securities	1,005,580	1,387,830	999,569
Proceeds from sale of marketable debt securities	446,076	339,095	449,723
Proceeds from maturities of marketable debt securities from customer funds	—	—	73,000
Proceeds from sale of marketable debt securities from customer funds	—	—	316,576
Payments for originations of consumer receivables	(29,318,390)	(23,968,787)	(18,361,871)
Proceeds from principal repayments and sales of consumer receivables	29,922,371	24,241,651	18,192,470
Purchases of property and equipment	(153,947)	(151,151)	(170,815)
Purchases of other investments	(53,934)	(38,822)	(56,712)
Business combinations, net of cash acquired	—	—	539,453
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>649,952</u>	<u>683,201</u>	<u>1,225,696</u>

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**BLOCK, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - Continued**  
*(In thousands)*

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of senior notes	2,000,000	—	—
Payments of debt issuance costs from issuance of senior notes	( 26,619 )	—	—
Repayments of Paycheck Protection Program Liquidity Facility advances	—	( 16,840 )	( 480,694 )
Payments to redeem convertible notes	—	( 461,761 )	( 1,071,788 )
Proceeds from warehouse facilities borrowings	1,255,745	1,387,662	1,620,805
Repayments of warehouse facilities borrowings	( 1,329,729 )	( 1,118,083 )	( 391,463 )
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options and purchases under the employee stock purchase plan	154,779	130,433	81,768
Payments for tax withholding related to vesting of restricted stock units	—	—	( 4,735 )
Net increase in interest-bearing deposits	74,856	25,135	82,049
Repurchases of common stock	( 1,170,339 )	( 156,812 )	—
Other financing activities	( 18,473 )	( 19,977 )	( 87,692 )
Change in customer funds, restricted from use in the Company's operations	1,012,442	( 9,894 )	349,330
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,952,662	( 240,137 )	97,580
Effect of foreign exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	( 88,539 )	29,156	( 38,363 )
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and customer funds	4,221,425	573,181	1,460,816
Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and customer funds, beginning of the period	9,009,087	8,435,906	6,975,090
<b>Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and customer funds, end of the period</b>	<b>\$ 13,230,512</b>	<b>\$ 9,009,087</b>	<b>\$ 8,435,906</b>
Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and customer funds:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,075,247	\$ 4,996,465	\$ 4,544,202
Short-term restricted cash	902,478	770,380	639,780
Long-term restricted cash	69,915	71,812	71,600
Customer funds cash and cash equivalents	4,182,872	3,170,430	3,180,324
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,230,512</b>	<b>\$ 9,009,087</b>	<b>\$ 8,435,906</b>

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**BLOCK, INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

***Business***

Block, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, "Block" or the "Company") creates tools that empower businesses, sellers, and individuals to participate in the economy. Block is comprised of two reportable segments, Square and Cash App. Square is a cohesive commerce ecosystem that helps sellers start, run, and grow their businesses, including enabling sellers to accept card payments, provide reporting and analytics, and facilitating next-day settlement. Square's point-of-sale software and other business services help sellers manage inventory, locations, and employees; access financial services; engage buyers; build a website or online store; and grow sales. Cash App is an ecosystem of financial products and services focused on helping consumers make their money go further by enabling customers to store, send, receive, spend, invest, buy now, pay later ("BNPL"), borrow, or save their money. Cash App seeks to redefine the world's relationship with money by making it more relatable, instantly available, and universally accessible.

Block was founded in 2009 and has offices globally. The Company does not designate a headquarters location as it adopted a distributed work model in 2021.

***Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Block and its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. Minority interests are recorded as a noncontrolling interest, which is reported as a component of stockholders' equity on the consolidated balance sheets.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenses, as well as related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from the Company's estimates. To the extent that there are material differences between these estimates and actual results, the Company's financial condition or operating results will be materially affected. The Company bases its estimates on current and past experience, to the extent that historical experience is predictive of future performance and other assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable under the circumstances. The Company evaluates these estimates on an ongoing basis.

Estimates, judgments, and assumptions in these consolidated financial statements include, but are not limited to, those related to accrued transaction losses, contingencies, including outcomes from claims and disputes, valuation of loans held for sale, valuation of goodwill and acquired intangible assets, determination of goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges, determination of allowance for loan loss reserves for loans held for investment, determination of allowance for credit losses for consumer receivables, allocation of acquired goodwill to reporting units, income and other taxes, operating and financing lease right-of-use assets and related liabilities, and share-based compensation.

The Company's estimates of valuation of loans held for sale and investment, allowance for credit losses associated with consumer receivables and loans held for investment, and accrued transaction losses are based on historical experience, adjusted for market data relevant to the current economic environment. The Company will continue to update its estimates as developments occur and additional information is obtained. Refer to Note 5, *Fair Value Measurements* for further details on amortized cost and fair value of the loans; Note 6, *Consumer Receivables, net* for further details on consumer receivables; and Note 11, *Other Consolidated Balance Sheet Components (Current)* for further details on transaction losses.

#### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, the Company had no customer that accounted for greater than 10% of total net revenue.

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had three third-party payment processors that represented approximately 42%, 17% and 13% of settlements receivable. As of December 31, 2023, the company had two third-party payment processors that represented approximately 46% and 35% of settlements receivable. In both years, all other third-party processors were insignificant. Certain of the Company's products are reliant on third-party service providers such as partner banks, card issuers, and payment service providers. The Company's relationships with third-party service providers may result in operational concentration risks for some of these products.

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, marketable debt securities, settlements receivable, customer funds, consumer receivables, loans held for sale, and loans held for investment. To mitigate the risk of concentration associated with cash and cash equivalents, as well as restricted cash, funds are held with creditworthy institutions and, at certain times, temporarily swept into insured programs overnight to reduce single firm concentration risk. Amounts on deposit may exceed federal deposit insurance limits. The associated risk of concentration for marketable debt securities is mitigated by holding a diversified portfolio of highly rated investments. Settlements receivable are amounts due from well-established payment processing companies and normally take one or two business days to settle which mitigates the associated risk of concentration. The associated risk of concentration for loans and consumer receivables is partially mitigated by credit evaluations that are performed prior to facilitating the offering of loans and receivables and ongoing performance monitoring of the Company's loan customers.

#### **Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **Principles of Consolidation**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements reflect our accounts and operations and those of our subsidiaries in which we have a controlling financial interest. In accordance with the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 810, *Consolidation* ("ASC 810"), there are two models for determining whether a subsidiary is to be consolidated. Under the voting interest model, we consolidate entities where we are deemed to have a controlling financial interest. We also consolidate any variable interest entity ("VIE") where we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary is the party that has the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the VIE's economic performance and the obligation to absorb losses of the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE or the right to receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE. As described in Note 14, *Indebtedness*, we have formed wholly owned Warehouse Special Purpose Entities ("SPEs"), which qualify as VIEs under ASC 810. We have determined that we are the primary beneficiary of all Warehouse SPEs, which we therefore consolidate. We evaluate our relationships with all the VIEs on an ongoing basis to determine if we continue to be the primary beneficiary. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company had \$ 402.9 million and \$ 406.6 million, respectively, in restricted cash related to VIE's. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated upon consolidation.

##### **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognized when control of the promised goods or services is transferred to customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services.

##### **Transaction-based Revenue**

The Company charges its sellers a transaction fee for managed payments solutions that is generally calculated as a percentage of the total transaction amount processed. The Company selectively offers custom pricing for certain large sellers. The Company collects the transaction amount from the seller's customer's bank, net of acquiring interchange and assessment fees, processing fees, and bank settlement fees paid to third-party payment processors and financial institutions. The Company retains its fees and remits the net amount to the sellers.

The Company acts as the merchant of record for its sellers and works directly with payment card networks and banks so that its sellers do not need to manage the complex systems, rules, and requirements of the payments industry. The Company satisfies its performance obligations and therefore recognizes the transaction fees as revenue upon authorization of a transaction by the seller's customer's bank.

Revenue is recognized net of refunds, which arise from reversals of transactions initiated by sellers.

The transaction fees collected from sellers are recognized as revenue on a gross basis as the Company is the principal in the delivery of the managed payments solutions to the sellers. The Company has concluded it is the principal because as the merchant of record, it controls the services before delivery to the seller, it is primarily responsible for the delivery of the services to its sellers, and it has discretion in setting prices charged to sellers. The Company also has the unilateral ability to accept or reject a transaction based on criteria established by the Company. As the merchant of record, Square is liable for the costs of processing the transactions for its sellers, and records such costs within cost of revenue.

The Company also charges certain Cash App customers making peer-to-peer transactions using business accounts, or funding transactions with a credit card, a transaction fee that is generally calculated as a percentage of the total transaction amount processed. The Company collects the transaction amount from the customer's Cash App account, net of incurring interchange and assessment fees, processing fees, and bank settlement fees paid to third-party payment processors and financial institutions. The Company retains its fees and remits the net amount to the customers.

#### Subscription and Services-based Revenue

Subscription and services-based revenue is primarily comprised of revenue the Company generates from Cash App Instant Deposit, Cash App Card, interest earned on customer funds, bitcoin withdrawal fees, Square Loans, Cash App Borrow, the Company's BNPL platform, TIDAL, and various other software as a service ("SaaS") products.

Instant Deposit is a functionality within the Cash App and the Company's managed payments solution that enables customers, including individuals and sellers, to instantly deposit funds into their bank accounts for a percentage-based fee of the amounts deposited.

The Cash App Card offers customers the ability to store funds in the Cash App and subsequently use these funds via a Visa prepaid card that is linked to the balance the customer stores in Cash App. The Company charges the customer a per transaction fee when they instantly deposit funds to their bank account or withdraw funds from an ATM. The Company also earns interchange fees when a Cash App Card is used to make a purchase. These transaction and interchange fees are treated as revenue when charged. While the Company is restricted from using the stored funds in the Company's operations, the Company may invest a portion of these funds in short-term marketable debt securities to generate interest income which is reported as revenue. Interest earned on customer funds related to Cash App Card was \$ 185.2 million and \$ 142.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. Interest earned on customer funds was immaterial for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Bitcoin withdrawal is a functionality within the Cash App that enables customers to withdraw bitcoin stored on Cash App to a third party wallet. The Company charges customers a fee for the option of faster withdrawal speeds.

Square Loans facilitates loans to qualified Square sellers through the Company's subsidiary, Square Financial Services, Inc. ("Square Financial Services"), which is an industrial loan company. The loans are either repaid through withholding a percentage of the collections of the seller's receivables processed by the Company ("flex loans") or a specified monthly amount ("term loans"). The Company generally utilizes a pre-qualification process that includes an analysis of the aggregated data of the seller's business which includes, but is not limited to, the seller's historical processing volumes, transaction count, chargebacks, growth, and length of time as a Square customer. Generally, the loans have no stated coupon rate but the seller is charged a one-time origination fee based upon their risk rating, which is derived primarily from processing activity. For some of the loans, it is the Company's intent to sell all of its rights, title, and interest of these loans to third-party investors for an upfront fee when the loans are sold. The Company records the amounts advanced to the customers or the net amounts paid to purchase the loans as cost of the loans. Subsequently, the Company records a gain on sale of the loans to the third-party investors as revenue upon transfer of title. The Company is retained by the third-party investors to service the loans and earns a servicing fee for facilitating the repayment of these receivables through its managed payments solutions. The Company records servicing revenue as servicing is delivered. For the loans which are not immediately sold to third-party investors or for which the Company has the intent and ability to hold through maturity, interest and fees earned are recognized as revenue using the effective interest method.

Cash App Borrow, the first credit product for Cash App customers, allows customers to access short-term loans for a small fee. The loans are repaid at the end of the loan term and customers may elect to prepay all or a part of the outstanding balance. If the outstanding balance is not paid when due, late fees in the form of interest may be charged. The short-term loans are facilitated through a partnership with an industrial bank. The loans are originated by the bank partner, from whom the Company purchases the loans obtaining all rights, title, and interest. Net amounts paid to the bank are recorded as the cost of the loans purchased, and amounts collected in excess of the carrying value are recognized as revenue over the life of the loans. The loan fee and late fees are recorded within subscription and services-based revenue on the consolidated statement of operations.

Through the BNPL platform, consumers can pay for their purchases over time by splitting their purchase price into generally three or four installments, typically due in two-week increments, without paying fees (if payments are made on time). The Company generally pays the seller the full order value upfront, less taxes, if applicable, and a merchant fee, which consists of fixed and variable rates as contracted with the sellers. The Company also incurs other costs such as fees paid to third-party partners and processing fees to complete the consumer purchase transaction. The Company generally assumes non-repayment risk from the consumers. The Company initially recognizes a consumer receivable equal to net amounts paid to the seller plus any costs incurred to originate the consumer receivable. The Company recognizes the merchant fee less costs incurred to originate the consumer receivables as revenue using the effective interest method. This revenue is included within subscription and services-based revenue on the consolidated statement of operations. The effective interest rate is determined based on estimated future cash receipts over the expected life of the consumer receivable, having consideration for the historical repayment pattern of the consumer receivables on a portfolio basis. For the majority of the Company's BNPL products, consumers are not charged interest or fees, other than late fees which may be charged in certain regions by the Company as an incentive to encourage consumers to pay their outstanding balances as and when they fall due. The Company also offers the ability for consumers to pay for larger transaction sizes over a six- or twelve-month period using a monthly payment option, which includes no late fees and no compounding interest with a cap on total interest owed. The Company sells certain consumer receivables to a third party investor and records the gain or loss on sale as revenue within subscription and services-based revenue. Additionally, the Company is retained to service the consumer receivables and earns a servicing fee, which is recorded within subscription and services-based revenue as the services are delivered.

Through the BNPL platform, the Company also has an ads and affiliate program for its merchants. For affiliate relationships, the Company receives a commission when a consumer completes a purchase from within the BNPL platform, which is recognized as a fee earned in connection with the origination of a consumer receivable and recognized as revenue using the effective interest method. The Company may also receive digital advertising revenue on clicks, typically earned on a cost per click ("CPC") basis, to merchant sites from the BNPL platform, in addition to flat fees for premium ad placements. Revenue from CPC arrangements are generally recognized in the period the user click is delivered. This revenue is included within subscription and services-based revenue on the consolidated statement of operations.

TIDAL primarily generates revenue from subscriptions to its customers, and such subscriptions allow access to the song library, video library, and improved sound quality. Customers can subscribe to services directly from the TIDAL website or through the Apple store. With both offerings, the Company charges customers a monthly fee for those subscription services, which is recognized ratably as revenue as the service is provided.

SaaS represents software products and solutions that provide customers with access to various technologies for a fee which is recognized as revenue ratably as the service is provided. The Company's contracts with customers are generally for a term of one month and renew automatically each month. The Company invoices its customers monthly. The Company considers that it satisfies its performance obligations over time each month as it provides the SaaS services to customers and hence recognizes revenue ratably over the month.

#### Hardware Revenue

Hardware revenue includes revenue from sales of magstripe readers, contactless and chip readers, Square Stand, Square Register, Square Terminal, and third-party peripherals. Third-party peripherals include cash drawers, receipt printers, scales, and barcode scanners, all of which can be integrated with Square Stand, Square Register, or Square Terminal to provide a comprehensive point-of-sale solution. The Company generates revenue through the sale of hardware through e-commerce and through its retail distribution channels. The Company satisfies its performance obligation upon delivery of hardware to its customers which include end user customers, distributors, and retailers. The Company allows for customer returns which are accounted for as variable consideration. The Company estimates these amounts based on historical experience and reduces revenue recognized. The Company invoices end user customers upon delivery of the products to customers, and payments from such customers are due upon invoicing. Distributors and retailers have payment terms that range from 30 to 90 days after delivery.

#### Bitcoin Revenue

The Company offers its Cash App customers the ability to purchase bitcoin, a cryptocurrency denominated asset, from the Company. The Company satisfies its performance obligation and records revenue when bitcoin is transferred to the customer's account. The Company purchases bitcoin from private broker dealers or from Cash App customers and applies a marginal fee before selling it to its customers. The amounts received from customers and exchanges are recorded as revenue on a gross basis and the associated bitcoin cost as cost of revenues, as the Company is the principal in the bitcoin sale transaction. The Company has concluded it is the principal because it controls the bitcoin before delivery to the customers, it is primarily responsible for the delivery of the bitcoin to the customers, it is exposed to risks arising from fluctuations of the market price of bitcoin before delivery to customers, and has discretion in setting prices charged to customers.

#### Cost of Revenue

##### Transaction-based Costs

Transaction-based costs consist primarily of interchange and assessment fees, processing fees and bank settlement fees paid to third-party payment processors and financial institutions.

##### Subscription and Services-based Costs

Subscriptions and services-based costs consist primarily of processing and partnership fees related to Cash App including Instant Deposit, Cash App Card, as well as costs associated with the Company's BNPL platform, and TIDAL.

##### Hardware Costs

Hardware costs consist of all product costs associated with magstripe readers, contactless and chip readers, Square Stand, Square Register, Square Terminal, and third-party peripherals. Product costs include third-party manufacturing-related overhead and personnel-related costs, certain royalties, packaging, and fulfillment costs.

##### Bitcoin Costs

Bitcoin costs consist of the total amount the Company pays to purchase bitcoin that is sold to customers. These costs fluctuate in line with bitcoin revenue.

#### Amortization of Acquired Technology Assets

Amortization of acquired technology assets is primarily comprised of amortization related to the acquired technology assets from the acquisition of Afterpay.

#### *Other Costs*

Generally, other costs such as personnel-related costs, rent, and occupancy charges are not allocated to cost of revenues and are reflected in operating expenses and are not material.

#### *Severance and Other Restructuring Expenses*

The Company records severance-related expenses once they are both probable and estimable in accordance with the provisions of the applicable accounting guidance for severance provided under an ongoing benefit arrangement. One-time involuntary benefit arrangements and other costs are generally recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred. The Company recorded \$ 26.8 million and \$ 104.0 million of severance and other related expenses for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, as part of product development, sales and marketing, and general and administrative within the Company's operating expenses. The Company also assesses its assets for impairment in connection with restructuring and other exit activities when the carrying amount of the related assets may not be fully recoverable, in accordance with the appropriate accounting guidance.

#### *Sales and Marketing Expenses*

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and included in sales and marketing expenses on the consolidated statements of operations. Total advertising costs for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$ 338.1 million, \$ 360.1 million, and \$ 544.2 million, respectively. The Company also records services, incentives, and other costs to customers that are not directly related to a revenue generating transaction as sales and marketing expenses, as the Company considers these to be marketing costs to encourage the usage of Cash App. These expenses include, but are not limited to, Cash App peer-to-peer processing costs and related transaction losses, card issuance costs, customer referral bonuses, and promotional giveaways. These costs are expensed as incurred. The Company recorded \$ 889.9 million, \$ 898.3 million, and \$ 840.0 million, for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively, for such expenses.

#### *Share-based Compensation*

Share-based compensation expense relates to stock options, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), and purchases under the Company's 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"), which is measured based on the grant-date fair value. The fair value of RSUs is determined by the closing price of the Company's common stock on each grant date. The fair value of stock options and ESPP shares granted to employees is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model. This share-based compensation expense valuation model requires the Company to make assumptions and judgments regarding the variables used in the calculation. These variables include the expected term (weighted-average period of time that the options granted are expected to be outstanding), the expected volatility of the Company's stock, expected risk-free interest rate, and expected dividends. The Company uses the simplified calculation of expected term, defined as an average of the vesting term and the contractual term to maturity. Expected volatility is based on a weighted-average of the historical volatilities of the Company's common stock. The expected risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for periods corresponding with the expected life of the option. Generally, share-based compensation expense is recorded on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. RSUs typically vest over a term of four years. The Company accounts for forfeitures as they occur.

#### *Interest Income and Expense*

Interest income consists of interest income from the Company's investment in marketable debt securities and was \$ 156.2 million and \$ 126.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Interest income was immaterial for the year ended December 31, 2022. Interest expense consists primarily of the Company's long-term debt and was \$ 165.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2024. Interest expense was immaterial for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

#### *Foreign Currency*

The functional currency for most subsidiaries outside of the United States is the local currency. For purposes of the Company's consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of these subsidiaries, including goodwill and acquired intangible assets, are translated into U.S. dollars using the exchange rates at the balance sheet dates. Gains and losses resulting from these translations are reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). Revenue, expenses, and gains or losses are translated into U.S. dollars using average exchange rates for each period.

Gains and losses from the remeasurement of foreign currency transactions into the functional currency are recognized as a component of other income, net on the consolidated statements of operations.

#### *Income and Other Taxes*

The Company reports income taxes under the asset and liability approach. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, as well as net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax amounts are determined by using the enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

A valuation allowance reduces the deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. The Company considers historical information, tax planning strategies, the expected timing of the reversal of existing temporary differences, and may rely on financial projections to support its position on the recoverability of deferred tax assets. The Company's judgment regarding future profitability contains significant assumptions and estimates of future operations. If such assumptions were to differ significantly from actual future results of operations, it may have a material impact on the Company's ability to realize its deferred tax assets. At the end of each period, the Company assesses the ability to realize the deferred tax assets. If it is more likely than not that the Company will not realize the deferred tax assets, then the Company establishes a valuation allowance for all or a portion of the deferred tax assets.

The Company recognizes the effect of uncertain income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. The Company records interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in the provision (benefit) for income tax expense on the consolidated statements of operations.

#### *Cash and Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash, and Customer Funds*

##### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments, including money market funds, with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

##### Restricted Cash

The Company records restricted cash amounts as a current asset on the consolidated balance sheets if the restriction expires in less than 12 months, or as a non-current asset if the restriction is greater than 12 months. If there is no minimum time frame during which the cash must remain restricted, the nature of the transactions related to the restriction determine the classification.

The Company's short-term restricted cash was \$ 902.5 million and \$ 770.4 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The majority of the balance as of December 31, 2024 was comprised of the wholly-owned consolidated entities used in the warehouse funding facility arrangements. This restricted cash will be used to pay the borrowings under the warehouse funding facilities or will be distributed to the Company. The Company's total restricted cash also includes pledged cash deposits in accounts at the financial institutions that process the Company's sellers' payment transactions and collateral pursuant to various agreements with banks relating to the Company's products. The Company uses restricted cash to secure letters of credit with the related financial institutions to provide collateral for cash flow timing differences in the processing of payments.

The Company's long-term restricted cash of \$ 69.9 million and \$ 71.8 million as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively, is primarily related to cash held as collateral as required by the FDIC for Square Financial Services. The Company has recorded these amounts as non-current assets on the consolidated balance sheets as the requirement by the FDIC specifies a time frame of 12 months or longer during which the cash must remain restricted.

#### Customer Funds

Customer funds represent customers' stored balances that customers would later use to send money or make payments, or customers cash in transit. As discussed under section titled *Subscription and Services-based Revenue* accounting policy above, under the terms of service associated with these funds, the Company is restricted from using the funds in the Company's operations, but may invest these funds in short-term marketable debt securities to earn interest. Refer to Note 4, *Customer Funds* for more details.

#### *Investments in Marketable Debt Securities*

The Company's short-term and long-term investments include marketable debt securities such as government and agency securities, corporate bonds, commercial paper, and municipal securities. The Company determines the appropriate classification of its investments in marketable debt securities at the time of purchase and reevaluates such designation at each balance sheet date. The Company has classified and accounted for its marketable debt securities as available-for-sale and carries these investments at fair value, reporting the unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, as a component of stockholders' equity. The U.S. government and U.S. agency securities are either explicitly or implicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and are highly rated by major rating agencies. The corporate bonds are issued by highly rated entities. The foreign government securities are issued by highly rated international entities. The Company has the ability and intent to hold these investments with unrealized losses for a reasonable period of time, sufficient for the recovery of their amortized cost bases, which may be at maturity. The Company determines any realized gains or losses on the sale of marketable debt securities on a specific identification method, and records such gains and losses as a component of other expense (income), net on the consolidated statements of operations.

#### *Investments in Equity Securities*

The Company holds marketable and non-marketable equity investments. Marketable equity investments are measured using quoted prices in active markets with changes recorded in other expense (income), net on the consolidated statements of operations.

Non-marketable equity investments, which have no readily determinable fair values, are measured using the measurement alternative, which is defined as cost, less impairment, adjusted for observable price changes from orderly transactions for identical or similar investments of the same issuer. Adjustments are recorded in other income, net on the consolidated statements of operations. Non-marketable equity investments are valued using significant unobservable inputs or data in an inactive market and the valuation requires judgment due to the absence of market prices and inherent lack of liquidity. The carrying value for these investments is not adjusted if there are no observable transactions for identical or similar investments of the same issuer or if there are no identified events or changes in circumstances that may indicate impairment. The Company will adjust for changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for an identical or similar investment in the same issue. Valuations of non-marketable equity investments are inherently complex due to the lack of readily available market data. In addition, the determination of whether an orderly transaction is for an identical or similar investment requires significant management judgment, including understanding the differences in the rights and obligations of the investments and the extent to which those differences would affect the fair values of those investments.

The Company assesses the impairment of its non-marketable equity investments on a quarterly basis. The impairment analysis encompasses an assessment of the severity and duration of the impairment and a qualitative and quantitative analysis of other key factors including the investee's financial metrics, market acceptance of the investee's product or technology, other competitive products or technology in the market, general market conditions, and the rate at which the investee is using its cash. If the investment is considered to be impaired, the Company will record an impairment in other income, net on the consolidated statements of operations and establish a new carrying value for the investment.

#### *Fair Value Measurements*

The Company applies fair value accounting for assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. Fair value accounting establishes a three-level hierarchy priority for disclosure of assets and liabilities recorded at fair value. The ordering of priority reflects the degree to which objective prices in external active markets are available to measure fair value. The classification of assets and liabilities within the hierarchy is based on whether the inputs to the valuation methodology used for measurement are observable or unobservable.

The Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible. The Company determines fair value based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability in the principal or most advantageous market. When considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, the following fair value hierarchy distinguishes between observable and unobservable inputs, which are categorized in one of the following levels:

- Level 1 Inputs: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs: Other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3 Inputs: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at measurement date.

#### *Customer Loans*

Loan products consist primarily of flex loans, term loans and Cash App Borrow which are described in detail under the section titled *Subscription and Services-based Revenue* above.

The Company classifies customer loans as loans held for sale when the Company has the intent to sell all of its rights, title, and interest in these loans to third-party investors, and there is an available market for such loans. The Company classifies customer loans as loans held for investment when the Company has both the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future, or until maturity or payoff. The Company designates all its loans as held for sale upon origination, of which the majority are sold. Loans held by Square Financial Services that are not sold within one to two business days from origination are reclassified as held for investment, while all the other loans continue to be classified as held for sale. For the year ended December 31, 2024, \$ 903.8 million of total loan balances was reclassified from loans held for sale to loans held for investment. For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, net gains on sales of loans were \$ 236.8 million, \$ 196.1 million, and \$ 164.3 million respectively. Since the loans are classified as held for sale at origination, all the cash flows associated with these loans are disclosed as a component of cash flows from operating activities.

#### Loans Held for Sale

Loans held for sale are recorded at the lower of amortized cost or fair value determined on an individual loan basis. To determine the fair value the Company utilizes discounted cash flow valuation modeling, taking into account the probability of default and estimated timing and amounts of periodic repayments. In estimating the expected timing and amounts of the future periodic repayments for the loans outstanding, the Company considered other relevant market data. The Company recognizes a charge within transaction, loan, and consumer receivable losses on the consolidated statement of operations whenever the amortized cost of a loan exceeds its fair value, with such charges being reversed for subsequent increases in fair value, but only to the extent that such reversals do not result in the amortized cost of a loan exceeding its fair value. Loans are charged-off in accordance with our charge-off policies. Square Loans that are 120 days or more past due, and Cash Borrow loans that are 90 days or more past due, are generally considered to be uncollectible and are charged off. Past due status is based on the contractual terms of the loans. A loan that is initially designated as held for sale may be reclassified to held for investment if and when the Company's intent for that loan changes.

#### Loans Held for Investment

Loans held for investment are recorded at amortized cost, less an allowance for potential uncollectible amounts. Amortized cost basis represents principal amounts outstanding, net of unearned income, unamortized deferred fees and costs on originated loans, premiums or discounts on purchased loans and charge-offs. The Company's intent and ability to designate loans as held for investment in the future may change based on changes in business strategies, the economic environment, and market conditions.

#### Allowance for loans losses

The Company calculates an allowance for losses on the loans held for investment portfolio in accordance with Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2016-13, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments* ("ASU 2016-13"). The Company assesses impairment of its financial instruments based on current estimates of expected credit losses over the contractual term of its loans held for investment portfolio as of each balance sheet date. The Company determines the allowance for loan losses using both quantitative and qualitative methods and considers all available information relevant to assessing collectability. This includes, but is not limited to, historical loss and recovery experience, recent and historical trends in delinquencies, past-due loans and charge-offs, borrower behavior and repayment speed, underwriting and collection management changes, changes in the legal and regulatory environment, changes in risk and underwriting standards, current and historical macroeconomic conditions such as changes in unemployment and GDP, and various other factors that may affect the sellers' ability to make future payments.

#### *Consumer Receivables*

The Company evaluates its consumer receivables as a single homogeneous portfolio as it is comprised of a single product type, point-of-sale unsecured installment loans. The Company classifies consumer receivables as held for investment when the Company has the intent and ability to hold these investments for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoff. The Company classifies consumer receivables as held for sale when the Company has the intent to sell all of its rights, title, and interest in these receivables to third-party investors, and there is an available market for such receivables. For the year ended December 31, 2024, \$ 438.6 million of consumer receivables were reclassified from loans held for investment to loans held for sale and sold to third parties. Net losses on sales of consumer receivables were immaterial for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022. Consumer receivables are reported at amortized cost, which includes the cost to originate the consumer receivables, adjusted for unearned merchant fees, origination costs, charge-offs, and the allowance for credit losses. Refer to Note 6, *Consumer Receivables, net* for more information.

#### *Allowance for Credit Losses Related to Consumer Receivables*

The Company calculates an allowance for credit losses on the consumer receivables portfolio in accordance with ASU 2016-13. The guidance requires an entity to assess impairment of its financial instruments based on the entity's current estimates of expected credit losses over the contractual term of its loans held for investment portfolio as of each balance sheet date.

Allowance for credit losses related to consumer receivables represents management's estimate of the expected credit losses in the outstanding portfolio of consumer receivables, as of the balance sheet date. The Company determines the allowance for credit losses using both quantitative and qualitative methods that analyze portfolio performance, uses judgment regarding the quantitative components of the reserve, and considers all available information relevant to assessing collectibility. This includes, but is not limited to, historical loss and recovery experience, recent and historical trends in delinquencies, past-due receivables and charge-offs, consumer behavior and repayment speed, underwriting and collection management changes, changes in the legal and regulatory environment, changes in risk and underwriting standards, current and historical macroeconomic conditions such as changes in unemployment and GDP, and various other factors that may affect the consumers' ability to make future payments. When available information confirms that specific consumer receivables or portions thereof are uncollectible, identified amounts are charged off against the allowance for credit losses. Consumer receivables are charged off when management considers amounts to be uncollectible, which is generally determined by the number of days past due and is typically no later than 180 days past due.

#### ***Settlements Receivable***

Settlements receivable represents amounts due from third-party payment processors for customer transactions. Settlements receivable are typically received or paid within one or two business days of the transaction date. Under the terms of arrangements, some of the processors may process both transaction receivables and payables. Additionally, the terms may allow processors the right of offset for the amounts due to and due from the Company. No valuation allowances have been established for settlements receivable, as funds are due from large, well-established financial institutions with no historical collections issue.

#### ***Inventory***

Inventory consists of contactless and chip readers, chip card readers, Square Stand, Square Register, Square Terminal, and third-party peripherals, as well as component parts that are used to manufacture these products. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost (generally on a first-in, first-out basis) or net realizable value. Inventory that is obsolete or in excess of forecasted usage is written down to its net realizable value based on the estimated selling prices in the ordinary course of business. The Company's inventory is held at third-party warehouses and contract manufacturer premises.

#### ***Bitcoin***

##### **Company Owned Bitcoin**

The Company holds bitcoin for long term investment purposes ("bitcoin investment") and also holds bitcoin for the facilitation of customer sales and purchases of bitcoin on Cash App ("bitcoin for operating purposes"). The Company accounts for its bitcoin as an indefinite-lived intangible asset in accordance with ASC 350, Intangibles—Goodwill and Other and has ownership of and control over its bitcoin.

The Company early adopted ASU No. 2023-08, *Accounting for and Disclosure of Crypto Assets* ("ASU 2023-08") in the fourth quarter of 2023 using a modified retrospective approach. ASU 2023-08 provides guidance on accounting and disclosure of crypto assets and requires an entity to (i) subsequently remeasure crypto assets at fair value at each measurement date with changes recognized in net income, (ii) present the changes in fair value separately from changes in the carrying amount of other intangible assets in the income statement, and (iii) present crypto assets measured at fair value separately from other intangible assets on the balance sheet. Prior to the adoption of ASU 2023-08, the Company's bitcoin investment was subject to impairment losses if the fair value decreased below the carrying value during the assessed period. Impairment losses on the Company's bitcoin investment could not be recovered for any subsequent increases in fair value until the asset was sold. Upon adoption of ASU 2023-08, the Company recognized a cumulative-effect adjustment increasing bitcoin value and retained earnings by \$ 30.5 million as of the beginning of fiscal year 2023.

The Company's bitcoin investment is initially recorded at cost, inclusive of transaction costs, and the Company uses the 'first-in, first-out' method to determine the cost basis. Subsequently, the Company remeasures its bitcoin investment at fair value at the end of each reporting period with changes recognized in net income through the Company's consolidated statements of operations. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company has purchased an approximate cumulative \$ 31.5 million in bitcoin for investment purposes. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company recognized gains of \$ 420.9 million and \$ 207.1 million from the remeasurement of the Company's bitcoin investment.

The Company's bitcoin for operating purposes is initially recorded at cost, inclusive of transaction costs, and the Company uses 'first-in, first-out' as its method of determining the cost basis. Subsequent to purchase, any sales related to bitcoin occur at its current market price, plus a small margin. As such, any change in fair value of bitcoin purchased and sold for customer orders is captured within bitcoin revenue. Given the small amount of bitcoin for operating purposes held at any time, and that the bitcoin is held for a relatively short period of time, typically being purchased and sold within a day, the changes in fair value are not material to the Company.

Bitcoin trades in an active market which is not centrally managed or provided by one particular exchange. We determine the fair value of bitcoin at each period end in accordance with ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement, based on observed prices from active exchanges that the Company has determined are its principal market for bitcoin.

Refer to Note 12, *Other Consolidated Balance Sheet Components (Non-Current)* and Note 13, *Bitcoin*, for more information.

#### Bitcoin Held for Other Parties

The Company adopted the SEC's Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121 ("SAB 121"), in June 2022. SAB 121 expressed the views of the SEC staff regarding the accounting for obligations to safeguard crypto-assets an entity holds for users of its crypto platform and requires entities that hold crypto-assets on behalf of platform users to recognize a liability to reflect the entity's obligation to safeguard the crypto-assets held for its platform users.

In January 2025, the SEC staff released Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 122 ("SAB 122"), which rescinded SAB 121. The Company early adopted SAB 122 as of December 31, 2024, resulting in the Company derecognizing the previously recognized safeguarding obligation liability related to bitcoin held for other parties and the corresponding safeguarding asset related to bitcoin held for other parties. Refer to the *Recent Accounting Pronouncements* section below for further information.

#### *Property and Equipment*

Property and equipment are recorded at historical cost less accumulated depreciation, which is computed on a straight-line basis over the asset's estimated useful life. The estimated useful lives of property and equipment are described below:

Property and Equipment	Useful Life
Capitalized software	18 months
Computer equipment, data center equipment, and computer software	Three years
Furniture and fixtures	Seven years
Leasehold improvements	Lesser of ten years or remaining lease term

#### *Capitalized Software*

The Company capitalizes certain costs incurred in developing internal-use software when capitalization requirements have been met. Costs prior to meeting the capitalization requirements are expensed as incurred. Capitalized costs are included in property and equipment, net, and amortized on a straight-lined basis over the estimated useful life of the software and included in product development costs on the consolidated statements of operations.

#### *Leases*

The Company leases office space and equipment under non-cancellable finance and operating leases with various expiration dates.

The Company determines whether an arrangement is a lease for accounting purposes at contract inception. Operating lease right-of-use ("ROU") assets and operating lease liabilities are recognized at the present value of the future lease payments, generally for the base noncancelable lease term, at the lease commencement date for each lease. The interest rate used to determine the present value of the future lease payments is the Company's incremental borrowing rate because the interest rate implicit in most of the Company's leases is not readily determinable. The Company's incremental borrowing rate is estimated to approximate the interest rate that the Company would pay to borrow on a collateralized basis with similar terms and payments as the lease, and in economic environments where the leased asset is located. Operating lease ROU assets also include any prepaid lease payments and lease incentives. The Company's lease agreements generally contain lease and non-lease components. The Company applies the practical expedient to account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component for all leases, where applicable. Non-lease components primarily include payments for maintenance and utilities. The Company includes the fixed non-lease components in the determination of the ROU assets and operating lease liabilities. Variable lease payments that are not based on a rate or index are not included in the calculation of the ROU asset and lease liability, and they are recognized as lease expense in the period in which the obligation for those payments is incurred. Variable lease payments predominantly relate to variable operating expenses, taxes, parking, and electricity. The Company records the amortization of the ROU asset and the accretion of lease liability as a component of rent expense in the consolidated statements of operations.

The Company evaluates ROU assets related to leases for indicators of impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a ROU asset may not be recoverable. When a decision has been made to exit a lease prior to the contractual term or to sublease that space, the Company evaluates the asset for impairment and recognizes the associated impact to the ROU asset and related expense, if applicable. The evaluation is performed at the asset group level initially and when appropriate, at the lowest level of identifiable cash flows, which is at the individual lease level. Undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the related ROU assets are estimated over the ROU assets' useful lives. If the evaluation indicates that the carrying amount of the ROU assets may not be recoverable, any potential impairment is measured based upon the fair value of the related ROU asset or asset group as determined by appropriate valuation techniques. For the periods presented, the Company recorded no material impairment charges.

When lease agreements provide allowances for leasehold improvements, the Company assesses whether it is the owner of the leasehold improvements for accounting purposes. When the Company concludes that it is the owner, it capitalizes the leasehold improvement assets and recognizes the related depreciation expense on a straight-line basis over the lesser of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset. Additionally, the Company recognizes the amounts of allowances to be received from the lessor as a reduction of the lease liability and the associated ROU asset. When the Company concludes that it is not the owner, the payments that the Company makes towards the leasehold improvements are accounted as a component of the lease payments.

#### *Business Combinations*

The purchase price of an acquisition is allocated to the tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the acquisition dates. The excess of total consideration over the fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed is recorded as goodwill. During the measurement period, which may be up to one year from the acquisition date, the Company may record adjustments to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed with the corresponding offset to goodwill. Upon the conclusion of the measurement period or final determination of the values of assets acquired or liabilities assumed, whichever comes first, any subsequent adjustments would be recorded on the consolidated statements of operations.

#### *Goodwill and Long-Lived Assets, including Acquired Intangible Assets*

The Company evaluates the recoverability of property and equipment and finite-lived intangible assets for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of such assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability is measured by comparing the carrying amount of an asset or an asset group to estimated undiscounted future net cash flows expected to be generated. If the carrying amount of the long-lived asset or asset group is not recoverable on an undiscounted cash flow basis, an impairment is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds its fair value. Fair value is determined through various valuation techniques including discounted cash flow models, quoted market values, and third-party independent appraisals, as considered necessary. For the periods presented, the Company recorded no material impairment charges related to intangible assets.

The Company performs a goodwill impairment test annually on December 31 and more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. An impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value. The Company first assesses qualitative factors to determine whether events or circumstances indicate that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount and determine whether further action is needed. If, after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, the Company determines it is not more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then performing the two-step impairment test is unnecessary.

Acquired intangible assets consist of acquired technology and customer relationships associated with various acquisitions. Acquired technology is amortized over its estimated useful life on a straight-line basis and included as a component of cost of revenue on the consolidated statements of operations. Acquired customer relationships and other intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, and included as a component of operating expenses on the consolidated statements of operations. The Company evaluates the remaining estimated useful life of its intangible assets being amortized on an ongoing basis to determine whether events and circumstances warrant a revision to the remaining period of amortization.

#### *Customers Payable*

Customers payable represents the transaction amounts, less revenue earned by the Company, owed to sellers or Cash App customers. The payable amount consists of amounts owed to customers due to timing differences as the Company typically settles within one business day, amounts held by the Company in accordance with its risk management policies, and amounts held for customers who have not yet linked a bank account. This balance also includes the Company's liability for customer funds held on deposit in the Cash App and balances related to Square Card.

#### *Accrued Transaction Losses*

The Company is exposed to potential credit losses related to transactions processed by sellers that are subsequently subject to chargebacks when the Company is unable to collect from the sellers primarily due to insolvency, disputes between a seller and their customer, or due to fraudulent transactions. Accrued transaction losses also include estimated losses on Cash App activity related to peer-to-peer payments sent from a credit card, Cash for Business, and Cash App Card. Generally, the Company estimates the potential loss rates based on historical experience that is continuously adjusted for new information and incorporates, where applicable, reasonable and supportable forecasts about future expectations. The Company also considers other relevant market data in developing such estimates and assumptions. Additions to the reserve are reflected in current operating results, while realized losses are offset against the reserve. These amounts are classified within transaction, loan, and consumer receivable losses on the consolidated statements of operations, except for the amounts associated with the peer-to-peer service offered to Cash App customers for free that are classified within sales and marketing expenses as the Company considers these to be marketing costs to encourage the usage of Cash App.

#### *Share Repurchases*

Share repurchases under the Company's share repurchase authorization may be made from time to time through open market purchases or through privately negotiated transactions subject to market conditions, applicable legal requirements and other relevant factors. The Company's policy is to deduct the par value from common stock and to reflect any excess of cost over par value as a deduction from additional paid-in capital.

## Segments

The Company reports its segments to reflect the manner in which the Company's chief operating decision maker ("CODM") reviews and assesses performance. The Company's CODM is the Block Head and Chairperson. The Company has two reportable segments, Square and Cash App. Products and services that are not assigned to a specific reportable segment, including TIDAL and other emerging ecosystems, are aggregated and presented within a general corporate and other category. Square and Cash App are defined as follows:

- Cash App includes the financial tools available to individuals within the mobile Cash App, including peer-to-peer payments, bitcoin and stock investments. Cash App also includes Cash App Card, which is linked to customer stored balances that customers can use to pay for purchases or withdraw funds from an ATM. Cash App also includes the BNPL platform.
- Square includes managed payment services, software solutions, hardware, and financial services offered to sellers, excluding those that involve Cash App.

The primary financial measures used by the CODM to evaluate performance and allocate resources are revenue and gross profit. The CODM uses segment gross profit for each segment during the annual budgeting and forecasting process. Further, the CODM uses gross profit as the metric to guide the business trajectory and to consider the overall gross profit growth by segment on a quarterly basis, when making decisions about the allocation of operating and capital resources to each segment. The CODM does not evaluate performance or allocate resources based on segment asset data, and therefore such information is not included.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2022, the Company adopted Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121 ("SAB 121"), which required accounting for obligations to safeguard crypto-assets an entity holds for users of its crypto platform. The guidance required entities that hold crypto-assets on behalf of platform users to recognize a liability, and corresponding asset, to reflect the entity's obligation to safeguard the crypto-assets held for its platform users and measure at the fair value at each reporting date. Subsequently, in January 2025, the SEC staff released Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 122 ("SAB 122"), which rescinded SAB 121. SAB 122 allows entities to apply existing accounting principles to determine the appropriate accounting treatment for obligations related to the safeguarding of crypto-assets, considering the risks and uncertainties associated with those obligations. Existing requirements to provide disclosures that allow investors to understand an entity's obligation to safeguard crypto-assets held for others continue to apply. The Company early adopted SAB 122 as of December 31, 2024 and applied the guidance retrospectively, resulting in the reversal of \$ 1.0 billion of the Company's safeguarding liability and corresponding asset as of December 31, 2023. The adoption had no impact on previously reported consolidated statements of operations, statements of comprehensive income (loss), statements of stockholders' equity, or statements of cash flows.

In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU No. 2023-07, *Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures* ("ASU 2023-07"). The amendments expand segment disclosures by requiring disclosure of significant segment expenses that are regularly provided to the CODM, the amount and description of other segment items, permits companies to disclose more than one measure of segment profit or loss, and requires all annual segment disclosures to be included in the interim periods. The amendments do not change how an entity identifies its operating segments, aggregates those operating segments, or applies quantitative thresholds to determine its reportable segments. The Company adopted this guidance effective for the annual reporting period beginning January 1, 2024, and has applied the guidance retrospectively. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements and related disclosures. Refer to Note 20, *Segment and Geographical Information* for further details.

## Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU No. 2023-09, *Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures* ("ASU 2023-09"). The amendments expand income tax disclosure requirements by requiring an entity to disclose (i) specific categories in the rate reconciliation, (ii) additional information for reconciling items that meet a quantitative threshold, and (iii) the amount of taxes paid disaggregated by jurisdiction. The amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of ASU 2023-09 will impact the Company's disclosures only and the Company is evaluating the effect of adopting the new disclosure requirements.

In March 2024, the SEC adopted rules that require registrants to provide climate-related information in their registration statements and annual reports, such as disclosure of material climate-related risks, Board of Directors' oversight and risk management activities, material greenhouse gas emissions, and material climate-related targets and goals. The rules will also require registrants to quantify certain effects of severe weather events and other natural conditions in their audited financial statements. On April 4, 2024, the SEC voluntarily stayed the implementation of the rules pending the judicial review of challenges to the rules in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. As proposed, the new rules would have been effective for fiscal years beginning in 2025, except for the greenhouse gas emissions disclosures, which would have been effective for fiscal years beginning in 2026. The Company is currently monitoring the development of whether and if these rules will become effective.

In November 2024, the FASB issued ASU No. 2024-03, *Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses* ("ASU 2024-03"), and in January 2025, the FASB issued ASU No. 2025-01, *Clarifying the Effective Date* ("ASU 2025-01"). The amendments are intended to enhance disclosures regarding an entity's costs and expenses by requiring additional disaggregated information disclosures about certain income statement expense line items. The amendments, as clarified by ASU 2025-01, are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2026 and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2027. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is evaluating the effect of adopting the new disclosure requirements.

#### NOTE 2 - REVENUE

The following table presents the Company's net revenue disaggregated by revenue source (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Revenue from contracts with customers:</b>			
Transaction-based revenue	\$ 6,613,680	\$ 6,315,301	\$ 5,701,540
Subscription and services-based revenue	4,865,389	4,319,825	3,385,784
Hardware revenue	143,369	157,178	164,418
Bitcoin revenue	10,199,205	9,498,302	7,112,856
<b>Revenue from other sources:</b>			
Subscription and services-based revenue <sup>(i)</sup>	2,299,410	1,625,017	1,166,989
Total net revenue	<u>\$ 24,121,053</u>	<u>\$ 21,915,623</u>	<u>\$ 17,531,587</u>

<sup>(i)</sup> Subscription and services-based revenue from other sources relates to revenue generated from the Company's Square Loans, revenue generated from consumer receivables originated through our BNPL platform, interest income earned on customer funds, and interest income earned on funds held by Square Financial Services.

**NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS IN DEBT SECURITIES**

The Company's short-term and long-term investments as of December 31, 2024 were as follows (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
<b>Short-term debt securities:</b>				
U.S. agency securities	\$ 34,454	\$ 15	\$ (1)	\$ 34,468
Corporate bonds	160,238	248	( 96 )	160,390
Commercial paper	333	—	—	333
Municipal securities	398	1	—	399
Certificates of deposit	1,051	—	—	1,051
U.S. government securities	206,340	449	( 4 )	206,785
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 402,814</b>	<b>\$ 713</b>	<b>\$ ( 101 )</b>	<b>\$ 403,426</b>
<b>Long-term debt securities:</b>				
U.S. agency securities	\$ 49,017	\$ 23	\$ ( 10 )	\$ 49,030
Corporate bonds	195,035	693	( 384 )	195,344
Municipal securities	4,592	4	( 251 )	4,345
U.S. government securities	222,164	1,218	( 124 )	223,258
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 470,808</b>	<b>\$ 1,938</b>	<b>\$ ( 769 )</b>	<b>\$ 471,977</b>

The Company's short-term and long-term investments as of December 31, 2023 are as follows (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
<b>Short-term debt securities:</b>				
U.S. agency securities	\$ 68,778	\$ —	\$ ( 1,263 )	\$ 67,515
Corporate bonds	216,864	96	( 1,733 )	215,227
Commercial paper	15,159	—	—	15,159
Municipal securities	9,396	—	( 231 )	9,165
Certificates of deposit	3,856	—	—	3,856
U.S. government securities	544,145	210	( 4,357 )	539,998
Foreign government securities	1,000	—	( 19 )	981
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 859,198</b>	<b>\$ 306</b>	<b>\$ ( 7,603 )</b>	<b>\$ 851,901</b>
<b>Long-term debt securities:</b>				
Corporate bonds	\$ 94,564	\$ 809	\$ ( 45 )	\$ 95,328
Municipal securities	2,495	55	( 138 )	2,412
U.S. government securities	152,549	875	( 37 )	153,387
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 249,608</b>	<b>\$ 1,739</b>	<b>\$ ( 220 )</b>	<b>\$ 251,127</b>

The amortized cost of investments classified as cash equivalents approximated the fair value due to the short-term nature of the investments.

The Company's gross unrealized losses and fair values for those investments that were in an unrealized loss position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, aggregated by investment category and the length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous loss position were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024						Total	
	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months					
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses		
<b>Short-term debt securities:</b>								
U.S. agency securities	\$ 18,954	\$ (1)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 18,954	\$ (1)		
Corporate bonds	50,905	(93)	1,995	(3)	52,900	(96)		
U.S. government securities	—	—	3,994	(4)	3,994	(4)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 69,859</b>	<b>\$ (94)</b>	<b>\$ 5,989</b>	<b>\$ (7)</b>	<b>\$ 75,848</b>	<b>\$ (101)</b>		
<b>Long-term debt securities:</b>								
U.S. agency securities	\$ 9,990	\$ (10)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 9,990	\$ (10)		
Corporate bonds	80,550	(384)	—	—	80,550	(384)		
Municipal securities	2,848	(128)	363	(123)	3,211	(251)		
U.S. government securities	58,681	(124)	—	—	58,681	(124)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 152,069</b>	<b>\$ (646)</b>	<b>\$ 363</b>	<b>\$ (123)</b>	<b>\$ 152,432</b>	<b>\$ (769)</b>		
December 31, 2023								
	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months				Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses		
<b>Short-term debt securities:</b>								
U.S. agency securities	\$ 9,770	\$ (10)	\$ 57,745	\$ (1,253)	\$ 67,515	\$ (1,263)		
Corporate bonds	61,054	(60)	110,706	(1,673)	171,760	(1,733)		
Municipal securities	—	—	9,165	(231)	9,165	(231)		
U.S. government securities	80,724	(113)	207,183	(4,243)	287,907	(4,356)		
Foreign government securities	—	—	981	(19)	981	(19)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 151,548</b>	<b>\$ (183)</b>	<b>\$ 385,780</b>	<b>\$ (7,419)</b>	<b>\$ 537,328</b>	<b>\$ (7,602)</b>		
<b>Long-term debt securities:</b>								
Corporate bonds	\$ 11,819	\$ (31)	\$ 2,274	\$ (14)	\$ 14,093	\$ (45)		
Municipal securities	976	(24)	383	(112)	1,359	(136)		
U.S. government securities	28,474	(37)	—	—	28,474	(37)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 41,269</b>	<b>\$ (92)</b>	<b>\$ 2,657</b>	<b>\$ (126)</b>	<b>\$ 43,926</b>	<b>\$ (218)</b>		

The Company does not intend to sell nor anticipate that it will be required to sell these securities before recovery of the amortized cost basis. Unrealized losses on available-for-sale debt securities were determined not to be related to credit related losses, therefore, an allowance for credit losses is not required.

The contractual maturities of the Company's short-term and long-term investments as of December 31, 2024 were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Due in one year or less	\$ 402,814	\$ 403,426
Due in one to five years	470,808	471,977
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 873,622</b>	<b>\$ 875,403</b>

**NOTE 4 - CUSTOMER FUNDS**

The following table presents the assets underlying customer funds (in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2024</b>	<b>December 31, 2023</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>\$ 3,195,253</b>	<b>\$ 2,137,634</b>
<b>Cash equivalents:</b>		
Money market funds	4,645	4,042
Reverse repurchase agreement <sup>(i)</sup>	982,974	1,028,754
<b>Total customer funds</b>	<b>\$ 4,182,872</b>	<b>\$ 3,170,430</b>

<sup>(i)</sup> The Company has accounted for the reverse repurchase agreement with various third parties as an overnight lending arrangement, collateralized by the securities subject to the repurchase agreement. The Company classifies the amounts due from the counterparty as cash equivalents due to their short term nature.

The Company does not have any available-for-sale debt securities for which the Company has recorded credit related losses.

The amortized cost of investments classified as cash equivalents approximated the fair value due to the short-term nature of the investments.

#### **NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Company measures its cash equivalents, customer funds, short-term and long-term marketable debt securities, marketable equity investments, and bitcoin investment at fair value. The Company classifies these investments within Level 1 or Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy because the Company values these investments using quoted market prices or alternative pricing sources and models utilizing market observable inputs.

The Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis were classified as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024			December 31, 2023		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Cash equivalents:</b>						
Money market funds	\$ 857,196	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 960,705	\$ —	\$ —
U.S. government securities	26,951	—	—	29,788	—	—
Commercial paper	—	509	—	—	4,993	—
Corporate bonds	—	—	—	—	699	—
<b>Restricted Cash:</b>						
Money market funds	319,800	—	—	291,374	—	—
<b>Customer funds:</b>						
Money market funds	4,645	—	—	4,042	—	—
Reverse repurchase agreement	982,974	—	—	1,028,754	—	—
<b>Short-term debt securities:</b>						
U.S. government securities	206,785	—	—	539,998	—	—
Corporate bonds	—	160,390	—	—	215,227	—
U.S. agency securities	—	34,468	—	—	67,515	—
Commercial paper	—	333	—	—	15,159	—
Municipal securities	—	399	—	—	9,165	—
Certificates of deposit	—	1,051	—	—	3,856	—
Foreign government securities	—	—	—	—	981	—
<b>Long-term debt securities:</b>						
U.S. government securities	223,258	—	—	153,387	—	—
Corporate bonds	—	195,344	—	—	95,328	—
U.S. agency securities	—	49,030	—	—	—	—
Municipal securities	—	4,345	—	—	2,412	—
<b>Other:</b>						
Bitcoin investment <sup>(i)</sup>	792,282	—	—	339,898	—	—
Investment in marketable equity securities	5,407	—	—	8,267	—	—
Total assets (liabilities) measured at fair value	\$ 3,419,298	\$ 445,869	\$ —	\$ 3,356,213	\$ 415,335	\$ —

<sup>(i)</sup> The Company holds an immaterial amount of bitcoin for operating purposes and, given the bitcoin is held for a relatively short period of time, typically being purchased and sold within a day, the fair value approximates carrying value. Refer to Note 1, *Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* and Note 13, *Bitcoin* for more details.

The carrying amounts of certain financial instruments, including settlements receivable, consumer receivables, accounts payable, customers payable, accrued expenses, and settlements payable, approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature. The carrying amounts of the Company's warehouse funding facilities approximate their fair values.



The Company estimates the fair value of its convertible and senior notes based on their last actively traded prices (Level 1) or market observable inputs (Level 2). The estimated fair value and carrying value of the convertible and senior notes were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value (Level 2)	Carrying Value	Fair Value (Level 2)
2026 Senior Notes	\$ 996,017	\$ 960,589	\$ 993,208	\$ 938,105
2031 Senior Notes	990,971	873,868	989,567	879,913
2032 Senior Notes	1,975,026	1,999,220	—	—
2025 Convertible Notes	999,497	991,941	996,437	979,776
2026 Convertible Notes	572,723	533,154	571,014	501,910
2027 Convertible Notes	571,202	497,517	569,865	468,475
Total	\$ 6,105,436	\$ 5,856,289	\$ 4,120,091	\$ 3,768,179

The estimated fair value and carrying value of loans held for sale and loans held for investment were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value (Level 3)	Carrying Value	Fair Value (Level 3)
Loans held for sale	\$ 1,111,107	\$ 1,112,746	\$ 775,424	\$ 783,464
Loans held for investment	365,062	382,542	247,631	258,684
Total	\$ 1,476,169	\$ 1,495,288	\$ 1,023,055	\$ 1,042,148

For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, the Company recorded incremental charges for the excess of amortized cost over the fair value of the loans of \$ 290.2 million, \$ 111.2 million, and \$ 78.0 million, respectively. To determine the fair value of the loans held for sale, the Company utilizes discounted cash flow valuation modeling, taking into account the probability of default and estimated timing and amounts of periodic repayments. In estimating the expected timing and amounts of the future periodic repayments for the loans outstanding, the Company considered other relevant market data in developing such estimates and assumptions. As of December 31, 2024, there were no material changes to the Company's estimates of fair value, and the Company will continue to evaluate facts and circumstances that could impact its estimates and affect its results of operations in future periods.

If applicable, the Company will recognize transfers into and out of levels within the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period in which the actual event or change in circumstance occurs. During the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, the Company did not have any transfers in or out of Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 assets or liabilities.

#### NOTE 6 - CONSUMER RECEIVABLES, NET

Consumer receivables represent amounts due from consumers for outstanding installment payments on orders processed on the Company's BNPL platform. Further discussed in Note 1, *Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, consumer receivables are classified as held for investment. These receivables are typically interest free and are generally due within 14 to 56 days.

The Company closely monitors credit quality for consumer receivables to manage and evaluate its related exposure to credit risk. The criteria the Company monitors when assessing the credit quality and risk of its consumer receivables portfolio is primarily based on internal risk assessments, as they provide insight into customer risk profiles and are useful as indicators of potential future credit losses. Consumer receivables are internally rated as "Pass" or "Classified." Pass rated consumer receivables generally consist of consumer receivables that are current or up to 60 days past due. Classified consumer receivables are generally comprised of consumer receivables that are greater than 60 days past due and have a higher risk of default. Internal risk ratings are reviewed and, generally, updated at least once a year. As of December 31, 2024, the amortized cost of Pass rated consumer receivables was \$ 2.6 billion and the amount of Classified consumer receivables was \$ 110.2 million.

The following table presents an aging analysis of the amortized cost of consumer receivables by delinquency status (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Non-delinquent loans	\$ 2,227,348	\$ 2,074,532
1 - 60 days past due	369,173	453,412
61 - 90 days past due	29,334	26,798
90+ days past due	80,817	75,227
Total amortized cost	<u><u>\$ 2,706,672</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,629,969</u></u>

The amount listed as 1 - 60 days past due in the above table includes \$ 266.7 million and \$ 365.4 million of cash in transit as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively, which reflects ongoing repayments from consumers that have been sent from consumers' bank accounts but have not yet been received at the Company's bank account as of the date of the financial statements.

Consumer receivables are charged off when they are over 180 days past due as the Company has no reasonable expectation of recovery. When consumer receivables are charged off, the Company recognizes the charge against the allowance for credit losses. While the Company expects collections at that point to be unlikely, the Company may recover amounts from the respective consumers. Any subsequent recoveries following charge-off are credited to transaction, loan, and consumer receivable losses on the consolidated statements of operations in the period they were recovered. The amount of recoveries for the year ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 were immaterial.

The following table summarizes activity in the allowance for credit losses subsequent to the acquisition of Afterpay (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Allowance for credit losses, beginning of the period	\$ 185,275	\$ 151,290
Provision for credit losses	293,921	261,296
Charge-offs and other adjustments	( 271,727 )	( 228,845 )
Foreign exchange effect	( 5,676 )	1,534
Allowance for credit losses, end of the period	<u><u>\$ 201,793</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 185,275</u></u>

#### NOTE 7 - CUSTOMER LOANS

##### *Loans Held for Investment*

The Company originates loans in the U.S. through its wholly-owned subsidiary bank, Square Financial Services. The Company sells the majority of the loans to institutional investors with a portion retained on its balance sheet. Loans retained by the Company are classified as held for investment as the Company has both the intent and ability to hold them for the foreseeable future, until maturity, or until payoff. The Company's intent and ability in the future may change based on changes in business strategies, the economic environment, and market conditions. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company held \$ 365.1 million and \$ 247.6 million, respectively, as loans held for investment, net of allowance, included in other current assets on the consolidated balance sheets. Refer to Note 11, *Other Consolidated Balance Sheet Components (Current)* for more details.

Loans held for investment are recorded at amortized cost, less an allowance for potential uncollectible amounts. Amortized cost basis represents principal amounts outstanding, net of unearned income, unamortized deferred fees and costs on originated loans, premiums or discounts on purchased loans and charge-offs. The allowance for loan losses, amount of charge offs recorded, and amount of recoveries as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 were immaterial.

The Company considers loans that are greater than 60 days past due to be delinquent, and loans 90 days or more past due to be nonperforming. Loans that are 120 days or more past due are generally considered to be uncollectible and are written off. When a loan is identified as nonperforming, recognition of income is discontinued. Loans are restored to performing status after total overdue unpaid amounts are repaid and the Company has reasonable assurance that performance under the terms of the loan will continue. As of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, the amount of loans that were identified as nonperforming loans was immaterial.

The Company closely monitors economic conditions and loan performance trends to assess and manage its exposure to credit risk. The criteria the Company monitors when assessing the credit quality and risk of its loan portfolio is primarily based on internal risk ratings, as they provide insight into borrower risk profiles and are useful as indicators of potential future credit losses. Loans are internally rated as "Pass" or "Classified". Pass rated loans generally consist of loans that are current or up to 60 days past due. Classified loans generally comprise of loans that are 60 days or greater past due and have a higher risk of default. Internal risk ratings are reviewed and, generally, updated at least once a year. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the amortized cost of Pass rated loans was \$ 385.2 million and \$ 261.4 million, respectively, and the amount of Classified loans was immaterial for both periods.

#### **Loans Held For Sale**

The Company classifies loans as held for sale when there is an available market for such loans and it is the Company's intent to sell all of its rights, title, and interest in these loans to third-party investors. Loans held for sale primarily include Square Loans and Cash App Borrow products. Square Loans are loans facilitated by Square Financial Services to qualified Square sellers, while Cash App Borrow is a credit product for consumers that allows customers to access short-term loans for a small fee. Loans held for sale are recorded at the lower of amortized cost or fair value. Square Loans that are 120 days or more past due, and Cash Borrow loans that are 90 days or more past due, are generally considered to be uncollectible and are written off. Past due status is based on the contractual terms of the loans.

The Company aggregates loans held for sale by the intended customer of the loan product. Commercial loans held for sale include Square Loans, Consumer loans held for sale include loans initiated through Cash App Borrow and consumer lending loans, and Other loans held for sale include loans outside of consumer and commercial loans.

The following table presents the Company's loans held for sale aggregated by category (in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2024</b>	<b>December 31, 2023</b>
Consumer	\$ 652,489	\$ 274,630
Commercial	404,844	478,128
Other	53,774	22,666
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,111,107</b>	<b>\$ 775,424</b>

**NOTE 8 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET**

The following table details property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation and amortization (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Capitalized software	\$ 362,418	\$ 243,214
Computer equipment	254,742	224,127
Leasehold improvements	126,221	123,218
Office furniture and equipment	27,706	28,798
<b>Total</b>	<b>771,087</b>	<b>619,357</b>
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	( 456,655 )	( 323,301 )
<b>Property and equipment, net</b>	<b>\$ 314,432</b>	<b>\$ 296,056</b>

Depreciation and amortization expense on property and equipment was \$ 153.1 million, \$ 172.8 million, and \$ 131.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

**NOTE 9 - GOODWILL**

Goodwill is recorded when the consideration paid for an acquisition of a business exceeds the fair value of identifiable net tangible and intangible assets acquired.

The change in the carrying value of goodwill was as follows (in thousands):

Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ 11,966,761
Acquisitions	7,921
Foreign currency translation adjustments	77,351
Impairment charge	( 132,313 )
<b>Balance at December 31, 2023</b>	<b>11,919,720</b>
Foreign currency translation adjustments	( 428,790 )
Impairment charge	( 73,508 )
<b>Balance at December 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 11,417,422</b>

As discussed further in Note 20, *Segment and Geographical Information*, the Company has two reportable segments, Square and Cash App. For purposes of completing its goodwill impairment tests, the Company performs either a qualitative or a quantitative analysis on a reporting unit basis. In the fourth quarter of 2024 and 2023, the Company performed quantitative goodwill impairment testing of its reporting units and recognized impairment charges of \$ 73.5 million and \$ 132.3 million, respectively, related to the TIDAL reporting unit. The impairment charges were as a result of changes in TIDAL's strategic focus, including terminations of certain revenue arrangements and investment into new product areas. These charges are included within general and administrative expenses in the Company's consolidated statements of operations. The fair value of the TIDAL reporting unit was estimated by evaluating the cost approach, based on the value of the reporting unit's net assets, and the income approach, which was based upon the present value of estimated future cash flows. The Company performed its annual goodwill impairment assessment as of December 31, 2024 and concluded no additional goodwill impairment should be recognized.

The change in the carrying value of goodwill allocated to the reportable segments was as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Cash App</b>	<b>Square</b>	<b>Corporate and Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ 5,852,930	\$ 5,915,946	\$ 197,885	\$ 11,966,761
Acquisitions	—	—	7,921	7,921
Foreign currency translation adjustments	77,351	—	—	77,351
Reallocation between segments	720,847	( 720,847 )	—	—
Impairment charge	—	—	( 132,313 )	( 132,313 )
Balance at December 31, 2023	6,651,128	5,195,099	73,493	11,919,720
Foreign currency translation adjustments	( 236,041 )	( 192,764 )	15	( 428,790 )
Impairment charge	—	—	( 73,508 )	( 73,508 )
Balance at December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 6,415,087</u>	<u>\$ 5,002,335</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 11,417,422</u>

#### NOTE 10 - ACQUIRED INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The following table details acquired intangible assets (in thousands):

	<b>Balance at December 31, 2024</b>			
	<b>Weighted Average Estimated Useful Life</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net</b>
Technology assets	5 years	\$ 353,791	\$ ( 241,110 )	\$ 112,681
Customer assets	15 years	1,401,102	( 332,153 )	1,068,949
Trade names	9 years	383,838	( 132,590 )	251,248
Other	7 years	5,299	( 5,110 )	189
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$ 2,144,030</u>	<u>\$ ( 710,963 )</u>	<u>\$ 1,433,067</u>

	<b>Balance at December 31, 2023</b>			
	<b>Weighted Average Estimated Useful Life</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net</b>
Technology assets	5 years	\$ 393,511	\$ ( 201,409 )	\$ 192,102
Customer assets	14 years	1,473,970	( 237,316 )	1,236,654
Trade names	9 years	428,944	( 102,774 )	326,170
Other	9 years	13,299	( 6,704 )	6,595
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$ 2,309,724</u>	<u>\$ ( 548,203 )</u>	<u>\$ 1,761,521</u>

All intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives.

The change in the carrying value of intangible assets was as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Acquired intangible assets, net, beginning of the period	\$ 1,761,521	\$ 2,014,034	\$ 257,049
Acquisitions	7,536	6,300	2,006,490
Amortization expense	( 223,072 )	( 246,873 )	( 208,952 )
Foreign currency translation and other adjustments	( 112,918 )	( 11,940 )	( 40,553 )
<b>Acquired intangible assets, net, end of the period</b>	<b>\$ 1,433,067</b>	<b>\$ 1,761,521</b>	<b>\$ 2,014,034</b>

The estimated future amortization expense of intangible assets as of December 31, 2024 is as follows (in thousands):

2025	\$ 190,611
2026	180,407
2027	136,843
2028	133,055
Thereafter	792,151
Total	<u>\$ 1,433,067</u>

**NOTE 11 - OTHER CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET COMPONENTS (CURRENT)**

**Other Current Assets**

The following table presents the detail of other current assets (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Restricted cash <sup>(i)</sup>	\$ 902,478	\$ 770,380
Processing costs receivable	478,767	365,153
Loans held for investment, net of allowance for loan losses <sup>(ii)</sup>	365,062	247,631
Accounts receivable, net	148,898	134,824
Prepaid expenses	129,343	100,770
Inventory, net	104,990	110,097
Short term deposits <sup>(iii)</sup>	87,968	397,630
Other	324,198	227,003
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,541,704</b>	<b>\$ 2,353,488</b>

<sup>(i)</sup> Includes a portion invested in money market funds. Refer to Note 5, *Fair Value Measurements* for further details.

<sup>(ii)</sup> Refer to Note 7, *Customer Loans* for further details.

<sup>(iii)</sup> As of December 31, 2023, includes a \$ 350.0 million deposit held by a processor to meet requirements related to processing volumes under an arrangement that was executed in the fourth quarter of 2023. During the first quarter of 2024, this \$ 350.0 million deposit was returned to the Company. This activity is included within cash flows from operating activities within the Company's consolidated statements of cash flows.

**Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities**

The following table presents the detail of accrued expenses and other current liabilities (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Accrued expenses	\$ 725,339	\$ 538,812
Customer deposits	241,884	167,028
Accounts payable	117,963	142,554
Accrued transaction losses <sup>(1)</sup>	58,580	54,042
Accrued royalties	57,605	62,140
Operating lease liabilities, current	52,880	53,721
Other	270,898	316,372
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,525,149</b>	<b>\$ 1,334,669</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> The Company is exposed to potential credit losses related to transactions processed by sellers that are subsequently subject to chargebacks when the Company is unable to collect from the sellers primarily due to insolvency. Generally, the Company estimates the potential loss rates based on historical experience that is continuously adjusted for new information and incorporates, where applicable, reasonable and supportable forecasts about future expectations.

The following table summarizes the activities of the Company's reserve for transaction losses (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Accrued transaction losses, beginning of the period	\$ 54,042	\$ 64,539
Provision for transaction losses	111,163	95,885
Charge-offs to accrued transaction losses	( 106,625 )	( 106,382 )
<b>Accrued transaction losses, end of the period</b>	<b>\$ 58,580</b>	<b>\$ 54,042</b>

In addition to amounts reflected in the table above, the Company recognized additional provision for transaction losses that was realized and written-off within the same period. Such losses are primarily related to Cash App transactions, such as peer-to-peer transactions and negative balances, that are uncertain in nature. The Company recorded \$ 274.8 million and \$ 405.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, for such losses.

**NOTE 12 - OTHER CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET COMPONENTS (NON-CURRENT)**

**Other Non-Current Assets**

The following table presents the detail of other non-current assets (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Bitcoin investment <sup>(i)</sup>	\$ 792,282	\$ 339,898
Investment in non-marketable equity securities <sup>(ii)</sup>	245,557	205,268
Restricted cash	69,915	71,812
Other	131,794	113,111
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,239,548</b>	<b>\$ 730,089</b>

<sup>(i)</sup> Refer to Note 13, *Bitcoin* for further details.

<sup>(ii)</sup> Investment in non-marketable equity securities represents the Company's investments in equity of non-public entities. These investments are measured using the measurement alternative and are therefore carried at cost, less impairment, adjusted for observable price changes from orderly transactions for identical or similar investments of the same issuer. Adjustments are recorded within other expense (income), net on the consolidated statements of operations.

The adjustments to the carrying value of the Company's non-marketable equity securities measured using the measurement alternative were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Carrying amount, beginning of period	\$ 205,268	\$ 208,880
Net additions	4,500	4,500
Gross unrealized gains	70,702	—
Gross unrealized losses and impairments	( 34,913 )	( 8,112 )
<b>Carrying amount, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 245,557</b>	<b>\$ 205,268</b>

The following table summarizes the cumulative net unrealized upward and downward adjustments related to the Company's non-marketable equity securities measured using the measurement alternative (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Upward adjustments	\$ 155,329	\$ 115,187
Downward adjustments (including impairment)	\$ ( 2,061 )	\$ ( 2,707 )

**NOTE 13 - BITCOIN**

**A) Company Owned Bitcoin**

**Bitcoin investment**

The Company's bitcoin investment, which is included within "Other non-current assets" on the consolidated balance sheets, is remeasured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company held approximately 8,485 and 8,038 bitcoins for investment purposes with a cost basis of \$ 251.5 million and \$ 220.0 million, respectively. The following table summarizes the changes in the Company's bitcoin investment (in thousands, except number of bitcoin):

	<b>Amount of bitcoin</b>	<b>Value</b>
Balance at December 31, 2022	8,038	\$ 102,303
Cumulative effect of adoption of ASU 2023-08	—	30,511
Remeasurement	—	207,084
Balance at December 31, 2023	8,038	\$ 339,898
Additions	447	31,466
Remeasurement	—	420,918
Balance at December 31, 2024	<u>8,485</u>	<u>\$ 792,282</u>

**Bitcoin for operating purposes**

The Company holds a small amount of bitcoin for operating purposes, at any time, to facilitate the purchases and sales of bitcoin on behalf of Cash App customers. The bitcoin for operating purposes is reflected on the consolidated balance sheets within "Other current assets". The following table summarizes the changes in the Company's bitcoin for operating purposes (in thousands, except number of bitcoin):

	<b>Amount of bitcoin</b>	<b>Value</b>
Balance at December 31, 2022	638	\$ 10,941
Additions	335,213	9,369,762
Dispositions	( 335,467 )	( 9,364,010 )
Balance at December 31, 2023	384	\$ 16,693
Additions	158,775	9,940,634
Dispositions	( 159,001 )	( 9,941,995 )
Balance at December 31, 2024	<u>158</u>	<u>\$ 15,332</u>

Given the Company holds a small amount of bitcoin for operating purposes and such bitcoin is held for only a short period, typically less than a day, any remeasurement gains or losses on the Company's bitcoin for operating purposes were immaterial.

## **B) Bitcoin Held for Other Parties**

The Company allows its Cash App customers to store their bitcoin in the Company's digital wallets free of charge. The Company also holds an immaterial amount of bitcoin from select trading partners to facilitate bitcoin transactions for customers on Cash App. Other than bitcoin, the Company does not hold or store any other types of crypto-assets for customers or trading partners. The Company holds the cryptographic key information and maintains the internal recordkeeping of the bitcoin held for other parties. The Company's contractual arrangements state that its customers and trading partners retain legal ownership of the bitcoin; have the right to sell, pledge, or transfer the bitcoin; and also benefit from the rewards and bear the risks associated with the ownership, including as a result of any bitcoin price fluctuations. The customer also bears the risk of loss as a result of fraud or theft, unless the loss was caused by the Company's gross negligence or the Company's willful misconduct. The Company does not use any of the bitcoin custodied for customers or trading partners as collateral for any of the Company's loans or other financing arrangements; nor does it lend or pledge bitcoin held for others to any third parties. The Company occasionally engages third-party custodians to store and safeguard bitcoin on the Company's behalf. The Company has concluded, under ASC 450-20, *Loss Contingencies*, that it does not have a probable loss that would require it to recognize a custodial obligation as of December 31, 2024.

## **NOTE 14 - INDEBTEDNESS**

### **A) Revolving Credit Facility**

In May 2020, the Company entered into a revolving credit agreement (as amended, the "Credit Agreement") with certain lenders, which provides for a \$ 775.0 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility maturing on June 9, 2028. The Credit Agreement contains a financial covenant requiring the Company to maintain a minimum liquidity amount (consisting of the sum of Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents plus Marketable Securities, each as defined in the Credit Agreement, plus undrawn available commitments under the Credit Agreement) of at least \$ 250.0 million, tested on the last day of each fiscal quarter. The Company is obligated to pay customary fees for a credit facility of this size and type including a commitment fee of 0.10 % to 0.20 % per annum on the undrawn portion of the revolving loan commitments available under the Credit Agreement. To date, no funds have been drawn and no letters of credit have been issued under the Credit Agreement. As of December 31, 2024, \$ 775.0 million remained available for draw subject to compliance with our covenants. The Company incurred immaterial unused commitment fees during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022. As of December 31, 2024, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants under the Credit Agreement.

Loans under the Credit Agreement bear interest at the Company's option of (i) an annual rate based on the forward-looking term rate based on the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("Term SOFR") or (ii) a base rate. Loans based on Term SOFR shall bear interest at a rate equal to Term SOFR plus a margin of between 1.25 % and 1.75 %, depending on the Company's total net leverage ratio. Loans based on the base rate shall bear interest at a rate based on the highest of the prime rate, the federal funds rate plus 0.50 %, and Term SOFR with a tenor of one-month plus 1.00 %, in each case, plus a margin ranging from 0.25 % to 0.75 %, depending on the Company's total net leverage ratio. The Credit Agreement also contains customary affirmative and negative covenants typical for a financing of this type that, among other things, restricts the Company and certain of its subsidiaries' ability to incur additional indebtedness, create liens, merge or consolidate or make certain dispositions, pay dividends and make distributions, enter into restrictive agreements, enter into agreements with affiliates, and make certain investments and acquisitions.

The Company also has uncommitted and unsecured lines of credit with certain third-party banks for short-term liquidity needs, subject to availability of funds, through Square Financial Services. There were no outstanding balances as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

## B) Warehouse Funding Facilities

Following the acquisition of Afterpay, the Company assumed Afterpay's existing warehouse funding facilities. The Company has financing arrangements with financial institutions in Australia, New Zealand, the United States, and the United Kingdom (collectively, the "Warehouse Facilities"). The Warehouse Facilities have been arranged utilizing wholly-owned and consolidated entities (collectively, the Warehouse Special Purpose Entities ("Warehouse SPEs")) formed for the sole purpose of financing the origination of consumer receivables to partly fund the Company's BNPL platform. Borrowings under the Warehouse Facilities are secured against the respective consumer receivables. While the Warehouse SPEs are included in our consolidated financial statements, they are separate legal entities that maintain legal ownership of the receivables they hold. The assets of the Warehouse SPEs are not available to satisfy our claims or those of our creditors.

These Warehouse Facilities have maturity dates through September 2027. As of December 31, 2024, the aggregate amount of the Warehouse Facilities, using the respective exchange rates at period-end, was \$ 1.7 billion on a revolving basis, of which \$ 1.5 billion was drawn and \$ 253.9 million remained available. All Warehouse Facilities contain portfolio parameters based on performance of the underlying consumer receivables, which each respective region has satisfied as of December 31, 2024. None of the Warehouse Facilities contain corporate financial covenants.

All Warehouse Facilities are on a variable rate basis which aligns closely to the weighted-average life of the consumer receivables they finance. Borrowings under these facilities bear interest at (i) a base rate aligned to either the local risk free rate, such as Term SOFR and the Sterling Overnight Index Average or similar, and (ii) a margin which is set for the term of the availability period. The interest expense incurred on the Company's Warehouse Facilities is included within general and administrative as part of the Company's operating expenses. Interest expense on the Company's Warehouse Facilities was \$ 72.0 million, \$ 65.9 million, and \$ 16.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively. In addition, each Warehouse Facility requires payment of immaterial commitment fees.

The table below summarizes the future scheduled principal payments of amounts drawn on the Company's Warehouse Facilities (in thousands):

	December 31, 2024
2025 <sup>(i)</sup>	\$ 185,000
2026	533,609
2027	763,071
Total	<u><u>\$ 1,481,680</u></u>

<sup>(i)</sup> Future scheduled principal payments in 2025 are disclosed as warehouse funding facilities, current portion within total current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet.

## C) Notes

### **Senior Unsecured Notes due in 2026 and 2031**

On May 20, 2021, the Company issued \$ 2.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes comprised of \$ 1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due 2026 ("2026 Senior Notes") and \$ 1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due 2031 ("2031 Senior Notes"). The 2026 Senior Notes mature on June 1, 2026, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased, and bear interest at a rate of 2.75 % payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The 2031 Senior Notes mature on June 1, 2031, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased, and bear interest at a rate of 3.50 % payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The 2026 Senior Notes and 2031 Senior Notes are subject to optional redemption provisions. At any time prior to May 1, 2026, in the case of the 2026 Senior Notes, and March 1, 2031, in the case of the 2031 Senior Notes, the Company may redeem the applicable series in whole or part at a price equal to 100 % of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed plus an applicable premium and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the redemption date. The applicable premium for any note is the greater of: (i) 1.0 % of the principal amount of such note, and (ii) the excess, if any, of (a) the present value at the redemption date of all scheduled payments of interest plus principal on such note (excluding accrued but unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date) computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such redemption date plus 50 basis points, over (b) the principal amount of such note. At any time on or after May 1, 2026, in the case of the 2026 Senior Notes, and March 1, 2031, in the case of the 2031 Senior Notes, the Company may redeem the notes of the applicable series in whole or part at a price of 100 % of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the redemption date. If the Company experiences a change of control triggering event (as defined in the applicable indenture), the Company must offer to repurchase the 2026 Senior Notes or 2031 Senior Notes, as applicable, at a repurchase price equal to 101 % of the principal amount of the applicable notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the applicable repurchase date. In the event of default, the trustee or holders of at least 25 % in aggregate principal amount of the applicable series of outstanding Senior Notes under the applicable indenture may declare all of the notes of the applicable series to be due and immediately payable. If the event of default is the result of specified events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, all of the notes of the applicable series will become due without any declaration or action by the trustee or holders. If there is a default in the payment of interest, the Company shall pay the defaulted interest plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest at the rate provided in the applicable indenture.

Debt issuance costs related to the 2026 Senior Notes and 2031 Senior Notes were comprised of discounts and commissions payable to the initial purchasers of \$ 22.5 million and third party offering costs of \$ 5.7 million. Issuance costs are amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method at an effective interest rate of 3.06 % and 3.69 % for each of the respective terms of the 2026 Senior Notes and 2031 Senior Notes, respectively.

#### **Senior Unsecured Notes due 2032**

On May 9, 2024, the Company issued \$ 2.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due 2032 ("2032 Senior Notes"). The 2032 Senior Notes mature on May 15, 2032, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased, and bear interest at a rate of 6.50 % payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15 of each year, commencing on November 15, 2024. At any time prior to May 15, 2027, the Company may redeem the 2032 Senior Notes, in whole or part, at a price equal to 100 % of the principal amount of the 2032 Senior Notes to be redeemed plus an applicable premium and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the redemption date. The applicable premium for the 2032 Senior Notes is the greater of (1) 1.0 % of the principal amount of such note, and (2) the excess, if any, of (a) the sum of the present values at the redemption date of (i) the applicable redemption price of such note that would apply if such note were redeemed on May 15, 2027 plus (ii) the remaining scheduled payments of interest due on such note to, and including, May 15, 2027 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the redemption date) discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the treasury rate (as defined in the indenture governing the 2032 Senior Notes) plus 50 basis points, over (b) the principal amount of such note to be redeemed. On and after May 15, 2027, the Company may redeem the 2032 Senior Notes at specified prices as set forth in the indenture governing the 2032 Senior Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date. If the Company experiences a change of control triggering event (as defined in the indenture governing the 2032 Senior Notes), the Company must offer to repurchase the 2032 Senior Notes at a repurchase price equal to 101 % of the principal amount of the applicable 2032 Senior Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the applicable repurchase date. In the event of default, the trustee or holders of at least 25 % in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2032 Senior Notes under the indenture governing the 2032 Senior Notes may declare all of the notes of the 2032 Senior Notes to be due and immediately payable. If the event of default is the result of specified events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, all of the 2032 Senior Notes will become due without any declaration or action by the trustee or holders. If there is a default in the payment of interest, the Company shall pay the defaulted interest plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest at the rate provided in the indenture governing the 2032 Senior Notes.

The indenture governing the 2032 Senior Notes contains covenants that, among other things, restrict the ability of the Company and/or its domestic restricted subsidiaries to create certain liens and certain indebtedness, enter into sale and leaseback transactions, or to transfer all or substantially all of the Company and its subsidiaries assets to another person. These covenants are subject to a number of other limitations and exceptions set forth in the indenture governing the 2032 Senior Notes.

The indenture governing the 2032 Senior Notes provides for customary events of default, including, but not limited to, failure to pay principal and interest, failure to comply with covenants, agreements or conditions, and certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency involving the Company and its significant subsidiaries. In the case of an event of default arising from specified events of bankruptcy or insolvency involving the Company, all outstanding 2032 Senior Notes will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other event of default under the indenture governing the 2032 Senior Notes occurs or is continuing, the trustee or holders of at least 25 % in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2032 Senior Notes may declare all the 2032 Senior Notes to be due and payable immediately.

Debt issuance costs related to the 2032 Senior Notes were comprised of commissions payable to the initial purchasers of \$ 21.0 million and third party offering costs of \$ 5.6 million. Issuance costs are amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method at an effective interest rate of 6.7 % for the term of the 2032 Senior Notes.

#### **Convertible Notes due in 2026 and 2027**

On November 13, 2020, the Company issued \$ 1.15 billion in aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes comprised of \$ 575.0 million in aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes due 2026 ("2026 Convertible Notes") and \$ 575.0 million in aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes due 2027 ("2027 Convertible Notes"). The 2026 Convertible Notes mature on May 1, 2026, unless earlier converted or repurchased, and bear a zero rate of interest. The 2027 Convertible Notes mature on November 1, 2027, unless earlier converted or repurchased, and bear interest at a rate of 0.25 % payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 of each year. Both the 2026 Convertible Notes and 2027 Convertible Notes are convertible at an initial conversion rate of 3.3430 shares of the Company's Class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$ 299.13 per share of Class A common stock. Holders may convert their relevant series of notes at any time prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding February 1, 2026 and August 1, 2027 for the 2026 Convertible Notes and 2027 Convertible Notes, respectively, only under the following circumstances: (i) during any calendar quarter, commencing after the calendar quarter ending on March 31, 2021 (and only during such calendar quarter), if the last reported sale price of the Company's Class A common stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding calendar quarter is greater than or equal to 130 % of the conversion price on each applicable trading day; (ii) during the five business day period after any five consecutive trading day period (the "measurement period") in which the trading price (as defined in the indenture governing the 2026 Convertible Notes and 2027 Convertible Notes) per \$1,000 principal amount of 2026 Convertible Notes and 2027 Convertible Notes for each trading day of the measurement period was less than 98 % of the product of the last reported sale price of the Company's Class A common stock and the conversion rate on each such trading day; (iii) if the Company calls any or all of the 2026 Convertible Notes and 2027 Convertible Notes for redemption, such relevant series of notes called for redemption may be converted at any time prior to the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately preceding the redemption date; or (iv) upon the occurrence of specified corporate events, including certain distributions, the occurrence of a fundamental change (as defined in the indenture governing the 2026 Convertible Notes and 2027 Convertible Notes) or a transaction resulting in the Company's Class A common stock converting into other securities or property or assets. In addition, upon occurrence of the specified corporate events prior to the maturity date, the Company would increase the conversion rate for a holder who elects to convert their relevant series of notes in connection with such an event in certain circumstances. On or after February 1, 2026 in the case of the 2026 Convertible Notes, and on or after August 1, 2027 in the case of the 2027 Convertible Notes, up until the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date, a holder of the relevant series of notes may convert all or any portion of its 2026 Convertible Notes or 2027 Convertible Notes regardless of the foregoing circumstances. Upon conversion, the Company will pay or deliver, as the case may be, cash, shares of its Class A common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of its Class A common stock, at the Company's election. On or after November 5, 2023 for the 2026 Convertible Notes, and on or after November 5, 2024 for the 2027 Convertible Notes, the Company may redeem all or a portion of each series of convertible notes for cash at its option, if the last reported sale price of the Company's Class A common stock has been at least 130 % of the conversion price for the relevant series of notes then in effect for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during any 30 consecutive trading day period (including the last trading day of such period) ending on, and including, the trading day immediately preceding the date on which the Company provides notice of redemption at a redemption price equal to 100 % of the principal amount of the 2026 Convertible Notes and 2027 Convertible Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date.

The circumstances to allow the holders to convert their 2026 Convertible Notes and 2027 Convertible Notes were not met during the year ended December 31, 2024. As of December 31, 2024, no principal had converted and the if-converted value did not exceed the outstanding principal amount of either the 2026 Convertible Notes or 2027 Convertible Notes.

#### **Convertible Notes due in 2025**

On March 5, 2020, the Company issued \$ 1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes ("2025 Convertible Notes"). The 2025 Convertible Notes mature on March 1, 2025, unless earlier converted or repurchased, and bear interest at a rate of 0.125 % payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year. The 2025 Convertible Notes are convertible at an initial conversion rate of 8.2641 shares of the Company's Class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of 2025 Convertible Notes, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$ 121.01 per share of Class A common stock. Holders may convert their 2025 Convertible Notes at any time prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding December 1, 2024 only under the following circumstances: (i) during any calendar quarter, commencing after the calendar quarter ending on June 30, 2020 (and only during such calendar quarter), if the last reported sale price of the Company's Class A common stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding calendar quarter is greater than or equal to 130 % of the conversion price on each applicable trading day; (ii) during the five business day period after any five consecutive trading day period (the "measurement period") in which the trading price (as defined in the indenture governing the 2025 Convertible Notes) per \$1,000 principal amount of 2025 Convertible Notes for each trading day of the measurement period was less than 98 % of the product of the last reported sale price of the Company's Class A common stock and the conversion rate on each such trading day; (iii) if the Company calls any or all of the 2025 Convertible Notes for redemption, such 2025 Convertible Notes called for redemption may be converted at any time prior to the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately preceding the redemption date; or (iv) upon the occurrence of specified corporate events, including certain distributions, the occurrence of a fundamental change (as defined in the indenture governing the 2025 Convertible Notes) or a transaction resulting in the Company's Class A common stock converting into other securities or property or assets. In addition, upon occurrence of the specified corporate events prior to the maturity date, the Company would increase the conversion rate for a holder who elects to convert their 2025 Convertible Notes in connection with such an event in certain circumstances. On or after December 1, 2024, up until the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date, a holder may convert all or any portion of its 2025 Convertible Notes regardless of the foregoing circumstances. Upon conversion, the Company will pay or deliver, as the case may be, cash, shares of its Class A common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of its Class A common stock, at the Company's election. The Company may redeem for cash all or any part of the 2025 Convertible Notes, at its option, on or after March 5, 2023, if the last reported sale price of the Company's Class A common stock has been at least 130 % of the conversion price for the 2025 Convertible Notes then in effect for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during any 30 consecutive trading day period (including the last trading day of such period) ending on, and including, the trading day immediately preceding the date on which the Company provides notice of redemption at a redemption price equal to 100 % of the principal amount of the 2025 Convertible Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date. The circumstances to allow the holders to convert their 2025 Convertible Notes were met in the first quarter of 2021 through the first quarter of 2022. The circumstances were not met in the subsequent periods through the year ended December 31, 2024. As of December 31, 2024, certain holders of the 2025 Convertible Notes converted an immaterial aggregate principal amount of their 2025 Convertible Notes. The Company has settled the conversions through the issuance of an immaterial amount of shares of the Company's Class A common stock. As of December 31, 2024, the if-converted value did not exceed the outstanding principal amount of the 2025 Convertible Notes.

The 2025 Convertible Notes, 2026 Convertible Notes, and 2027 Convertible Notes (collectively, the "Convertible Notes"), together with the 2026 Senior Notes, 2031 Senior Notes, and 2032 Senior Notes (collectively, the "Senior Notes") are collectively referred to as the "Notes."

The following table summarizes the Company's Notes as of December 31, 2024 (in thousands):

	Principal Outstanding	Unamortized Debt Issuance Costs	Net Carrying Value
2026 Senior Notes	\$ 1,000,000	\$ (3,983)	\$ 996,017
2031 Senior Notes	1,000,000	(9,029)	990,971
2032 Senior Notes	2,000,000	(24,974)	1,975,026
2025 Convertible Notes <sup>(i)</sup>	1,000,000	(503)	999,497
2026 Convertible Notes	575,000	(2,277)	572,723
2027 Convertible Notes	575,000	(3,798)	571,202
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,150,000</b>	<b>\$ (44,564)</b>	<b>\$ 6,105,436</b>

<sup>(i)</sup> Net carrying value disclosed as current portion of long-term debt within total current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet.

The following table summarizes the Company's Notes as of December 31, 2023 (in thousands):

	Principal Outstanding	Unamortized Debt Issuance Costs	Net Carrying Value
2031 Senior Notes	\$ 1,000,000	\$ (10,433)	\$ 989,567
2026 Senior Notes	1,000,000	(6,792)	993,208
2027 Convertible Notes	575,000	(5,135)	569,865
2026 Convertible Notes	575,000	(3,986)	571,014
2025 Convertible Notes	1,000,000	(3,563)	996,437
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,150,000</b>	<b>\$ (29,909)</b>	<b>\$ 4,120,091</b>

The Company recognized interest expense on the Notes as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Contractual interest expense	\$ 148,425	\$ 65,566	\$ 66,910
Amortization of debt issuance costs	11,964	10,538	10,979
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 160,389</b>	<b>\$ 76,104</b>	<b>\$ 77,889</b>

#### **Convertible Note Hedge and Warrant Transactions**

In connection with the offering of the 2027 Convertible Notes, the Company entered into convertible note hedge transactions ("2027 Convertible Note Hedges") with certain financial institution counterparties ("2027 Note Hedge Counterparties") whereby the Company has the option to purchase a total of approximately 1.9 million shares of its Class A common stock at a price of approximately \$ 299.13 per share. The total cost of the 2027 convertible note hedge transactions was \$ 104.3 million. In addition, the Company sold warrants ("2027 Warrants") to the 2027 Note Hedge Counterparties whereby the 2027 Note Hedge Counterparties have the option to purchase a total of 1.9 million shares of the Company's Class A common stock at a price of approximately \$ 414.18 per share for the 2027 Warrants. The Company received \$ 68.0 million in cash proceeds from the sale of the 2027 Warrants. Taken together, the purchase of the 2027 Convertible Note Hedges and sale of the 2027 Warrants are intended to reduce dilution from the conversion of the 2027 Convertible Notes and/or offset any cash payments the Company is required to make in excess of the principal amount of the converted 2027 Convertible Notes, as the case may be, and to effectively increase the overall conversion price from approximately \$ 299.13 per share to approximately \$ 414.18 per share for the 2027 Warrants. As these instruments are considered indexed to the Company's own stock and are considered equity classified, the 2027 Convertible Note Hedges and 2027 Warrants are recorded in stockholders' equity, are not accounted for as derivatives, and are not remeasured each reporting period. The net costs incurred in connection with the 2027 Convertible Note Hedges and 2027 warrant transactions were recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital on the consolidated balance sheets.

In connection with the offering of the 2026 Convertible Notes, the Company entered into convertible note hedge transactions ("2026 Convertible Note Hedges") with certain financial institution counterparties ("2026 Note Hedge Counterparties") whereby the Company has the option to purchase a total of approximately 1.9 million shares of its Class A common stock at a price of approximately \$ 299.13 per share. The total cost of the 2026 Convertible Note Hedges was \$ 84.6 million. In addition, the Company sold warrants ("2026 Warrants") to the 2026 Note Hedge Counterparties whereby the 2026 Note Hedge Counterparties have the option to purchase a total of 1.9 million shares of the Company's Class A common stock at a price of approximately \$ 368.16 per share for the 2026 Warrants. The Company received \$ 64.6 million in cash proceeds from the sale of the 2026 Warrants. Taken together, the purchase of the 2026 Convertible Note Hedges and sale of the 2026 Warrants are intended to reduce dilution from the conversion of the 2026 Convertible Notes and/or offset any cash payments the Company is required to make in excess of the principal amount of the converted 2026 Convertible Notes, as the case may be, and to effectively increase the overall conversion price from approximately \$ 299.13 per share to approximately \$ 368.16 per share for the 2026 Warrants. As these instruments are considered indexed to the Company's own stock and are considered equity classified, the 2026 Convertible Note Hedges and 2026 Warrants are recorded in stockholders' equity, are not accounted for as derivatives, and are not remeasured each reporting period. The net costs incurred in connection with the 2026 Convertible Note Hedges and 2026 Warrants were recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital on the consolidated balance sheets.

In connection with the offering of the 2025 Convertible Notes, the Company entered into convertible note hedge transactions ("2025 Convertible Note Hedges") with certain financial institution counterparties ("2025 Note Hedge Counterparties") whereby the Company has the option to purchase a total of approximately 8.3 million shares of its Class A common stock at a price of approximately \$ 121.01 per share. The total cost of the 2025 Convertible Note Hedges was \$ 149.2 million. In addition, the Company sold warrants ("2025 Warrants") to the 2025 Note Hedge Counterparties whereby the 2025 Note Hedge Counterparties have the option to purchase a total of 8.26 million shares of the Company's Class A common stock at a price of approximately \$ 161.34 per share. The Company received \$ 99.5 million in cash proceeds from the sale of the 2025 Warrants. Taken together, the purchase of the 2025 Convertible Note Hedges and sale of the 2025 Warrants are intended to reduce dilution from the conversion of the 2025 Convertible Notes and/or offset any cash payments the Company is required to make in excess of the principal amount of the converted 2025 Convertible Notes, as the case may be, and to effectively increase the overall conversion price from approximately \$ 121.01 per share to approximately \$ 161.34 per share. As these instruments are considered indexed to the Company's own stock and are considered equity classified, the 2025 Convertible Note Hedges and 2025 Warrants are recorded in stockholders' equity, are not accounted for as derivatives, and are not remeasured each reporting period. The net costs incurred in connection with the 2025 Convertible Note Hedges and 2025 Warrants were recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital on the consolidated balance sheets.

**NOTE 15 - INCOME TAXES**

The domestic and foreign components of income (loss) before income taxes were as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Domestic	\$ 1,332,836	\$ ( 30,304 )	\$ 347,968 ( )
Foreign	24,318	1,161	( 217,349 )
Income (loss) before income taxes	<u>\$ 1,357,154</u>	<u>\$ ( 29,143 )</u>	<u>\$ 565,317 ( )</u>

The components of the provision for income taxes were as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Current:</b>			
Federal	\$ 46,390	\$ 12,003	\$ 14,352
State	38,489	14,351	17,504
Foreign	71,590	51,506	25,425
Total current provision for income taxes	<u>156,469</u>	<u>77,860</u>	<u>57,281</u>
<b>Deferred:</b>			
Federal	( 1,481,491 )	( 58,532 )	( 59,909 )
State	( 189,913 )	( 25,072 )	( 7,677 )
Foreign	5,592	( 2,275 )	( 2,007 )
Total deferred benefit from income taxes	<u>( 1,665,812 )</u>	<u>( 85,879 )</u>	<u>( 69,593 )</u>
Total benefit from income taxes	<u>\$ 1,509,343 ( )</u>	<u>\$ ( 8,019 )</u>	<u>\$ ( 12,312 )</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the statutory federal income tax rate to the Company's effective tax rate:

	December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Tax at federal statutory rate	21.0 %	21.0 %	21.0 %
State taxes, net of federal benefit	3.9	45.9	( 1.1 )
Foreign rate differential	1.4	( 175.6 )	( 2.0 )
Other non-deductible expenses	2.7	( 21.7 )	( 1.2 )
Credits	( 4.8 )	292.9	27.0
Other items	0.1	( 2.2 )	0.6
Change in valuation allowance	0.4	11.2	( 46.7 )
Share-based compensation	( 2.7 )	( 16.1 )	7.5
Change in uncertain tax positions	1.3	( 27.4 )	( 1.5 )
Income/loss inclusions of U.S. foreign subsidiaries	0.9	( 216.5 )	2.1
Non-deductible executive compensation	0.2	( 9.2 )	( 0.3 )
Non-deductible acquisition related costs	—	( 15.0 )	( 3.0 )
Foreign exchange gain/loss	0.1	174.1	( 0.2 )
Impairment loss	2.1	( 60.8 )	—
Return to provision adjustments	0.3	26.9	—
U.S. valuation allowance release	( 96.3 )	—	—
Internal Restructuring	( 44.4 )	—	—
Non-deductible penalties	2.6	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>( 111.2 ) %</b>	<b>27.5 %</b>	<b>2.2 %</b>

The tax effects of temporary differences and related deferred tax assets and liabilities were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>		
Capitalized costs & research and development capitalization	\$ 886,474	\$ 552,731
Accrued expenses	122,470	173,556
Net operating loss carryforwards	388,199	935,289
Tax credit carryforwards	485,266	529,314
Share-based compensation	34,979	45,153
Intangible and other assets	375,316	—
Other	105,976	61,489
Operating lease liability	81,885	85,154
Cryptocurrency investment	—	—
Deferred consideration	9,192	6,943
Convertible notes	18,339	33,952
Total deferred tax assets	2,508,096	2,423,581
Valuation allowance	( 646,223 )	( 2,001,438 )
Total deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance	1,861,873	422,143
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>		
Intangible and other assets	—	( 332,512 )
Unrealized gain on investments	( 36,582 )	( 25,618 )
Operating lease right-of-use asset	( 52,849 )	( 60,600 )
Cryptocurrency investment	( 133,883 )	( 29,711 )
Total deferred tax liabilities	( 223,314 )	( 448,441 )
Net deferred tax assets (liabilities)	<u>\$ 1,638,559</u>	<u>\$ ( 26,298 )</u>
<b>Reported on the consolidated balance sheets as (after valuation allowance and jurisdictional netting):</b>		
Deferred tax assets	\$ 1,800,994	\$ 9,397
Deferred tax liabilities	( 162,435 )	( 35,695 )
Net deferred tax assets (liabilities)	<u>\$ 1,638,559</u>	<u>\$ ( 26,298 )</u>

On December 31, 2024, the Company completed certain internal restructuring steps resulting in the internal transfer of rest of world intellectual property from certain international subsidiaries into the U.S. The result of the intellectual property integration is the generation of an Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") Section 197 tax amortizable intangible for the Block, Inc. U.S. consolidated federal tax filing. The IRC 197 intangible is amortizable over 15 years and a deferred tax asset of \$ 376 million is recognized as of December 31, 2024. In addition, as part of the internal restructuring steps, the Company integrated into the Block, Inc. U.S. federal consolidated tax filing group several international subsidiaries: Clearpay S.A.U. (Spain), Clearpay Technology SL (Spain), Clearpay Finance Limited (UK), and Squareup Pte Ltd. (Singapore). The result of the integration is the generation of additional tax amortizable IRC 197 intangibles and IRC 174 tax amortization for the Block Inc. US consolidated federal tax filing, resulting in a deferred tax asset of \$ 226 million.

Realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income, the timing and amount of which are uncertain. The Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are primarily related to U.S. operations. In 2024, the Company's U.S. consolidated group generated a current tax provision resulting from, among other factors, increased net earnings, the requirement to capitalize research and development expenses under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") Section 174, and a decline in stock-based compensation deductions. The Company's U.S. consolidated group has significant deferred tax assets in the form of net operating loss carryovers, tax credit carryovers, capitalized costs resulting from the IRC Section 174 capitalization requirement, and other tax deductible temporary differences.

In the fourth quarter of 2024, based on the relative weight of positive and negative evidence, we concluded that it is more likely than not that a material portion of our U.S. federal and certain state deferred tax assets are realizable due to the following forms of positive evidence: our emergence into a three year cumulative income position, a history of U.S. federal and state taxable income on recent tax return filings, continued utilization and net reduction of federal and state tax attribute carryovers, reversal of deferred tax liabilities, and forecasts of worldwide and U.S. pre-tax earnings. Therefore, we released the valuation allowance associated with a significant portion of our U.S. federal and certain states' deferred tax assets, resulting in a \$ 1.3 billion non-cash benefit to the provision for income taxes. Additionally, the Company has maintained a valuation allowance on certain federal deferred tax assets in the form of loss carryovers that have federal limits or restrictions on utilization, foreign tax credit carryovers, and capital losses which do not have sufficient evidence of future income of the appropriate character to recognize. Further, the Company has maintained a full valuation allowance against its California deferred tax assets, which consist primarily of tax loss carryovers and tax credit carryovers. The Company does not have sufficient evidence of future income to realize the California deferred tax assets on a more likely than not basis.

The Company also has a history of tax losses in certain foreign jurisdictions, which it believes are not more likely than not to be realized as of December 31, 2024. Accordingly, the Company retained a full valuation allowance on its deferred tax assets in these jurisdictions. The amount of deferred tax assets considered realizable in future periods may change as management continues to reassess the underlying factors it uses in estimating future taxable income. The valuation allowance decreased by approximately \$ 1.4 billion and decreased by \$ 98.9 million during the years ended December 31, 2024, and 2023, respectively. Further, in the fourth quarter of 2024, we reached a settlement with the Singapore tax authorities in relation to historical tax losses incurred by our Singapore subsidiary. The result is a reduction to our tax loss carryover asset of \$ 140 million and a corresponding release of the uncertain tax positions and valuation allowance against the tax loss carryover asset.

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had \$ 669.0 million of federal, \$ 3.8 billion of state, and \$ 767.5 million of foreign net operating loss carryforwards. The remaining federal net operating loss carryforwards have no expiration date. The state operating losses will begin to expire in 2025 and the foreign net operating loss carryforwards will begin to expire in 2027. As of December 31, 2024, the Company had \$ 427.4 million of federal, \$ 316.8 million of state, and \$ 47.3 million of foreign research credit carryforwards. The remaining federal research credit carryforwards will begin to expire in 2040. The state and foreign credit carryforwards have no expiration date.

Utilization of the net operating loss carryforwards and credits may be subject to annual limitations due to the ownership change limitations provided by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and similar state provisions. The annual limitations may result in the expiration of net operating losses and credits before they are able to be utilized. The Company does not expect any previous ownership changes, as defined under Section 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code, to result in an ultimate limitation that will materially reduce the total amount of net operating loss carryforwards and credits that can be utilized.

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had unrecognized tax benefits of \$ 633.6 million, of which \$ 107.5 million would impact the annual effective tax rate if recognized and the remainder of which would result in a corresponding adjustment to the valuation allowance.

The change in the balance of unrecognized tax benefit was as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Unrecognized tax benefit, beginning of the period	\$ 465,103	\$ 506,512	\$ 448,392
Gross increases and decreases related to prior period tax positions	34,050	( 7,348 )	5,431
Gross increases and decreases related to current period tax positions	139,217	( 30,063 )	30,988
Reductions related to lapse of statute of limitations	( 4,781 )	( 3,998 )	( 2,950 )
Gross increases related to acquisitions	—	—	24,651
Unrecognized tax benefit, end of the period	<u>\$ 633,589</u>	<u>\$ 465,103</u>	<u>\$ 506,512</u>

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to income tax matters as a component of income tax expense. The Company had total accrued interest and penalties of \$ 23.8 million, \$ 22.1 million, and \$ 9.1 million related to uncertain tax positions for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively. It is reasonably possible that over the next 12-month period the Company may experience a decrease in its unrecognized tax benefits as a result of tax examinations or lapses of statute of limitations. The estimated decrease in unrecognized tax benefits may range up to \$ 23.8 million.

The Company is subject to taxation in the United States and various state and foreign jurisdictions. The Company is currently under examination in California for tax years 2013, 2014, and 2016 and in Texas for tax years 2015 to 2019. The Company's various tax years starting with 2009 to 2023 remain open in various taxing jurisdictions.

As of December 31, 2024, the Company has not provided deferred U.S. income taxes or foreign withholding taxes on temporary differences resulting from earnings for certain non-U.S. subsidiaries, which are permanently reinvested outside the U.S. cumulative undistributed earnings for these non-U.S. subsidiaries as of December 31, 2024 are \$ 125.4 million.

#### **NOTE 16 - STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

##### **Common Stock**

The Company has two classes of authorized common stock outstanding: Class A common stock and Class B common stock. Class A common stock and Class B common stock are referred to as "common stock" throughout these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, unless otherwise noted. Holders of the Company's Class A common stock and Class B common stock are entitled to dividends when, as and if, declared by the Company's board of directors, subject to the rights of the holders of all classes of stock outstanding having priority rights to dividends. As of December 31, 2024, the Company did not declare any dividends. Holders of shares of Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share, while holders of shares of Class B common stock are entitled to ten votes per share. Shares of the Company's Class B common stock are convertible into an equivalent number of shares of its Class A common stock and generally convert into shares of its Class A common stock upon transfer. The holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock have no preemptive or other subscription rights and there are no redemption or sinking fund provisions with respect to such shares.

##### **Warrants**

In conjunction with the 2025 Convertible Notes offering, the Company sold the 2025 Warrants whereby the counterparties have the option to purchase a total of approximately 8.3 million shares of the Company's Class A common stock at a price of \$ 161.34 per share. The 2025 Warrants expire evenly over a 60 trading day period starting on June 1, 2025. None of the warrants were exercised as of December 31, 2024.

In conjunction with the 2026 Convertible Notes offering, the Company sold the 2026 Warrants whereby the counterparties have the option to purchase a total of approximately 1.9 million shares of the Company's Class A common stock at a price of \$ 368.16 per share. The 2026 Warrants expire evenly over a 60 trading day period starting on August 1, 2026. None of the warrants were exercised as of December 31, 2024.

In conjunction with the 2027 Convertible Notes offering, the Company sold the 2027 Warrants whereby the counterparties have the option to purchase a total of approximately 1.9 million shares of the Company's Class A common stock at a price of \$ 414.18 per share. The 2027 Warrants expire evenly over a 60 trading day period starting on February 1, 2028. None of the warrants were exercised as of December 31, 2024.

#### **Share Repurchase Program**

In October 2023, the board of directors of the Company authorized the repurchase of up to \$1 billion of the Company's Class A common stock. On July 25, 2024, the board of directors of the Company authorized an increase to the Company's share repurchase program to repurchase up to an additional \$3 billion of the Company's Class A common stock. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company repurchased 16.9 million shares of its Class A common stock for an aggregate amount of \$1.2 billion. As of December 31, 2024, \$2.7 billion remained available and authorized for repurchases under this share repurchase program.

Repurchases may be made from time to time through open market purchases or through privately negotiated transactions subject to market conditions, applicable legal requirements and other relevant factors. The repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any particular amount of its Class A common stock and may be suspended at any time at the Company's discretion. The timing and number of shares repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including the stock price, business and market conditions, corporate and regulatory requirements, alternative investment opportunities, acquisition opportunities, and other factors.

#### **Stock Plans**

The Company maintains two share-based employee compensation plans: the 2009 Stock Plan ("2009 Plan") and the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan ("2015 Plan"). The 2015 Plan serves as the successor to the 2009 Plan. The 2015 Plan became effective as of November 17, 2015. Outstanding awards under the 2009 Plan continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of the 2009 Plan. Since November 17, 2015, no additional awards have been nor will be granted in the future under the 2009 Plan. As of December 31, 2024, the total number of shares subject to stock options ("ISOs" and "NSOs", respectively), restricted stock awards ("RSAs"), and restricted stock units ("RSUs") outstanding under the 2009 Plan was 0.3 million shares.

Under the 2015 Plan, shares of the Company's Class A common stock are reserved for the ISOs and NSOs, RSAs, RSUs, performance shares, and stock bonuses to qualified employees, directors, and consultants. The awards must be granted at a price per share not less than the fair market value at the date of grant. Initially, 30 million shares were reserved under the 2015 Plan and any shares subject to options or other similar awards granted under the 2009 Plan that expire, are forfeited, are repurchased by the Company or otherwise terminate unexercised will become available under the 2015 Plan. The number of shares available for issuance under the 2015 Plan has been and will be increased on the first day of each fiscal year, in an amount equal to the least of (i) 40 million shares, (ii) 5 % of the outstanding shares on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year, or (iii) such number of shares determined by the administrator of the Plan. The administrator consists of the Board of Directors who then delegates the responsibilities to the Compensation Committee. As of December 31, 2024, the total number of shares subject to stock options, RSAs, and RSUs outstanding under the 2015 Plan was 39 million shares, and 138 million shares were available for future issuance.

A summary of stock option activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 is as follows (in thousands, except share and per share data):

	<b>Number of Stock Options Outstanding</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>	<b>Remaining Contractual Term (in years)</b>	<b>Weighted Average</b>	<b>Aggregate Intrinsic Value</b>
Outstanding, beginning of the period	4,991	\$ 47.64	3.80	\$ 195,760	
Granted	578	74.03			
Exercised	( 2,646 )	23.14			
Forfeited	( 249 )	78.73			
Expired	( 96 )	142.49			
Outstanding, end of the period	<u>2,578</u>	\$ 72.17	5.11	\$ 67,966	
Exercisable, end of the period	<u>1,952</u>	\$ 70.00	3.95	\$ 60,701	

Aggregate intrinsic value represents the difference between the Company's estimated fair value of its common stock and the exercise price of outstanding, in-the-money options. Aggregate intrinsic value for stock options exercised for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 was \$ 145.1 million, \$ 96.1 million, and \$ 211.0 million, respectively.

The total weighted-average grant-date fair value of options granted was \$ 45.81 , \$ 39.13 , and \$ 73.31 per share for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

#### **Restricted Stock Activity**

Activity related to RSUs during the year ended December 31, 2024 is set forth below:

	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</b>
Unvested, beginning of the period	40,099	\$ 74.76
Granted	22,328	71.26
Vested	( 16,223 )	79.90
Forfeited	( 9,125 )	74.32
Unvested, end of the period	<u>37,079</u>	\$ 70.51

The total fair value of shares vested was \$ 1.2 billion, \$ 873.0 million, and \$ 724.2 million in the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

#### Employee Stock Purchase Plan

On November 17, 2015, the Company's 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") became effective. The ESPP allows eligible employees to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at a discount through payroll deductions of up to 25 %, subject to any plan limitations. The ESPP provides for 12 -month offering periods. The offering periods are scheduled to start on the first trading day on or after May 15 and November 15 of each year. Each offering period includes two purchase periods, which begin on the first trading day on or after November 15 and May 15, and ending on the last trading day on or before May 15 and November 15, respectively. Employees are able to purchase shares at 85 % of the lower of the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the first trading day of the offering period or the last trading day of the purchase period. The number of shares available for sale under the ESPP will be increased annually on the first day of each fiscal year, equal to the least of (i) 8.4 million shares, (ii) 1 % of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock as of the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year, or (iii) such other amount as determined by the administrator. As of December 31, 2024, 11 million shares had been purchased under the ESPP and 34 million shares were available for future issuance under the ESPP.

#### Share-Based Compensation

The fair values of stock options granted were estimated using the following weighted-average assumptions:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Dividend yield	— %	— %	— %
Risk-free interest rate	4.65 %	3.48 %	3.08 %
Expected volatility	62.92 %	62.32 %	59.20 %
Expected term (years)	6.02	6.02	6.02

The following table summarizes the effects of share-based compensation on the consolidated statements of operations (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Cost of revenue	\$ 707	\$ 601	\$ 494
Product development	903,262	902,130	701,715
Sales and marketing	131,233	130,665	105,231
General and administrative	237,355	242,701	261,849
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,272,557</b>	<b>\$ 1,276,097</b>	<b>\$ 1,069,289</b>

The Company recorded tax benefits related to stock-based compensation expense of \$ 322.0 million, \$ 228.2 million and \$ 218.9 million, during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

The Company recorded \$ 25.0 million, \$ 63.3 million, and \$ 61.4 million of share-based compensation expense related to the Company's 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The total share-based compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 includes a \$ 66.3 million one-time charge related to the acceleration of various share-based arrangements associated with the acquisition of Afterpay.

The Company capitalized \$ 41.2 million, \$ 30.9 million, and \$ 20.7 million of share-based compensation expense related to capitalized software during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

As of December 31, 2024, there was \$ 2.6 billion of total unrecognized compensation cost related to outstanding stock options and restricted stock awards that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3 years.

**NOTE 17 - NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE**

The Company computes net income (loss) per share attributable to our common stockholders using the two-class method required for multiple classes of common stock and participating securities. The holders of our Class A and Class B common stock (together, "common stock") have identical liquidation and dividend rights but different voting rights. Accordingly, we present net income (loss) per share for Class A and Class B common stock together.

Basic net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing the net income (loss) by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding adjusted for the dilutive effect of all potential shares of common stock. In periods when the Company reported a net loss, diluted net loss per share is the same as basic net loss per share because the effects of potentially dilutive items were anti-dilutive.

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

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Basic net income (loss) per share:</b>			
Numerator			
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 2,897,047	\$ 9,772	\$ (540,747)
Denominator			
Shares used to compute basic net income (loss) per share	616,993	608,856	578,949
<b>Basic net income (loss) per share</b>	<b>\$ 4.70</b>	<b>\$ 0.02</b>	<b>\$ (0.93)</b>
<b>Diluted net income (loss) per share:</b>			
Numerator			
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 2,897,047	\$ 9,772	\$ (540,747)
Interest expense on convertible notes	6,216	—	—
Net income (loss) used to compute diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ 2,903,263	\$ 9,772	\$ (540,747)
Denominator			
Shares used to compute basic net income (loss) per share	616,993	608,856	578,949
Stock options, restricted stock, and employee stock purchase plan	7,289	5,168	—
Convertible notes	12,108	—	—
Shares used to compute diluted net income (loss) per share	636,390	614,024	578,949
<b>Diluted net income (loss) per share</b>	<b>\$ 4.56</b>	<b>\$ 0.02</b>	<b>\$ (0.93)</b>

The following potential common shares were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share because their effect would have been anti-dilutive for the periods presented (in thousands):

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Stock options, restricted stock, and employee stock purchase plan	37,687	40,431	32,185
Convertible notes	—	14,297	18,029
Common stock warrants	12,108	20,243	33,699
<b>Total anti-dilutive securities</b>	<b>49,795</b>	<b>74,971</b>	<b>83,913</b>

#### NOTE 18 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In July 2019, the Company entered into a lease agreement for office space in St. Louis, Missouri, from an affiliate of one of the Company's co-founders and current member of its board of directors, Mr. Jim McKelvey, for a term of 15.5 years with options to extend the lease term for two five-year terms. The lease possession date varied by floor, beginning in May 2020. As of December 31, 2024, the Company had recorded right-of-use assets of \$ 10.4 million and associated lease liabilities of \$ 15.8 million related to this lease arrangement.

Under the lease agreement, the Company has an option to terminate the lease for the entire property on January 1, 2034. Termination penalties specified in the lease agreement will apply if the Company exercises the option to terminate the lease.

#### NOTE 19 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

##### *Operating and Finance Leases*

The Company's operating leases are primarily comprised of office facilities. The Company's leases have remaining lease terms of one year to 12 years, some of which include options to extend up to five year terms, or include options to terminate the leases with advanced notice. None of the options to extend the leases have been included in the measurement of the right-of-use asset or the associated lease liability. There were no finance lease obligations as of December 31, 2024.

The components of lease costs for the year ended December 31, 2024 were as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Fixed operating lease costs	\$ 57,232	\$ 77,659
Variable operating lease costs	22,344	22,555
Short-term lease costs	1,939	3,332
Sublease income	( 1,119 )	( 11,933 )
<b>Total lease costs</b>	<b>\$ 80,396</b>	<b>\$ 91,613</b>

Other information related to operating leases was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Weighted-average remaining lease term	6.2 years	7.0 years
Weighted-average discount rate	3.75 %	3.62 %

Cash flows related to leases were as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Payments for operating lease liabilities	\$ ( 74,129 )	\$ ( 93,890 )
<b>Supplemental cash flow data:</b>		
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease obligations	\$ 36,976	\$ 7,106

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases (with initial lease terms in excess of one year) as of December 31, 2024 are as follows (in thousands):

2025	\$ 65,306
2026	63,169
2027	58,422
2028	54,115
2029	48,153
Thereafter	85,662
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 374,827</b>
Less: Amount representing interest	40,927
Less: Lease incentives	2,642
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 331,258</b>

The Company recognized total rental expenses for operating leases of \$ 52.1 million, \$ 75.8 million, and \$ 93.6 million during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

#### **Purchase Commitments**

From time to time, we may enter into non-cancelable purchase obligations related to cloud computing infrastructure. The commitment amounts in the table below are associated with contracts that are enforceable and legally binding and that specify all significant terms, including fixed or minimum services to be used, and the approximate timing of the actions under the contracts.

As of December 31, 2024, the future minimum payments under the purchase commitments were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Payments Due By Period</b>
2025	\$ 345,622
2026	263,300
2027	315,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 924,022</b>

#### **Litigation and Regulatory Matters**

The Company is currently subject to, and may in the future be involved in, various litigation matters, legal claims, investigations, and regulatory proceedings.

In January 2025, the Company entered into a consent order with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("CFPB") to settle claims from the CFPB related to, among other things, Cash App's handling of customer complaints and disputes. Pursuant to the consent order, the Company paid a \$ 55 million civil monetary penalty in January 2025 and agreed to pay between \$ 75 million and \$ 120 million in restitution to certain Cash App customers. The settlement amounts are reflected in the financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024.

In January 2025, the Company entered into a settlement agreement and consent order (the "settlement agreement") with various state money transmission license regulators (the "MTL regulators") related to aspects of its Bank Secrecy Act/anti-money laundering program. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, the Company agreed to pay \$ 80 million in administrative penalties and costs, with payments expected to be completed in or around February 2025. The settlement amount is reflected in the financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The Company is continuing negotiations with the New York State Department of Financial Services ("NYDFS"), one of its MTL and virtual currency regulators, related to, among other things, aspects of its Bank Secrecy Act/anti-money laundering and bitcoin programs. In January 2025, NYDFS presented the Company with potential terms for resolving this matter, and the Company is engaging in conversations with NYDFS to determine whether this matter can be settled on acceptable terms. The Company has accrued a liability for an estimated amount in connection with this matter in accordance with ASC 450. The accrued amount was not material to the financial statements as of December 31, 2024.

The Company received subpoenas from Attorneys General from multiple states, seeking the production of information related to, among other things, Cash App's handling of customer complaints and disputes. In June 2024, the state Attorneys General presented the Company with the results of their investigations. In December 2024, the state Attorneys General presented the Company with potential terms for resolving this matter and the Company is engaging in conversations with the state Attorneys General to determine if this matter can be settled on acceptable terms. The Company is unable to predict the likely outcome of this matter, which may include one or more public orders, and cannot provide any assurance that the state Attorneys General will not ultimately take legal action against the Company or that the outcome of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company.

The Company also received inquiries from the SEC and Department of Justice ("DOJ") shortly after the publication of a short seller report in March 2023. In July 2024, the Company received a follow-on inquiry from the SEC. The Company believes these inquiries primarily relate to the allegations raised in the short seller report, the Company's compliance and risk practices, and related disclosures. The Company continues to cooperate with both agencies. The Company is unable to predict the likely outcome of these matters and cannot provide any assurance that the SEC or DOJ will not ultimately take legal action against the Company or that the outcome of any such action, if brought, will not have a material adverse effect on the Company.

In June 2024, the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the City and County of San Francisco (the "Tax Collector") finalized its audit and issued an assessment of San Francisco's gross receipts tax, including interest and penalties, following its gross receipt tax audit for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022. The Tax Collector has asserted that incremental taxes are owed on a portion of the receipts generated by the Company related to sales of Bitcoin. The Company strongly disagrees with the Tax Collector's assessment and plans to vigorously pursue all available remedies. In January 2025, the Tax Collector rejected the Company's request for redetermination, and the Company paid the assessed amount of \$ 71.4 million and plans to file a claim for a refund. Given the amount must be paid to initiate the dispute process and will be returned in full or used to settle any final amount due to the Tax Collector, the Company views the amount as a deposit asset in the period the payment is made. Should the Company not reach a settlement or prevail in its legal challenge, the Tax Collector may challenge the Company's gross receipts tax position going forward, including for 2023 and 2024. The Company estimates that it could incur losses associated with taxes, interest, and penalties that range from approximately \$ 0 to \$ 97 million in the aggregate for the fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024. Additional taxes, interest, and penalties for future periods could be material as well. Given the Company has concluded that a loss for this matter is not probable, the Company has not recorded a liability for the exposure related to the dispute with the Tax Collector on San Francisco's gross receipts tax.

The Company regularly assesses the likelihood of adverse outcomes resulting from litigation and regulatory proceedings and adjusts the financial statements based on such assessments. The eventual outcome of these matters may differ materially from the estimates the Company has currently accrued in the financial statements.

In addition, the Company is subject to various legal matters, investigations, subpoenas, inquiries, audits, claims, lawsuits and disputes, including with regulatory bodies and governmental agencies. The Company cannot at this time fairly estimate a reasonable range of exposure, if any, of the potential liability, if any, with respect to any of these other matters. Although the Company may be subject to an adverse decision or settlement, it does not believe that the final disposition of any of these other matters will have a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial position, or liquidity. However, the Company cannot give any assurance regarding the ultimate outcome of any of these matters, and their resolution could be material to the Company's operating results.

**NOTE 20 - SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

The Company reports its segments to reflect the manner in which the Company's chief operating decision maker ("CODM") reviews and assesses performance. The Company's CODM is the Block Head and Chairperson. The Company has two reportable segments, Square and Cash App. Products and services that are not assigned to a specific reportable segment, including but not limited to TIDAL and other emerging ecosystems, are aggregated and presented within a general corporate and other category. Square and Cash App are defined as follows:

- Cash App includes the financial tools available to individuals within the mobile Cash App, including peer-to-peer payments, bitcoin and stock investments. Cash App also includes Cash App Card which is linked to customer stored balances that customers can use to pay for purchases or withdraw funds from an ATM. Cash App also includes the BNPL platform.
- Square includes managed payment services, software solutions, hardware, and financial services offered to sellers, excluding those that involve Cash App.

The primary financial measures used by the CODM to evaluate performance and allocate resources are revenue and gross profit. The CODM uses segment gross profit for each segment during the annual budgeting and forecasting process. Further, the CODM uses gross profit as the metric to guide the business trajectory and to consider the overall gross profit growth by segment on a quarterly basis, when making decisions about the allocation of operating and capital resources to each segment. The CODM does not evaluate performance or allocate resources based on segment asset data, and therefore such information is not included.

The following tables present information on the reportable segments revenue and segment gross profit, as well as amounts for the "Corporate and Other" category, which includes products and services not assigned to reportable segments and intersegment eliminations (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31, 2024			
	Cash App	Square	Corporate and Other	Total
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Transaction-based revenue	\$ 352,699	\$ 6,260,981	\$ —	\$ 6,613,680
Subscription and services-based revenue	5,695,976	1,278,933	189,890	7,164,799
Hardware revenue	—	141,742	1,627	143,369
Bitcoin revenue	10,199,205	—	—	10,199,205
	16,247,880	7,681,656		24,121,053
Segment revenue	\$ 11,008,869	\$ 4,082,744	\$ 191,517	\$ 15,232,017
		3,598,912		
<b>Segment gross profit</b>	<b>\$ 5,239,011</b>	<b>\$ 51,113</b>	<b>\$ 8,889,036</b>	
Interest revenue	\$ 185,185	\$ 36,837	\$ —	\$ 222,022
Amortization of acquired technology assets	\$ 55,343	\$ 7,726	\$ 5,295	\$ 68,364

	Year Ended December 31, 2023					
	Cash App		Square		Corporate and Other	Total
<b>Revenue:</b>						
Transaction-based revenue	\$ 498,176	\$ 5,817,125	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 6,315,301	
Subscription and services-based revenue	4,685,208	1,059,081	200,553		5,944,842	
Hardware revenue	—	157,178	—		157,178	
Bitcoin revenue	9,498,302	—	—		9,498,302	
Segment revenue	\$ 14,681,686	\$ 7,033,384	\$ 200,553	\$ 21,915,623		
Less: Cost of revenue	10,358,223	3,904,730	147,784		14,410,737	
<b>Segment gross profit</b>	<b>\$ 4,323,463</b>	<b>\$ 3,128,654</b>	<b>\$ 52,769</b>	<b>\$ 7,504,886</b>		
Interest revenue	\$ 142,222	\$ 28,011	\$ —	\$ 170,233		
Amortization of acquired technology assets	\$ 56,135	\$ 10,632	\$ 6,062	\$ 72,829		

	Year Ended December 31, 2022					
	Cash App		Square		Corporate and Other	Total
<b>Revenue:</b>						
Transaction-based revenue	\$ 466,171	\$ 5,235,369	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 5,701,540	
Subscription and services-based revenue	3,452,777	894,350	205,646		4,552,773	
Hardware revenue	—	164,418	—		164,418	
Bitcoin revenue	7,112,856	—	—		7,112,856	
Segment revenue	\$ 11,031,804	\$ 6,294,137	\$ 205,646	\$ 17,531,587		
Less: Cost of revenue	7,786,760	3,587,236	165,699		11,539,695	
<b>Segment gross profit</b>	<b>\$ 3,245,044</b>	<b>\$ 2,706,901</b>	<b>\$ 39,947</b>	<b>\$ 5,991,892</b>		
Interest revenue	\$ 29,026	\$ 1,193	\$ —	\$ 30,219		
Amortization of acquired technology assets	\$ 53,900	\$ 10,494	\$ 5,800	\$ 70,194		

The following table provides a reconciliation of total segment gross profit to the Company's income (loss) before applicable income taxes (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Total segment gross profit	\$ 8,889,036	\$ 7,504,886	\$ 5,991,892
Less: Product development	2,914,415	2,720,819	2,135,612
Less: Sales and marketing	1,984,265	2,019,009	2,057,951
Less: General and administrative	2,149,099	2,209,190	1,686,849
Less: Transaction, loan, and consumer receivable losses	794,221	660,663	550,683
Less: Bitcoin impairment losses	—	—	46,571
Less: Amortization of customer and other intangible assets	154,709	174,044	138,758
Less: Interest expense (income), net	9,302	( 47,221 )	36,228
Less: Remeasurement gain on bitcoin investment	( 420,918 )	( 207,084 )	—
Less: Other expense (income), net	( 53,211 )	4,609	( 95,443 )
Income (loss) before applicable income taxes	<u>\$ 1,357,154</u>	<u>\$ ( 29,143 )</u>	<u>\$ ( 565,317 )</u>

#### Revenue

Revenue by geography is based on the addresses of the sellers or customers. The following table details revenue by geographic area (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
United States	\$ 22,351,832	\$ 20,416,462	\$ 16,314,769
International	1,769,221	1,499,161	1,216,818
Total	<u>\$ 24,121,053</u>	<u>\$ 21,915,623</u>	<u>\$ 17,531,587</u>

No individual country from the international markets contributed more than 10% of total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022.

#### Long-Lived Assets

The following table details long-lived assets by geographic area (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
United States	\$ 7,435,117	\$ 7,570,973
Australia	4,159,229	4,761,535
International	1,790,529	1,889,490
	13,384,875	14,221,998
Total	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

Assets by reportable segment were not included, as this information is not reviewed by the CODM to make operating decisions or allocate resources, and is reviewed on a consolidated basis.

**NOTE 21 - SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

The supplemental disclosures of cash flow information consist of the following (in thousands):

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Supplemental Cash Flow Data:</b>			
Cash paid for interest	\$ 205,776	\$ 130,009	\$ 84,876
Cash paid for income taxes	270,314	81,376	39,045
<b>Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities:</b>			
Unsettled originations of consumer receivables	180,443	261,151	160,413
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease obligations	36,976	7,106	39,324
Purchases of property and equipment in accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,266	3,921	5,212
Deferred purchase consideration related to business combinations	—	2,550	14,377
Fair value of common stock issued related to business combinations	—	( 6,658 )	( 13,827,929 )
Fair value of common stock issued to settle the conversion of convertible notes	—	—	( 2,523 )
Fair value of shares received to settle convertible note hedges	—	—	133,144
Fair value of common stock issued in connection with the exercise of common stock warrants	—	—	( 806,446 )
Bitcoin lent to third-party borrowers	—	—	5,934

**ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

None.

**ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

***Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

Our management, with the participation of our Principal Executive Officer and our Principal Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The term "disclosure controls and procedures," as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on such evaluation, our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer have concluded that, as of December 31, 2024, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

***Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by Rule 13a-15(d) and 15d-15(d) of the Exchange Act that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2024 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

***Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act). Our management conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria established in "Internal Control - Integrated Framework" (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). Based on that assessment, our management has concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2024. The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024 has been audited by Ernst & Young, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which appears herein.

**ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

During the quarterly period ended December 31, 2024, no officers, as defined in Rule 16a-1(f), or directors adopted and/or terminated a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or a "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," each as defined in Regulation S-K Item 408.

**ITEM 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS**

None.

**PART III**

**ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The information required by this item will be included in our Proxy Statement for the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC within 120 days of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 ("Proxy Statement") and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The information required by this item will be included in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

The information required by this item will be included in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

The information required by this item will be included in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES**

The information required by this item will be included in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

**PART IV**

**ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

(a) The following documents are filed as a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K:

**(1) Consolidated Financial Statements:**

Our Consolidated Financial Statements are listed in the "Index to Consolidated Financial Statements" under Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**(2) Financial Statement Schedules:**

Schedules not listed above have been omitted because the information required to be set forth therein is not applicable or is shown in the financial statements or notes herein.

**(3) Exhibits**

The documents listed in the following Exhibit Index of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are incorporated by reference or are filed with this Annual Report on Form 10-K, in each case as indicated therein (numbered in accordance with Item 601 of Regulation S-K):

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Number	Description	Incorporated by Reference			
		Form	File No.	Exhibit	Filing Date
2.1	<a href="#">Scheme Implementation Deed, dated as of August 2, 2021, by and among Square, Inc., Lanai (AU) 2 Pty Ltd. and Afterpay Limited.</a>	8-K	001-37622	2.1	August 2, 2021
2.2	<a href="#">Amending Deed, dated as of December 7, 2021, by and among Block, Inc., Lanai (AU) 2 Pty Ltd and Afterpay Limited.</a>	8-K	001-37622	2.1	December 7, 2021
3.1	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended.</a>	10-K	001-37622	3.1	February 24, 2022
3.2	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant.</a>	8-K	001-37622	3.1	October 21, 2022
4.2	<a href="#">Indenture, dated March 5, 2020, between the Registrant and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (2025 Convertible Notes).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.1	March 5, 2020
4.3*	<a href="#">Supplemental Indenture, dated January 21, 2025, between the Registrant and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (2025 Convertible Notes).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.2	March 5, 2020
4.4	<a href="#">Form of 0.125% Convertible Senior Note due 2025 (included in Exhibit 4.2).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.2	March 5, 2020
4.5	<a href="#">Indenture, dated November 13, 2020, between the Registrant and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (2026 Convertible Notes).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.1	November 13, 2020
4.6*	<a href="#">Supplemental Indenture, dated January 21, 2025, between the Registrant and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (2026 Convertible Notes).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.2	November 13, 2020
4.7	<a href="#">Form of 0% Convertible Senior Note due 2026 (included in Exhibit 4.5).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.2	November 13, 2020
4.8	<a href="#">Indenture, dated November 13, 2020, between the Registrant and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (2027 Convertible Notes).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.3	November 13, 2020
4.9*	<a href="#">Supplemental Indenture, dated January 21, 2025, between the Registrant and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (2027 Convertible Notes).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.3	November 13, 2020
4.10	<a href="#">Form of 0.25% Convertible Senior Note due 2027 (included in Exhibit 4.8).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.4	November 13, 2020
4.11	<a href="#">Indenture, dated as of May 20, 2021, by and between Square, Inc. and Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (2.75% Senior Notes due 2026).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.1	May 20, 2021

Exhibit Number	Description	Form	File No.	Exhibit	Incorporated by Reference Filing Date
4.12	<a href="#">Form of 2.75% Senior Note due 2026 (included in Exhibit 4.11).</a> <a href="#">Indenture, dated as of May 20, 2021 by and between Square, Inc. and Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (3.50% Senior Notes due 2031).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.2	May 20, 2021
4.13	<a href="#">Form of 3.50% Senior Note due 2031 (included in Exhibit 4.13).</a> <a href="#">Indenture, dated as of May 9, 2024, by and between Block, Inc. and Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (6.50% Senior Notes due 2032).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.3	May 20, 2021
4.14	<a href="#">Form of 6.50% Senior Note due 2032 (included in Exhibit 4.15).</a>	8-K	001-37622	4.4	May 20, 2021
4.17*	<a href="#">Description of Class A Common Stock.</a> <a href="#">Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Registrant and each of its directors and executive officers.</a>	S-1/A	333-207411	10.1	November 6, 2015
10.2.1+	<a href="#">Block, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated.</a>	10-K	001-37622	10.2.1	February 24, 2022
10.2.2+*	<a href="#">Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement.</a>	10-K	001-37622	10.2.3	February 24, 2022
10.2.3+*	<a href="#">Form of Restricted Stock Award and Restricted Stock Agreement.</a>	10-K	001-37622	10.2.3	February 24, 2022
10.2.4+*	<a href="#">Form of Stock Option Grant and Stock Option Agreement.</a>	10-Q	001-37622	10.1	November 3, 2022
10.4+	<a href="#">Square, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan and related form agreements.</a>	S-1	333-207411	10.4	October 14, 2015
10.5+	<a href="#">Square, Inc. Executive Incentive Compensation Plan.</a>	S-1	333-207411	10.5	October 14, 2015
10.6*	<a href="#">Block, Inc. Outside Director Compensation Policy, as amended and restated.</a> <a href="#">Form of Change of Control and Severance Agreement between the Registrant and certain of its executive officers.</a>	S-1	333-207411	10.7	October 14, 2015
10.7+	<a href="#">Form of Change of Control and Severance Agreement between the Registrant and certain of its executive officers entered into on and after January 27, 2020.</a>	10-K	001-37622	10.8	February 22, 2024
10.9+	<a href="#">Offer Letter between the Registrant and Jack Dorsey, dated as of March 7, 2016.</a>	10-K	001-37622	10.8	March 10, 2016
10.10+	<a href="#">Offer Letter between the Registrant and Amrita Ahuja, dated as of December 16, 2018</a> <a href="#">Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of May 1, 2020 among the Registrant, the Lenders Party Thereto, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.1	January 4, 2019
10.11	<a href="#">First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of May 28, 2020, among the Registrant, the Lenders Party Thereto, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.1	May 6, 2020
10.12	<a href="#">Second Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of November 9, 2020, among the Registrant, the Lenders Party Thereto, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.1	June 3, 2020
10.13	<a href="#">Third Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of January 28, 2021, by and among the Registrant, the Lenders party thereto, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.6	November 10, 2020
10.14	<a href="#">Fourth Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of May 25, 2021, by and among Square, Inc., the lenders party thereto, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.1	February 3, 2021
10.15	<a href="#">Fifth Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of January 28, 2022, by and among Block, Inc., the lenders party thereto, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.1	May 26, 2021
10.16	<a href="#">Sixth Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of February 23, 2022, by and among Block, Inc., the lenders party thereto, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.1	January 31, 2022
10.17	<a href="#">Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Registrant and each of its directors and executive officers.</a>	10-K	001-37622	10.21	February 24, 2022

Incorporated by Reference					
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10.18	<a href="#">Seventh Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of June 9, 2023, among Block, Inc., the lenders party thereto and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.1	June 9, 2023
10.19	<a href="#">Eighth Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of March 29, 2024, among Block, Inc., the lenders that are party thereto and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.1	April 1, 2024
10.20	<a href="#">Form of Convertible Note Hedge Confirmation.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.2	May 25, 2018
10.21	<a href="#">Form of Warrant Confirmation.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.3	May 25, 2018
10.22	<a href="#">Form of Convertible Note Hedge Confirmation.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.2	March 5, 2020
10.23	<a href="#">Form of Warrant Confirmation.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.3	March 5, 2020
10.24	<a href="#">Form of Convertible Note Hedge Confirmation (2026 Convertible Notes).</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.2	November 10, 2020
10.25	<a href="#">Form of 2026 Warrant Confirmation.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.4	November 10, 2020
10.26	<a href="#">Form of Convertible Note Hedge Confirmation (2027 Convertible Notes).</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.3	November 10, 2020
10.27	<a href="#">Form of 2027 Warrant Confirmation.</a>	8-K	001-37622	10.5	November 10, 2020
19.1*	<a href="#">Block, Inc. Insider Trading Policy and Guidelines with Respect to Certain Transactions in Securities.</a>				
21.1*	<a href="#">List of subsidiaries of the Registrant.</a>				
23.1*	<a href="#">Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.</a>				
31.1*	<a href="#">Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>				
31.2*	<a href="#">Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>				
32.1†*	<a href="#">Certifications of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>				
97.1*	<a href="#">Financial Restatement Clawback Policy</a>				
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document – the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.				
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.				
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.				
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.				
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document.				
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.				
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).				

\* Filed herewith.

+ Indicates management contract or compensatory plan.

† The certifications attached as Exhibit 32.1 that accompany this Annual Report on Form 10-K are deemed furnished and not filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.

**ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY**

None.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Annual Report on Form 10-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 24, 2025

**BLOCK, INC.**

By: /s/ Jack Dorsey  
Jack Dorsey  
*Block Head and Chairperson*  
*(Principal Executive Officer)*

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Jack Dorsey, Amrita Ahuja, and Chrsty Esperanza, and each of them, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully for all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their, his or her substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Annual Report on Form 10-K has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Jack Dorsey Jack Dorsey	Block Head and Chairperson (Principal Executive Officer)	February 24, 2025
/s/ Amrita Ahuja Amrita Ahuja	Chief Financial Officer & Chief Operating Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 24, 2025
/s/ Ajmere Dale Ajmere Dale	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 24, 2025
/s/ Roelof Botha Roelof Botha	Director	February 24, 2025
/s/ Amy Brooks Amy Brooks	Director	February 24, 2025
/s/ Shawn Carter Shawn Carter	Director	February 24, 2025
/s/ Paul Deighton Paul Deighton	Director	February 24, 2025
/s/ Anthony Eisen Anthony Eisen	Director	February 24, 2025
/s/ Randy Garutti Randy Garutti	Director	February 24, 2025
/s/ Jim McKelvey Jim McKelvey	Director	February 24, 2025
/s/ Mary Meeker Mary Meeker	Director	February 24, 2025
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### RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Company and the Trustee are parties to that certain Indenture, dated as of March 5, 2020 (the **Indenture**), pursuant to which the Company issued its 0.125% Convertible Senior Notes due 2025 (the "**Notes**");

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, the ticker symbol for the Company's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange will change from "SQ" to "XYZ";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10.01(f) of the Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may from time to time and at any time enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental to the Indenture to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holder; and

WHEREAS, all conditions for the execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture have been complied with or have been done or performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Trustee agree as follows for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders:

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Section 1.01. *General.* Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

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(a) The definition of "Daily VWAP" set forth in Section 1.01 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

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Section 3.03. *Trustee Matters.* The Trustee accepts the Indenture, as supplemented hereby, and agrees to perform the same upon the terms and conditions set forth therein, as supplemented hereby. The Trustee shall be entitled to the benefit of every provision of the Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability or affording protection to the Trustee, whether or not elsewhere herein so provided. The recitals contained in this Supplemental Indenture shall be taken as the statements of the Company and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

BLOCK, INC.

By: /s/ Amrita Ahuja  
Name: Amrita Ahuja  
Title: Chief Financial Officer & Chief  
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## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following description of the capital stock of Block, Inc. ("us," "our," "we" or the "Company") is a summary of the rights of our capital stock and certain terms of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws currently in effect. This discussion summarizes some of the important rights of our stockholders but does not purport to be a complete description of these rights and may not contain all of the information regarding our capital stock that is important to you. These rights can only be determined in full, and the descriptions herein are qualified in their entirety, by reference to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, as well as the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL").

### **General**

Our authorized capital stock consists of 1,600,000,000 shares of capital stock, \$0.0000001 par value per share, of which:

- 1,000,000,000 shares are designated to Class A common stock;
- 500,000,000 shares are designated as Class B common stock; and
- 100,000,000 shares are designated as preferred stock.

The following description summarizes the material terms of our securities. Because it is only a summary, it may not contain all the information that is important to you.

### **Capital Stock**

#### ***Class A and Class B Common Stock***

All authorized but unissued shares of our common stock are available for issuance by our board of directors without any further stockholder action, except as required by the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that, except with respect to voting rights and conversion rights, the Class A common stock and Class B common stock are treated equally and identically.

***Voting Rights.*** Holders of Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share and holders of Class B common stock are entitled to ten votes per share on all matters to be voted upon by the stockholders. The holders of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock will generally vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of our stockholders, unless otherwise required

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by Delaware law or our amended and restated certificate of incorporation. The holders of common stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors.

*Dividend Rights.* Holders of common stock are entitled to ratably receive dividends if, as, and when declared from time to time by our board of directors at its own discretion out of funds legally available for that purpose, after payment of dividends required to be paid on outstanding preferred stock, if any. Under Delaware law, we can only pay dividends either out of "surplus" or out of the current or the immediately preceding year's net profits. Surplus is defined as the excess, if any, at any given time, of the total assets of a corporation over its total liabilities and statutory capital. The value of a corporation's assets can be measured in a number of ways and may not necessarily equal its book value.

*Right to Receive Liquidation Distributions.* Upon our dissolution, liquidation, or winding-up, the assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders are distributable ratably among the holders of our common stock, subject to prior satisfaction of all outstanding debt and liabilities and the preferential rights and payment of liquidation preferences, if any, on any outstanding shares of preferred stock.

*Conversion.* Each share of our Class B common stock is convertible at any time at the option of the holder into one share of our Class A common stock. In addition, each share of our Class B common stock will convert automatically into one share of our Class A common stock upon any transfer, whether or not for value, except certain transfers to entities, including certain charities and foundations, to the extent the transferor retains sole dispositive power and exclusive voting control with respect to the shares of Class B common stock, and certain other transfers described in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, or upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock, voting separately as a class. All outstanding shares of our Class B common stock will convert into shares of our Class A common stock when the shares of our Class B common stock represent less than 5% of the combined voting power of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock.

*Other Matters.* The common stock has no preemptive rights pursuant to the terms of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock. All outstanding shares of our Class A common stock are fully paid and non-assessable.

#### **Preferred Stock**

Pursuant to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock are issuable from time to time, in one or more series, with the designations of the series, the voting rights of the shares of the series (if any), the powers, preferences, or relative, participation, optional, or other special rights (if any), and any qualifications, limitations, or restrictions thereof as our board of directors from time to time may adopt by resolution (and without further stockholder approval), subject to certain limitations. Each series will consist of that number of shares as will be stated and expressed in the certificate of designations providing for the issuance of the stock of the series.

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**Anti-Takeover Effects of Certain Provisions of Delaware Law, Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, and Our Amended and Restated Bylaws**

Certain provisions of Delaware law and certain provisions that are included in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws summarized below may be deemed to have an anti-takeover effect and may delay, deter, or prevent a tender offer or takeover attempt that a stockholder might consider to be in its best interests, including attempts that might result in a premium being paid over the market price for the shares held by stockholders.

***Dual Class Stock***

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides for a dual class common stock structure, which provides holders of our Class B common stock with significant influence over all matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors and significant corporate transactions, such as a merger or other sale of our company or our assets.

***Preferred Stock***

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation contains provisions that permit our board of directors to issue, without any further vote or action by the stockholders, shares of preferred stock in one or more series and, with respect to each such series, to fix the number of shares constituting the series and the designation of the series, the voting rights (if any) of the shares of the series, and the powers, preferences, or relative, participation, optional, and other special rights, if any, and any qualifications, limitations, or restrictions, of the shares of such series.

***Classified Board***

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that our board of directors is divided into three classes, designated Class I, Class II, and Class III. Each class has an equal number of directors, as nearly as possible, consisting of one-third of the total number of directors constituting the entire board of directors. At each annual meeting of stockholders, successors to the class of directors whose term expires at that annual meeting will continue to be elected for a three-year term.

***Removal of Directors***

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that stockholders may only remove a director for cause by a vote of no less than a majority of the voting power of the shares present in person or by proxy at a meeting for the election of directors and entitled to vote.

***Director Vacancies***

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes only our board of directors to fill vacant directorships.

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#### **No Cumulative Voting**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that stockholders do not have the right to cumulate votes in the election of directors.

#### **Special Meetings of Stockholders**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that, except as otherwise required by law, special meetings of the stockholders may be called only by an officer at the request of a majority of our board of directors, by the chairman of the board of directors, or by our Chief Executive Officer (or President in the absence of a Chief Executive Officer).

#### **Advance Notice Procedures for Director Nominations**

Our amended and restated bylaws establish advance notice procedures for stockholders seeking to nominate candidates for election as directors at an annual or special meeting of stockholders. Although our amended and restated bylaws do not give the board of directors the power to approve or disapprove stockholder nominations of candidates to be elected at an annual meeting, our amended and restated bylaws may have the effect of precluding the conduct of certain business at a meeting if the proper procedures are not followed or may discourage or deter a potential acquirer from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect its own slate of directors or otherwise attempting to obtain control of our company.

#### **Action by Written Consent**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that any action to be taken by the stockholders must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of stockholders and may not be effected by written consent.

#### **Amending our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation may be amended or altered in any manner provided by the DGCL, provided that the amendment of certain provisions (including those described above) will require the approval of at least two-thirds of the voting power of all the then outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors. Our amended and restated bylaws may be adopted, amended, altered, or repealed by stockholders upon the approval of at least a majority of the voting power of all the then outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, provided that the amendment of certain provisions (including those described above) will require the approval of at least two-thirds of the voting power of all the then outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors. Additionally, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that our bylaws may be adopted, amended, altered, or repealed by the board of directors.

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#### **Authorized but Unissued Shares**

Our authorized but unissued shares of Class A common stock and preferred stock are available for future issuances without stockholder approval, except as required by the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange, and could be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including future offerings to raise additional capital, acquisitions, and employee benefit plans. The existence of authorized but unissued and unreserved common stock and preferred stock could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of our company by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger, or otherwise.

#### **Exclusive Jurisdiction**

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that, unless we consent to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware shall be the sole and exclusive forum for any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf, any action asserting a claim of breach of fiduciary duty owed by any of our directors, officers, or other employees to us or to our stockholders, any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to the DGCL, or any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

#### **Business Combinations with Interested Stockholders**

Subject to certain exceptions, Section 203 of the DGCL prohibits a public Delaware corporation from engaging in a business combination (as defined in such section) with an "interested stockholder" (defined generally as any person who beneficially owns 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of such corporation or any person affiliated with such person) for a period of three years following the time that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless (i) prior to such time the board of directors of such corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder; (ii) upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of such corporation at the time the transaction commenced (excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock of such corporation outstanding (but not the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder) those shares owned (A) by persons who are directors and also officers of such corporation and (B) by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer); or (iii) at or subsequent to such time the business combination is approved by the board of directors of such corporation and authorized at a meeting of stockholders (and not by written consent) by the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock of such corporation not owned by the interested stockholder.

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**Listing and Trading**

Our Class A common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "XYZ."

**Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our Class A common stock is ComputerShare Trust Company, N.A. The transfer agent and registrar's address is 150 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021.

**BLOCK, INC.**  
**2015 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

**NOTICE OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AND RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AGREEMENT**

Capitalized terms that are not defined in this Notice of Restricted Stock Unit Award and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (the "Notice of Grant"), the Terms and Conditions of Restricted Stock Unit Award, or any of the exhibits to these documents (all together, the "Agreement") have the meanings given to them in the Block, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

The Participant has been granted this Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") award according to the terms below and subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, as follows:

Participant ID	%%EMPLOYEE_IDENTIFIER%%
Participant Name	%%FIRST_NAME%% %%LAST_NAME%%
Grant Number	%%OPTION_NUMBER%%
Grant Date	%%OPTION_DATE,'Month DD, YYYY'%%
Vesting Commencement Date	%%VEST_BASE_DATE,'Month DD, YYYY'%%
Number of RSUs Granted	%%TOTAL_SHARES_GRANTED,'999,999,999'%%

Vesting Schedule:

Unless the vesting is accelerated, these RSUs will vest according to the schedule provided in Schedule A. All vesting will be rounded in accordance with Section 3(f) of the Plan.

If the Participant ceases to be a Service Provider for any or no reason before the Participant fully vests in an RSU, the unvested RSUs will terminate according to the terms of Section 5 of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the vesting of the RSUs will be subject to the Company's Stock Award Vesting and ESPP Participation During Company-Approved Leave of Absence Policy (as may be amended from time to time) as well as the terms of any other written agreement between Participant and the Company (or any Parent or Subsidiary of the Company, as applicable) governing the terms of these RSUs.

The Participant's signature below indicates that:

- (i) Participant agrees that this Restricted Stock Unit award is granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, including their exhibits and appendices.
- (ii) Participant understands that the Company is not providing any tax, legal, or financial advice and is not making any recommendations regarding their participation in the Plan or their acquisition, ownership or sale of Shares.

- (iii) Participant has reviewed the Plan and this Agreement, has had an opportunity to obtain the advice of personal tax, legal, and financial advisors prior to signing this Agreement, and fully understands all provisions of the Plan and Agreement. Participant will consult with their own personal tax, legal, and financial advisors before taking any action related to the Plan.
- (iv) Participant has read and agrees to each provision of this Agreement, including without limitation Section 10.
- (v) Participant will notify the Company of any change to the contact address below.

If Participant does not provide a signature below, the electronic equivalent of consent pursuant to Exhibit A, Section 10(d) of the Agreement, or provide written notice to the Company of rejection of the Restricted Stock Unit award by the first date on which the RSUs are scheduled to vest and are thereby settled and released into Participant's account, the Restricted Stock Unit award shall be deemed accepted in accordance with sections (i)-(v) above as of the first date on which the Restricted Stock Unit award vests and Participant will therefore be agreeing to be subject to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

PARTICIPANT

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Signature

Address:

%%ADDRESS\_LINE\_1%-%  
%%ADDRESS\_LINE\_2%-%  
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%%COUNTRY%-%

**SCHEDULE A**

**VESTING SCHEDULE**

**Vest Date**

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**Number of RSUs**

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**EXHIBIT A**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD**

1. **Grant.** The Company grants the Participant an award of RSUs as described in the Notice of Grant. If there is a conflict between the Plan, this Agreement, or any other agreement with the Participant governing these RSUs, those documents will take precedence and prevail in the following order: (a) the Plan, (b) the Agreement, and (c) any other agreement between the Company and the Participant governing these RSUs.

2. **Company's Obligation to Pay.** Each RSU is a right to receive a Share on the date it vests. Until an RSU vests, the Participant has no rights with respect to the Share. Before a vested RSU is paid, the RSU is an unsecured obligation of the Company, payable (if at all) only from the Company's general assets. A vested RSU will be paid to the Participant (or in the event of their death, to their estate) in whole Shares as soon as practicable after vesting (but no later than 60 days following the vesting date), subject to them satisfying any obligations for Tax-Related Items (as defined in Section 7 of this Agreement) and any delay in payment required under Section 7 of this Agreement, and provided further that, to comply with the filing requirements under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as may hereinafter be amended ("HSR"), the Company may delay the payment of any vested RSU until any applicable waiting period under HSR has expired or been terminated (but no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the calendar year in which the RSU vests). The Participant cannot specify (directly or indirectly) the taxable year of the payment of any vested RSU under this Agreement.

3. **Vesting.** These RSUs will vest only in accordance with the Vesting Schedule in the Notice of Grant, Section 4 of this Agreement, or Section 14 of the Plan. RSUs scheduled to vest on a certain date or upon the occurrence of a certain condition will not vest unless the Participant continues to be a Service Provider until the time such vesting is scheduled to occur. The Administrator may modify the Vesting Schedule according to its authority under the Plan if the Participant takes a leave of absence or has a reduction in hours worked in accordance with the Company's *Stock Award Vesting and ESPP Participation during Company-approved Leave of Absence Policy* (as may be amended from time to time).

4. **Administrator Discretion.** The Administrator has the discretion to accelerate the vesting of any RSUs at any time, subject to the terms of the Plan. In that case, those RSUs will be vested as of the date specified by the Administrator. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the RSUs will only vest pursuant to this Section 4 provided that the Participant has complied with all applicable provisions of the HSR Act.

5. **Forfeiture upon Termination of Status as a Service Provider.** Upon the Participant's termination as a Service Provider for any reason, these RSUs will immediately stop vesting and be forfeited by the Participant, subject to Applicable Laws. The date of the Participant's termination as a Service Provider is detailed in Section 3(c) of the Plan.

6. **Death of Participant.** Any distribution or delivery to be made to the Participant under this Agreement will, if the Participant is then deceased, be made to the administrator or executor of their estate or, if the Administrator permits, their designated beneficiary. Any such transferee must furnish the Company with (a) written notice of their status as transferee, and (b) evidence satisfactory to the Company to establish the validity of the transfer and compliance with any laws or regulations that apply to the transfer.

7. **Tax Obligations.**

(a) **Tax Withholding.**

(i) No Shares will be issued to the Participant until Participant makes satisfactory arrangements (as determined by the Administrator) for the payment of any United States, state, local or non-

United States income, employment, social insurance, National Insurance Contributions, payroll tax, fringe benefit tax, payment on account, or other tax-related items related to their participation in the Plan and legally applicable to them that the Administrator determines must be withheld (collectively "**Tax-Related Items**"), including those that result from the grant, vesting, or payment of these RSUs, the subsequent sale of Shares acquired pursuant to such payment, or the receipt of any dividends or other distributions (if any). If the Participant is a non-U.S. employee, the method of payment of Tax-Related Items may be modified by any Appendix. If the Participant fails to make satisfactory arrangements for the payment of any Tax-Related Items under this Agreement when any of these RSUs otherwise are supposed to vest or settle or as of the time any Tax-Related Items related to RSUs otherwise are due (the "**Tax Withholding Date**"), Participant will permanently forfeit the applicable RSUs and any right to receive Shares under such RSUs, and such RSUs will be returned to the Company at no cost to the Company.

(ii) The Company has the right (but not the obligation) to satisfy any Tax-Related Items by withholding from proceeds of a sale of Shares acquired upon payment of these RSUs arranged by the Company (on the Participant's behalf pursuant to this authorization without further consent).

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company has the right (but not the obligation) to satisfy any Tax-Related Items by reducing the number of Shares otherwise deliverable to the Participant.

(iv) Further, if the Participant is subject to taxation in more than one jurisdiction between the Grant Date and the date of any relevant taxable or tax withholding event, the Company and/or any member of the Company Group for whom Participant is performing services (each, an "**Employer**") or former Employer(s) may withhold or account for tax in more than one jurisdiction.

(v) Regardless of any action of the Company or the Employer(s), the Participant acknowledges that the ultimate liability for all Tax-Related Items is and remains their responsibility and that such Tax-Related Items and other tax liabilities of the Participant relating to the RSUs, the Plan or this Agreement may exceed the amount actually withheld by the Company or the Employer(s). The Participant further acknowledges that the Company, the Employer(s) and their respective agents and Affiliates (1) make no representations or undertakings regarding the treatment of any Tax-Related Items in connection with any aspect of these RSUs and (2) do not commit to and are under no obligation to structure the terms of the grant or any aspect of these RSUs to reduce or eliminate their liability for Tax-Related Items or achieve any particular tax result.

(b) **Code Section 409A.** This Section 7(b) does not apply if the Participant is not a U.S. taxpayer or otherwise subject to taxation in the U.S. as of any relevant date of determination.

(i) If the vesting of any RSUs is accelerated in connection with a termination of the Participant's status as a Service Provider that is a "separation from service" within the meaning of Code Section 409A and (x) the Participant is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Code Section 409A at that time and (y) the payment of such accelerated RSUs would result in the imposition of additional tax under Code Section 409A if paid to the Participant within the 6-month period following such termination, then the accelerated RSUs will not be paid until the first day after the 6-month period ends.

(ii) If the Participant's status as a Service Provider terminates due to death or the Participant dies after Participant stops being a Service Provider, the delay under Section 7(b)(i) of this Agreement will not apply, and these RSUs will be paid in Shares to the Participant's estate as soon as practicable thereafter (and otherwise in accordance with the terms of this Agreement).

(iii) All payments and benefits under this Agreement are intended to be exempt from Code Section 409A or comply with any requirements necessary to avoid the imposition of additional tax under Code Section 409A(a)(1)(B) so that none of these RSUs or Shares issuable upon the vesting of RSUs will be subject to the additional tax imposed under Code Section 409A, and any ambiguities will be interpreted according to that intent.

(iv) Each payment under this Agreement is a separate payment under Treasury Regulations Section 1.409A-2(b)(2).

8. Forfeiture or Clawback. The Participant hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Participant's incentive-based compensation (as such term is defined under Rule 10D-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and/or any related stock exchange listing rules or other requirement to implement such rule), including, as applicable, these RSUs (including any proceeds, gains or other economic benefit received by the Participant from any subsequent sale of Shares issued upon payment of the RSUs) will be subject to the Block, Inc. Severance Clawback Policy (as may be amended from time to time) and any other compensation recovery or clawback policy implemented by the Company before or after the date of this Agreement (the "Clawback Policy"). This includes any clawback policy adopted to comply with the requirements of Applicable Laws, including without limitation, Rule 10D-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and any related stock exchange listing rules or other requirement to implement such rule. Accordingly, the Participant hereby acknowledges and agrees that the RSUs or any other award granted to the Participant under the Plan and any other incentive-based compensation provided to the Participant (as well as any other payments or benefits derived from such amounts, including any Shares issued or cash received upon vesting, exercise or settlement of any such awards or sale of Shares underlying such awards), which may include awards and other incentive-based compensation provided to the Participant prior to the date of this Agreement, may be subject to forfeiture and/or recoupment in accordance with the terms of the Clawback Policy or such other applicable clawback or recoupment arrangements or policies. If the Participant is a director or employee of Square Financial Services, Inc. (the "Bank"), Participant may also be required to forfeit any then-unvested portion of the RSUs if the Bank fails to meet the capital levels required to be considered well capitalized under section 324.403(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 324.403(b) for a period of one calendar month or more at any time while Participant is a director or employee of the Bank.

9. Rights as Stockholder. The Participant's rights as a stockholder of the Company (including the right to vote and to receive dividends and distributions) will not begin until Shares have been issued and recorded on the records of the Company or its transfer agents or registrars.

10. Acknowledgements and Agreements. The Participant's signature on the Notice of Grant accepting these RSUs or otherwise deemed acceptance of these RSUs indicates that:

(a) PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE VESTING OF THESE RSUS IS EARNED ONLY BY CONTINUING AS A SERVICE PROVIDER AND THAT BEING HIRED OR BEING GRANTED THESE RSUS WILL NOT RESULT IN VESTING.

(b) PARTICIPANT FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THESE RSUS AND THIS AGREEMENT DO NOT CREATE AN EXPRESS OR IMPLIED PROMISE OF CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT AS A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE VESTING PERIOD, FOR ANY PERIOD, OR AT ALL AND DOES NOT INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH THEIR RIGHT OR THE RIGHT OF THE EMPLOYER(S) TO TERMINATE THEIR RELATIONSHIP AS A SERVICE PROVIDER AT ANY TIME, WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE LAWS.

(c) The Participant agrees that this Agreement and its incorporated documents reflect all agreements on its subject matters and that Participant is not accepting this Agreement based on any promises, representations, or inducements other than those reflected in the Agreement.

(d) The Participant agrees that the Company's delivery of any documents related to the Plan or these RSUs (including the Plan, the Agreement, the Plan's prospectus, and any reports of the Company provided generally to the Company's stockholders) to them may be made by electronic delivery, which may include the delivery of a link to a Company intranet or to the Internet site of a third party involved in administering the Plan, the delivery of the document via email, or any other means of electronic delivery specified by the Company. If the attempted electronic delivery of such documents fails, the Participant will be provided with a paper copy of the documents. The Participant acknowledges that Participant may receive from the Company a paper copy of any documents that were delivered electronically at no cost to them by contacting the Company by telephone or in writing. The Participant may revoke their consent to the electronic delivery of documents or may

change the electronic mail address to which such documents are to be delivered (if the Participant has provided an electronic mail address) at any time by notifying the Company of such revoked consent or revised e-mail address by telephone, postal service or electronic mail. The Participant also voluntarily agrees to participate in the Plan, including provide consent to the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, through an on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Company or a third party designated by the Company and such participation shall have the same force and effect as hardcopy signature. Finally, the Participant understands that Participant is not required to consent to electronic delivery of documents.

(e) The Participant may deliver any documents related to the Plan or these RSUs to the Company by e-mail or any other means of electronic delivery approved by the Administrator, but the Participant must provide the Company or any designated third party administrator with a paper copy of any documents if their attempted electronic delivery of such documents fails.

(f) The Participant accepts that all good faith decisions or interpretations of the Administrator regarding the Plan and Awards under the Plan are binding, conclusive, and final. No member of the Administrator will be personally liable for any such decisions or interpretations.

(g) The Participant agrees that the Plan is established voluntarily by the Company, is discretionary in nature, and may be amended, suspended, or terminated by the Company at any time, to the extent permitted by the Plan.

(h) The Participant agrees that the grant of these RSUs is voluntary and occasional and does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of RSUs or benefits in lieu of RSUs, even if RSUs have been granted in the past.

(i) The Participant agrees that any decisions regarding future Awards will be in the Company's sole discretion.

(j) The Participant agrees that Participant is voluntarily participating in the Plan.

(k) The Participant agrees that these RSUs and any Shares acquired under these RSUs are not intended to replace any pension rights or compensation.

(l) The Participant agrees that these RSUs, any Shares acquired under these RSUs, and their income and value are not part of normal or expected compensation for any purpose, including for calculating any severance, resignation, termination, redundancy, dismissal, end-of-service payments, bonuses, holiday pay, long-service awards, pension or retirement or welfare benefits, or similar payments.

(m) The Participant agrees that the future value of the Shares underlying these RSUs is unknown, indeterminable, and cannot be predicted with certainty.

(n) The Participant agrees that, for purposes of these RSUs, their engagement as a Service Provider is terminated as of the Termination of Status Date (regardless of the reason for such termination and whether or not the termination is later found to be invalid or in breach of employment laws in the jurisdiction where Participant is a Service Provider or the terms of their service agreement, if any), unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or determined by the Administrator.

(o) The Participant agrees that any right to vest in these RSUs terminates as of the Termination of Status Date and will not be extended by any notice period (e.g., the period that Participant is a Service Provider would not include any contractual notice period or any period of "garden leave" or similar period mandated under employment laws (including common law, if applicable) in the jurisdiction where Participant is a Service Provider or by their service agreement or employment agreement, if any, unless Participant is providing bona fide services during such time).

(p) The Participant agrees that the Administrator has the exclusive discretion to determine when Participant is no longer actively providing services for purposes of these RSUs (including whether Participant is still considered to be providing services while on a leave of absence).

(q) The Participant agrees that no member of the Company Group is liable for any foreign exchange rate fluctuation between the Participant's local currency and the United States Dollar that may affect the value of these RSUs or of any amounts due to them from the payment of these RSUs or the subsequent sale of any Shares acquired upon such payment.

(r) The Participant has read and, if applicable, agrees to the Data Privacy Provisions of Section 11 of this Agreement and the Block Employee Privacy Notice set forth at go/employee privacy (the "Privacy Notice"), and agrees to be bound by the Privacy Notice as it may be updated from time to time.

(s) The Participant agrees that Participant has no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages from any forfeiture of these RSUs resulting from the termination of their status as a Service Provider (for any reason whatsoever, whether or not later found to be invalid or in breach of employment laws in the jurisdiction where Participant is a Service Provider or the terms of their service agreement, if any), and in consideration of the grant of these RSUs to which Participant is otherwise not entitled, Participant irrevocably agrees never to institute any claim against the Company or any member of the Company Group, waives their ability (if any) to bring any such claim, and releases the Company and all members of the Company Group from any such claim. If any such claim is nevertheless allowed by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the Participant's participation in the Plan constitutes their irrevocable agreement to not pursue such claim and to execute any and all documents necessary to request dismissal or withdrawal of such claim.

11. Data Privacy.

**The following provisions shall apply only to the Participant if Participant resides outside the US, Brazil, Moldova, the EU or EEA, the UK, Switzerland:**

(a) The Participant voluntarily consents to the collection, use and transfer, in electronic or other form, of their personal data ("Data") as described in this Agreement (including the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be amended from time to time) and any other Award materials by and among, as applicable, the Employer(s), the Company and any member of the Company Group for the purposes of implementing, administering, and managing their participation in the Plan and as otherwise set forth in the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time. If the Participant does not choose to participate in the Plan, their employment status or service with the Company Group will not be adversely affected.

(b) The Participant understands that the Company and the Employer(s) may hold certain Data about them, including, but not limited to, their name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, social insurance number or other identification number, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock or directorships held in the Company, details of all equity awards or any other entitlement to stock awarded, canceled, exercised, vested, unvested or outstanding in their favor, for the purposes of implementing, administering, and managing the Plan and as otherwise set forth in the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time.

(c) The Participant understands that Data will be transferred to one or more stock plan service provider(s) selected by the Company, which may assist the Company with the implementation, administration, and management of the Plan and for purposes as set forth in the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time. The Participant understands that the recipients of the Data may be located in the United States or elsewhere, and that the recipient's country (e.g., the United States) may have different, including less stringent, data privacy laws and protections than their country. The Participant authorizes the Company and any other possible recipients that may assist the Company (presently or in the future) with implementing, administering and managing the Plan to process the Data, in electronic or other form, for the purposes of implementing, administering and managing their participation in the Plan and as otherwise set forth in the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time.

(d) The Participant understands that Data will be held only as long as is necessary to implement, administer and manage their participation in the Plan. Further, the Participant understands that Participant is providing these consents on a purely voluntary basis. If the Participant does not consent or if Participant later seeks to revoke their consent, their engagement as a Service Provider with the Employer(s) will not be adversely affected; the only consequence of refusing or withdrawing their consent is that the Company will not be able to grant them awards under the Plan or administer or maintain awards. Therefore, the Participant understands that refusing or withdrawing their consent may affect their ability to participate in the Plan (including the right to retain these RSUs). The Participant understands that the Participant may contact their local human resources representative for more information on the consequences of their refusal to consent or withdrawal of consent.

(e) The Participant's Rights in Respect of Data. In certain jurisdictions outside of the United States and to the extent required by Applicable Laws, the Participant may request a list with the names and addresses of any potential recipients of the Data and may request access to Data, request additional information about the processing of Data, require any necessary amendments to Data or refuse or withdraw the consents given by accepting this Award, in any case without cost, by contacting in writing their local human resources representative.

**The following provisions shall apply only to the Participant if they reside in Brazil, Moldova, the EU or EEA, the UK, Switzerland, or where EU Privacy laws are otherwise applicable:**

(a) Data Collected and Purposes of Collection. The Participant understands that the Company, as well as the Employer, acting as controller, may collect, to the extent permissible under applicable law, certain personal information about the Participant, including name, home address and telephone number, information necessary to process the RSUs (e.g., mailing address for a check payment or bank account wire transfer information), date of birth, social insurance number or other identification number, salary, nationality, job title, employment location, any capital shares or directorships held in the Company (but only where needed for legal or tax compliance), any other information necessary to process mandatory tax withholding and reporting, details of all RSUs granted, canceled, vested, unvested or outstanding in Participant's favor, and where applicable service termination date and reason for termination (all such personal information is referred to as "Data"). The Data is collected from the Participant, the employing Subsidiary, and from the Company, for the exclusive purpose of implementing, administering and managing the Plan pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time. The legal basis (that is, the legal justification) for processing the Data is to perform the Agreement. The Data must be provided in order for the Participant to participate in the Plan and for the parties to the Agreement to perform their respective obligations thereunder and as otherwise set forth in the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time. If the Participant does not provide Data, Participant will not be able to participate in the Plan and become a party to the Agreement.

(b) Transfers and Retention of Data. The Participant understands that the employing Subsidiary will transfer Data to the Company for purposes of plan administration. The Company and the employing Subsidiary may also transfer the Participant's Data to other service providers (such as accounting firms, payroll processing firms or tax firms), as may be selected by the Company in the future, to assist the Company with the implementation, administration and management of the Agreement. The Participant understands that the Participant may request a list with the names and addresses of any potential recipients of the Data by contacting their local human resources representative. The Participant understands that the recipients of the Data may be located in the United States, a country that does not benefit from an adequacy decision issued by the European Commission or appropriate data protection authority. Where a recipient is located in a country that does not benefit from an adequacy decision, the transfer of the Data to that recipient will be made pursuant to standard contractual clauses for transfers of Participant's personal data to third parties located in a country that does not benefit from an adequacy decision or another means to ensure that adequate safeguards are applied to Participant's personal data, such as EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework or standard contractual clauses approved by the European Commission. A copy of the documents used to protect the Participant's personal data when it is transferred outside countries that benefit from an adequacy decision may be obtained via email at [privacy-eu@squareup.com](mailto:privacy-eu@squareup.com). The Participant understands that Data will be held only as long as is necessary to implement, administer and manage the Participant's rights and obligations under the

Agreement, and for the duration of the relevant statutes of limitations, which may be longer than the term of the Agreement.

(c) **The Participant's Rights in Respect of Data.** The Company will take steps in accordance with applicable legislation to keep Data accurate, complete and up-to-date. The Participant is entitled to have any inadequate, incomplete or incorrect Data corrected (that is, rectified). The Participant also has the right to request access to the Participant's Data as well as additional information about the processing of that Data. Further, the Participant is entitled to object to the processing of Data or have their Data erased, under certain circumstances. As from May 25, 2018, and subject to conditions set forth in applicable law, the Participant is entitled to (i) restrict the processing of the Participant's Data so that it is stored but not actively processed (e.g., while the Company assesses whether the Participant is entitled to have Data erased) and (ii) receive a copy of the Data provided pursuant to the Agreement or generated by the Participant, in a common machine-readable format. To exercise the Participant's rights, the Participant may contact the local human resources representative. The Participant may also contact the relevant data protection supervisory authority, as Participant has the right to lodge a complaint. The data protection officer may be contacted via email at [privacy-eu@squareup.com](mailto:privacy-eu@squareup.com).

**12. Miscellaneous.**

(a) **Address for Notices.** Any notice to be given to the Company under the terms of this Agreement must be addressed to the Company at Block, Inc., 1955 Broadway, Suite 600, Oakland, CA 94612 until the Company designates another address in writing.

(b) **Non-Transferability of RSUs.** These RSUs may not be transferred other than by will or the laws of descent or distribution.

(c) **Binding Agreement.** If any RSUs are transferred, this Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, legatees, legal representatives, successors, and assigns of the parties to this Agreement.

(d) **Additional Conditions to Issuance of Stock.** If the Company determines that the listing, registration, qualification, or rule compliance of the Common Stock on any securities exchange or under any state, federal, or foreign law or the tax code and related regulations or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory authority is necessary or desirable as a condition to the issuance of Shares to the Participant (or their estate), the Company will try to meet the requirements of any such state, federal, or foreign law or securities exchange and to obtain any such consent or approval of any such governmental authority or securities exchange, but the Shares will not be issued until such conditions have been met in a manner acceptable to the Company.

(e) **Captions.** Captions provided in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not to serve as a basis for interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

(f) **Agreement Severable.** If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, that provision will be severed from the remaining provisions of this Agreement and the invalidity or unenforceability will have no effect on the remainder of the Agreement.

(g) **Non-U.S. Appendix.** These RSUs are subject to any special terms and conditions set forth in any appendix to this Agreement for the Participant's country (the "Appendix"). If the Participant relocates to a country included in the Appendix, the special terms and conditions for that country will apply to them to the extent the Company determines that applying such terms and conditions is necessary or advisable for legal or administrative reasons.

(h) **Choice of Law; Choice of Forum.** The Plan, this Agreement, these RSUs, and all determinations made and actions taken under the Plan, to the extent not otherwise governed by the laws of the United States, will be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to principles of conflicts of law. For purposes of litigating any dispute that arises under the Plan, the Participant's acceptance of these RSUs is their consent to the jurisdiction of the State of Delaware and their agreement that any such litigation will

be conducted in the Delaware Court of Chancery or the federal courts for the United States for the District of Delaware and no other courts, regardless of where Participant is performing services.

(i) **Modifications to the Agreement.** The Plan and this Agreement constitute the entire understanding of the parties on the subjects covered. The Participant expressly warrants that Participant is not accepting this Agreement in reliance on any promises, representations, or inducements other than those contained herein. Modifications to this Agreement or the Plan can be made only in an express written contract executed by a duly authorized officer of the Company. The Company reserves the right to revise the Agreement as it deems necessary or advisable, in its sole discretion and without the consent of the Participant, to comply with Code Section 409A, to otherwise avoid imposition of any additional tax or income recognition under Code Section 409A in connection with these RSUs, or to comply with other Applicable Laws.

(j) **Waiver.** The Participant acknowledges that a waiver by the Company of a breach of any provision of this Agreement will not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision of this Agreement or of any subsequent breach of this Agreement by them.

(k) **No Advice Regarding Grant.** The Company is not providing any tax, legal or financial advice, nor is the Company making any recommendations regarding the Participant's participation in the Plan, or acquisition or sale of the underlying Shares. The Participant is hereby advised to consult with their own personal tax, legal and financial advisors regarding participation in the Plan before taking any action related to the Plan.

(l) **Language.** If the Participant has received this Agreement, or any other document related to the RSUs and/or the Plan translated into a language other than English and if the meaning of the translated version is different than the English version, the English version will control.

(m) **Asset Reporting.** There may be certain foreign asset and/or account reporting requirements which may affect Participant's ability to acquire or hold Shares or cash received from participating in the Plan in a brokerage or bank account outside Participant's country. Participant may be required to report such accounts, assets or related transactions to the tax or other authorities in the Participant's country. The Participant also may be required to repatriate sale proceeds or other funds received as a result of participating in the Plan to Participant's country within a certain time after receipt. Participant acknowledges that it is Participant's responsibility to comply with such regulations, and is advised to speak to a personal advisor on this matter.

13. **HSR.** To the extent necessary to comply with the filing requirements under HSR, Participant agrees to take any and all necessary actions to arrange for and complete the immediate and automatic sale of the Shares subject to this Award as such Shares vest and are settled to Participant under this Agreement.

**EXHIBIT B**

**APPENDIX TO RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AGREEMENT**

***Terms and Conditions***

This Appendix to Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (the "Appendix") includes additional terms and conditions that govern these RSUs granted to the Participant under the Plan if the Participant works or resides in one of the countries listed below.

***Notifications***

This Appendix may also include information regarding exchange controls and certain other issues of which the Participant should be aware with respect to participation in the Plan. The information is based on the securities, exchange control, and other Applicable Laws in effect in the respective countries as of December 2024. Such Applicable Laws are often complex and change frequently. As a result, the Company strongly recommends that the Participant not rely on the information in this Appendix as the only source of information relating to the consequences of participation in the Plan because the information may be out of date at the time the Participant sells Shares acquired under the Plan.

In addition, the information contained in this Appendix is general in nature and may not apply to the Participant's particular situation, and the Company is not in a position to assure them of a particular result. The Company is not providing the Participant with any tax, legal, or financial advice and is not making any recommendations regarding the Participant's acquisition or sale of shares of Common Stock acquired under the Plan. The Participant is advised to seek appropriate professional advice as to how the Applicable Laws in their country may apply to their situation.

Finally, if the Participant is a citizen or resident of a country other than the one in which the Participant is currently working, transfers employment after these RSUs are granted, or is considered a resident of another country for local law purposes, the information in this Appendix may not apply to them, and the Administrator will determine to what extent the terms and conditions in this Appendix apply.

**AUSTRALIA**

***Notifications***

Plan. A copy of the Plan that governs this offer of RSUs is attached to the Agreement.

Nature of Plan and Offer. The Plan is a plan to which Subdivision 83A-C of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) applies (subject to the conditions in that Act).

This offer of RSU is made under Division 1A (Employee Share Schemes) of Part 7.12 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). Additional details are set forth in the Offer Letter - Block, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan for Restricted Stock Units, which is being provided to the Participant along with this Agreement.

Securities Law Information. The offering and resale of the Shares acquired under the Plan to a person or entity resident in Australia may be subject to disclosure requirements under Australian law. The Participant should obtain legal advice regarding any applicable disclosure requirements prior to making any such offer.

**Tax-Deferred Treatment**

Ordinary Shares. Stock awards issued to Participants under this Appendix must relate to ordinary shares. For the purpose of this Appendix, ordinary shares shall be defined in accordance with their ordinary meaning under Australian law.

*Predominant business of the Company.* Stock awards must not be issued where those stock awards relate to shares in a company that has a predominant business of the acquisition, sale or holding of shares, securities or other investments.

*Real risk of forfeiture.* Stock awards that are RSUs issued to the Participant must have a real risk of forfeiture, the vesting conditions by which this risk is achieved are to be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion.

*10% limit on shareholding and voting power.* Immediately after Participant acquires the stock awards, Participant must not: (i) hold a beneficial interest in more than 10% of the shares in the Company; or (ii) be in a position to cast, or control the casting of, more than 10% of the maximum number of votes that might be cast at a general meeting of the Company. For the purposes of these thresholds, stock awards that are RSUs are treated as if they have been vested and converted into Common Stock.

**Employment Notice.** There are risks involved in acquiring and holding RSUs and any Shares the Participant receives if the Participant's RSUs vest, including:

- there is no guarantee that any Shares in the Company will grow in value – they may decline in value. Stock markets are subject to fluctuations and the Company's Share price can rise and fall, depending on the Company's performance and other internal and external factors;
- the Board may decide not to pay dividends, or change the level of dividends from time to time; and
- there are tax implications involved in acquiring and holding RSUs and Shares in the Company and the tax regime applying to the Participant may change.

**Financial Product Advice.** The Company is not providing any tax, legal, or financial advice to the Participant and is not making any recommendations regarding participation in the Plan or the acquisition or sale of securities acquired under the Plan. The Company recommends that Participants obtain their own financial product advice that takes into account the Participant's objectives, financial situations, and needs, from a person who is licensed by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to give such advice.

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**Exchange Control.** The Participant acknowledges and agrees that it is the Participant's sole responsibility to investigate and comply with any applicable exchange control laws in connection with the inflow of funds from the vesting of the RSUs or subsequent sale of the Shares and any dividends (if any) and that the Participant shall be responsible for any reporting of inbound international fund transfers required under applicable law. The Participant is advised to seek appropriate professional advice as to how the exchange control regulations apply to the Participant's specific situation.

**Offer of RSUs.** The Board, in its absolute discretion, may make a written offer to an eligible person who is an Australian resident it chooses to accept the RSUs.

The offer will specify the maximum number of Shares the Participant may accept under the RSUs, the Grant Date, the Vesting Start Date, the vesting conditions (if any), any applicable holding period and any disposal restrictions attaching to the RSUs or the resulting Shares (all of which may be set by the Board in its absolute discretion). Details of the current market price of Shares of the Company in USD are available on the New York Stock Exchange website [www.nyse.com](http://www.nyse.com). The current market price of Shares in the Company in AUD will be made available by the Company to the Participant on request.

The offer is intended to receive tax deferral treatment under Subdivision 83A-C of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997(Cth). The conditions to receive such treatment are contained in this Agreement.

The offer will be accompanied by an acceptance form and a copy of the Plan and this Agreement or, alternatively, details on how the Participant may obtain a copy of the Plan and this Agreement.

Where the Board is to make an offer to a casual employee or a consultant, it will do so where:

(1) For a casual employee, the individual who performs the work under or in relation to the contract is or might reasonably be expected to be, engaged to work the number of hours that are the pro-rata equivalent of 40% or more of a comparable full-time position with the Company;

(2) For a contractor:

- (a) if an individual with whom the Company has entered into a contract for the provision of services under which the individual performs work for the Company; or
- (b) if an entity with whom the Company has entered into a contract for the provision of services under which an individual, who is a director of the Company or their spouse, performs work for the Company;
- (c) where the individual who performs the work under or in relation to the contract is, or might reasonably be expected to be, engaged to work the number of hours that are the pro-rata equivalent of 40% or more of a comparable full-time position with the Company.

**Grant of RSUs.** If the Participant validly accepts the Board's offer of RSUs, the Board will grant the Participant the RSUs for the number of Shares for which the RSUs were accepted. However, the Board will *not* do so if the Participant has ceased to be an eligible person at the date when the RSUs are to be granted or the Company is otherwise prohibited from doing so under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) without a disclosure document, product disclosure statement or similar document.

The Company will provide a copy of this Agreement in respect of the RSUs granted to the Participant as part of the offer to the Participant.

#### **BELGIUM**

##### **Notifications**

**Securities Law Information.** The grant of RSUs under the Plan is exempt from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Belgium.

**Foreign Asset/Account Reporting Information.** Belgian residents are required to report any securities (*i.e.*, Shares acquired under the Plan) or bank accounts opened and maintained outside Belgium on their annual tax returns. Belgian residents are also required to complete a separate report providing the National Bank of Belgium with details regarding any such account. This report, as well as additional information on how to complete it, can be found on the website of the National Bank of Belgium, [www.nbb.be](http://www.nbb.be), under the *Kredietcentrales / Centrales des crédits* caption.

#### **BERMUDA**

##### **Notifications**

**Securities Law Information.** The grant of RSUs under the Plan is exempt from securities reporting and disclosure requirements in Bermuda.

#### **BRAZIL**

##### **Terms and Conditions**

**Nature of Grant.** The following provisions supplement Section 10 of this Agreement.

By accepting these RSUs, the Participant acknowledges, understands, and agrees that (i) the Participant is making an investment decision, (ii) the Participant will be entitled to vest in the RSUs, and receive Shares pursuant to the RSUs, only if the vesting conditions are met, and (iii) the value of the underlying Shares is not fixed and may increase or decrease without compensation to the Participant.

**Compliance with Law.** By accepting these RSUs, the Participant acknowledges, understands, and agrees to comply with applicable Brazilian laws and to pay any and all applicable taxes associated with the acquisition of

the Shares, the receipt of any dividends, and the sale of Shares acquired under the Plan. The Participant agrees that for all legal purposes: (i) the benefits provided under the Plan are the result of commercial transactions unrelated to the Participant's employment; (ii) the Plan is not a part of the terms and conditions of the Participant's employment; and (iii) the income from the RSUs, if any, is not part of the Participant's remuneration from employment.

**Data Privacy.** The following provisions supplement Section 11 of this Agreement.

- (a) Retention of Data. The Company generally retains Data for as long as is required to satisfy the purpose for which it was collected. This will usually be the period of the Participant's employment/contract with the Company plus the length of any applicable statutory limitation period following the Participant's departure, although some data may need to be kept for longer. The Company endeavors to ensure that Data are kept as current as possible and that irrelevant or excessive data are deleted or made anonymous as soon as reasonably practicable. The Company shall dispose of Data when it is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was originally collected unless its retention is required by law or for other legitimate business reasons.
- (b) International Data Transfer. If the Data is subject to Brazilian laws, the international transfer shall also follow the standard provisions of the Brazilian General Data Protection Law ("LGPD"), and instructions to be specified, updated, amended, replaced, or superseded from time to time by the applicable regulatory authority or, in the lack of instructions from such authority, the Company may request the recipients of Data the adoption of the standard models adopted under the GDPR in the European Union.
- (c) Additional Participant's Rights in accordance to the LGPD: If the Participant is in Brazil or otherwise subject to the LGPD, he or she may have all of the following additional or replaced rights in respect of Participant's Data: (i) to obtain confirmation as to whether or not Participant's Data is being processed and access to the Data; (ii) correction of incomplete, inaccurate or out-of-date data; (iii) to request data portability to another service provider or product provider, by the means of an express request, pursuant with the further regulations of the national authority, and subject to commercial and industrial secrets; (iv) the erasure, anonymization or blocking of unnecessary or excessive Data or Data processed in noncompliance with the provisions of the LGPD and deletion of personal data processed with the consent of the data subject; (v) to obtain information about public and private entities with which the Company has shared Data and the possibility of denying consent and the consequences of such denial, if applicable; (vi) to object to the processing carried out based on one of the legal basis other than consent, if there is noncompliance with the provisions of the LGPD; (vii) to request the revision of decisions taken solely on the basis of automated processing of Data that affects Participant's interests, including decisions intended to define Participant's personal, professional, consumer or credit profile or aspects of Participant's personality, providing clear and adequate information regarding the criteria and procedures used for an automated decision, subject to commercial and industrial secrecy; and (viii) to petition with the Brazilian national authority as well as consumer protection entities regarding the processing of Participant's Data.

#### **Notifications**

**Exchange Control Information.** If the Participant is a resident or is domiciled in Brazil, the Participant will be required to submit an annual declaration of assets and rights held outside of Brazil, including any Shares acquired under the Plan, to the Central Bank of Brazil if the aggregate value of such assets and rights equals or exceeds a legally designated amount. The assets and rights that must be reported include Shares and may include the RSUs.

A foreign exchange agreement will be required if the Participant repatriates funds from the Participant's foreign bank account to a bank account in Brazil following the sale of Shares abroad, since the amount in foreign currency shall be converted to Brazilian Reais (BRL).

**Tax on Financial Transaction**. If the Participant repatriates the proceeds from the sale of Shares or receipt of any cash dividends and converts the funds into local currency, the Participant may be subject to the Tax on Financial Transactions. It is the Participant's responsibility to pay any applicable Tax on Financial Transactions arising from participation in the Plan. The Participant should consult with the Participant's personal tax advisor for additional details.

## CANADA

### **Terms and Conditions**

**Termination of Status Date**. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan or the Agreement, the following provision shall apply to Participants employed in Canada on the date on which notification of termination (for any reason, with or without cause) or resignation from service is delivered:

For purposes of this Agreement, the Participant's Termination of Status Date shall mean the later of (i) the date upon which the Participant ceases to perform services for the Employer following the provision of such notification of termination or resignation from service and (ii) the end of any minimum period of notice of termination (if any) required by applicable employment or labour standards legislation. For clarity, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or determined by the Employer, no RSUs will vest under the Plan following the Participant's Termination of Status Date, and the Termination of Status Date will not be extended by any period of deemed notice of termination under contract or at common or civil law in respect of which the Participant may receive pay in lieu of notice of termination or damages in lieu of such notice. The Participant will not be entitled to any further payments in respect of the value of any RSUs that have not yet vested as of the Participant's Termination of Status Date and no RSUs or any pro-rated portion thereof shall be included in any entitlement to any pay in lieu of notice of termination or damages in lieu of such notice.

**Data Privacy Consent**. The Participant hereby authorizes the Company and the Company's representatives to discuss with and obtain all relevant information from all personnel, professional or not, involved in the administration and operation of the Plan. The Participant further authorizes the Company and any Subsidiary or affiliate and the Administrator to disclose and discuss the Plan with their advisors. Participant further authorizes the Company and any Subsidiary or affiliate to record such information and to keep such information in Participant's employee file.

**Non-Qualified Securities**. All RSUs granted under this agreement shall be designated as "non-qualified securities" under subsection 110(1.4) of the Income Tax Act (the "Act"). For greater certainty, all designated RSUs will be considered to be non-qualified securities for the purposes of section 110 of the Act, including the calculation of the "annual vesting limit" under subsection 110(1.31). The employer will provide notice of this designation to the employee and the Canada Revenue Agency as required by subsection 110(1.9) of the Tax Act.

The following terms and conditions apply to Service Providers resident in Quebec:

**French Language Documents**. A French translation of the Agreement and certain other documents related to the

RSUs will be made available to the Participant as soon as reasonably practicable. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, and unless the Participant indicates otherwise, the French translation of the Agreement and certain other documents will govern the Participant's participation in the Plan.

### **Notifications**

**Securities Law Information**. The Participant is permitted to sell Shares acquired through the Plan through the designated broker appointed by the Company, provided the resale of Shares acquired under the Plan takes place outside of Canada through the facilities of a stock exchange on which Shares are listed (i.e., the NYSE).

Foreign Asset/Account Reporting Information. Canadian residents are required to report any foreign property (e.g., Shares acquired under the Plan and RSUs) on form T1135 (Foreign Income Verification Statement) if the total cost of their foreign property exceeds a legally designated amount at any time in the year. It is the Participant's responsibility to comply with these reporting obligations, and the Participant should consult their own personal tax advisor in this regard.

Share Settlement of RSUs. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or this Agreement, RSUs granted to Canadian Participants shall only be settled in Shares and shall not be settled in cash.

#### CHINA

##### ***Application***

These special terms apply to (1) all eligible Chinese employees of any subsidiary of the Company in China (hereinafter referred to as "China Subsidiary"), as well as (2) all eligible non-Chinese employees who are (i) directly employed by any China Subsidiary or (ii) employed by any member of the Company Group outside of China and seconded to a China (hereinafter referred to as "China Participant").

##### ***Notifications***

Foreign Asset/Account Reporting Information. The Participant may be required to report to SAFE all details of the Participant's foreign financial assets and liabilities, as well as details of any economic transactions conducted with non-PRC residents. Under these rules, the Participant may be subject to reporting obligations for the RSUs, Shares acquired under the Plan, the receipt of any dividends, and the sale of Shares.

State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) Compliance. China Participant understands and agrees that the transfer of funds in relation to the RSUs is subject to requirements imposed by the PRC State Administration of Foreign Exchange ("SAFE"). Specifically, under the current PRC foreign exchange regulations, the Plan and the RSUs implemented in China must be registered with the SAFE ("SAFE Registration"). Accordingly, the terms of the RSUs may be subject to change if the Company determines in its discretion that modifications are necessary or desirable in order to accommodate any applicable SAFE requirements, or any other legal or administrative requirements, as they relate to the administration of the Plan and/or the RSUs in China.

China Participant understands that participation in the Plan is subject to the SAFE Registration as well as the opening of a SAFE-approved special bank account for the transfer of funds in relation to the RSUs ("Special Account") by the China Subsidiary. China Participant also understands that all proceeds realized by China Participant from the RSUs must be immediately repatriated to China through the Special Account. China Participant hereby acknowledges and agrees that such proceeds (net of applicable China tax) will be transferred to the Special Account prior to being delivered to China Participant's personal account and that neither the China Subsidiary, the Company nor any Company Group shall be liable for any delays or foreign exchange rate fluctuation that may happen in this process.

##### **Termination of Status**

(a) In the event of China Participant ceasing to be a Service Provider for any reason, (i) all unvested RSUs at the time of the termination as a Service Provider shall be forfeited to the Company forthwith, and all rights China Participant has to such RSUs shall immediately terminate, without payment of any consideration to China Participant; and (ii) all vested RSUs shall be settled and all Shares issued in settlement of vested RSUs shall be sold within three (3) months from the termination as a Service Provider subject to the following:

- Upon the end of the aforesaid 3 months' period, if there are any unsettled RSUs, on the first trading day following the expiry of the 3 months' period, all such RSUs will automatically be settled and all Shares subject to such RSUs will automatically be sold on China Participant's behalf.
- Upon the end of the aforesaid 3 months' period, if there are any remaining Shares issued to China Participant in settlement of vested RSUs, all such Shares will automatically be sold on China Participant's behalf on the first trading day after the expiry of the 3 months' period.

(b) In the event of China Participant ceasing to be a Service Provider as a result of such Participant's death, then 100% of the then-unvested portion of each of the Chinese Participant's then-outstanding RSUs will immediately vest and, to the extent applicable, become fully exercisable. All shares issued for the vested RSUs shall be sold within three (3) months from the termination as a Service Provider.

(c) In the event of China Participant ceasing to be a Service Provider as a result of such Participant's disability, then each of such China Participant's then-outstanding RSUs will vest and, to the extent applicable, become fully exercisable according to the applicable "Vesting Acceleration Percentage" in the table below. All shares issued for the vested RSUs shall be sold within three (3) months from the termination as a Service Provider.

Years as an Employee (full year)	Vesting Acceleration Percentage
1	25%
2	50%
3	75%
4	100%

The proceeds of any post-termination sale as noted in the above sections (a)-(c) will be remitted to China Participant in cash net of any Tax-Related Items, broker's fees or commissions and any other applicable deductions as stipulated in the Plan and/or this Agreement.

The Company reserves the right to shorten or eliminate the aforesaid post-termination settlement/sale period if so required by local law or otherwise as it deems appropriate at its sole discretion.

#### **Terms and Conditions**

Data Privacy Consent. China Participant hereby consents to the Company, any members of the Company Group or any third party, collecting China Participant's personal information (including sensitive information) necessary to administer and operate the Plan and disclosing any personal information necessary to administer and operate the Plan to the Company, any members of the Company Group or any third party engaged to assist in implementing the Plan, who may be situated in or outside China.

#### **FRANCE**

#### **Terms and Conditions**

RSUs Not Tax-Qualified. The RSUs are not intended to be tax-qualified or tax-preferred awards, including without limitation, under Sections L. 225-197-1 to L. 225-197-6 of the French Commercial Code. The Participant is encouraged to consult with a personal tax advisor to understand the tax and social insurance implications of the RSUs.

Language Consent. By accepting the RSUs, the Participant confirms having read and understood the documents relating to this grant (the Plan and this Agreement) which were provided in the English language. The Participant accepts the terms of those documents accordingly. The Participant confirms that the Participant has a good knowledge of the English language.

*En acceptant l'Attribution, le Bénéficiaire confirme avoir lu et compris les documents relatifs à cette attribution (le Plan et ce Contrat) qui ont été fournis en langue anglaise. Le Bénéficiaire accepte les dispositions de ces documents en connaissance de cause. Etant précisé que le Titulaire a une bonne maîtrise de la langue anglaise.*

#### **Notifications**

Securities Law Information. The grant of RSUs under the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in France.

Foreign Asset/Account Reporting Information. The Participant may hold Shares acquired upon vesting/settlement of the RSUs, any proceeds resulting from the sale of Shares or any dividends paid on such Shares outside of France, provided the Participant declares all foreign bank and brokerage accounts (including any accounts that were opened or closed during the tax year) with their annual income tax return. Failure to complete this reporting may trigger penalties for the Participant.

#### GERMANY

##### **Notifications**

Securities Law Information. The grant of RSUs under the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Germany.

Exchange Control Information. If the Participant remits proceeds in excess of a legally designated amount out of or into Germany, such cross-border payment must be reported monthly to the German Federal Bank (Bundesbank). The report must be filed electronically and the form of report ("Allgemeine Meldeportal Statistik") can be accessed via the Bundesbank's website ([www.bundesbank.de](http://www.bundesbank.de)). If the Participant uses a German bank to transfer a cross-border payment in excess of a legally designated amount in connection with the sale of Shares acquired under the Plan, the bank will make the report for the Participant. In addition, the Participant may be required to report the acquisition of securities (e.g., Shares) to the Bundesbank via email or telephone if the value of the securities exceeds a certain threshold..

The Participant is responsible for complying with applicable reporting requirements and should consult with a personal legal advisor to ensure compliance.

##### **Terms and Conditions**

Prohibition on Insider Dealing. The Participant should be aware that the insider dealing rules of the Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and Council (Market Abuse Regulation) apply in Germany, which may affect transactions under the Plan such as the subscription or participation, the suspension, the cancellation or an amending order, the acquisition or sale of Shares acquired under the Plan, if the Participant has inside information regarding the Company. The Participant is advised to determine carefully whether he or she has inside information in respect of the Company and whether and to what extent insider dealing rules can apply to Participant . In case of uncertainty, the Company recommends that the Participant consult with a legal advisor.

Limitation of Liability. The Participant is responsible for compliance with any laws to be observed by the Participant in person in conjunction with participation in the Plan. The Company cannot be held liable if the Participant violates German law or any other applicable rules to be complied with by the Participant in conjunction with participation in the Plan including, but not limited to, insider dealing restrictions under the Market Abuse Regulation.

#### GREECE

##### **Notifications**

Securities Law Information. The grant of RSUs under the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Greece.

#### IRELAND

##### **Terms and Conditions**

Tax Indemnity. The references in the Plan, and in particular clause 15 (Tax Matters) of the Plan, to "tax" or "taxes" include any and all taxes, charges, levies, and contributions in Ireland or elsewhere, to include, in particular, Universal Social Charge (USC) and Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) ("Taxes").

The Participant shall be accountable for any Taxes, which are chargeable on any assessable income deriving from the grant, vesting of, or other dealing in RSUs or Shares issued pursuant to RSUs. The Company shall not become liable for any Taxes, as a result of the Participant's participation in the Plan. In respect of such assessable income, the Participant shall indemnify the Company and (at the direction of the Company) any Subsidiary, which is or may be treated as the employer of the Participant in respect of the Taxes (the "Tax Liabilities").

Pursuant to the indemnity referred to herein, where necessary, the Participant shall make such arrangements, as the Company requires to meet the cost of the Tax Liabilities, including at the direction of the Company any of the following:

- making a cash payment of an appropriate amount to the relevant company whether by cheque, banker's draft or deduction from salary in time to enable the Company to remit such amount to the Irish Revenue Commissioners before the 14th day following the end of the month in which the event giving rise to the Tax Liabilities occurred; or
- appointing the Company as an agent and/or attorney for the sale of sufficient Shares, acquired pursuant to the grant, vesting or other dealing in RSUs, or Shares issued pursuant to RSUs to cover the Tax Liabilities and authorizing the payment to the relevant company of the appropriate amount (including all reasonable fees, commissions and expenses incurred by the relevant company in relation to such sale) out of the net proceeds of the sale of the Shares.

Employment Rights. The Participant acknowledges that their terms of employment shall not be affected in any way by their participation in the Plan, which shall not form part of such terms (either expressly or impliedly). The Participant acknowledges that their participation in the Plan shall be subject at all times to the rules of the Plan as may be amended from time to time (including, but not limited to, any clawback provisions). If on termination of the Participant's employment (whether lawfully, unlawfully, or in breach of contract) Participant loses any rights or benefits under the Plan (including any rights or benefits which Participant would not have lost had their employment not been terminated), the Participant hereby acknowledges that Participant shall not be entitled to (and hereby waives) any compensation for the loss of any rights or benefits under the Plan, or any replacement or successor plan.

The Plan is entirely discretionary and may be suspended or terminated by the Administrator or by the Company at any time for any reason. Participation in the Plan is entirely discretionary and does not create any contractual or other rights to receive future grants of RSUs or benefits in lieu of RSUs. All determinations with respect to future grants will be at the sole discretion of the Administrator or the Company. Rights under the Plan are not pensionable.

#### **Notifications**

Securities Law Information. Participation in the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the current EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Ireland.

#### **ITALY**

#### **Terms and Conditions**

Plan Document Acknowledgment. In accepting the grant of the RSUs, the Participant acknowledges that he or she has received a copy of the Plan and the Agreement and has reviewed the Plan and the Agreement, including this Appendix, in their entirety and fully understands and accepts all provisions of the Plan and the Agreement, including this Appendix.

#### **Notifications**

Foreign Asset/Account Reporting Information. If the Participant is an Italian resident who, at any time during the fiscal year, holds foreign financial assets (including cash, RSUs, and Shares) which may generate taxable income in Italy, the Participant is required to report these assets on Participant's annual tax return for the year during

which the assets are held, or on a special form if no tax return is due. These reporting obligations also apply if the Participant is the beneficial owner of foreign financial assets under Italian money laundering provisions.

Foreign Asset Tax Information. The value of financial assets held outside of Italy by Italian residents is subject to a foreign asset tax, subject to an exemption. The taxable amount will be the fair market value of the financial assets (e.g., Shares) assessed at the end of the calendar year.

Securities Disclaimer. Participation in the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Italy.

## **JAPAN**

### **Notifications**

Securities Disclosure. The RSUs and the Shares have not been registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948), as amended (the "FIEA"). The RSUs and the Shares issuable upon the vesting of the RSUs may not be offered or sold in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan or to others for re-offering or re-sale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan. As used herein, the term "resident of Japan" means any natural person having Participant's place of domicile or residence in Japan, or any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan or having its main office in Japan.

Foreign Asset/Account Reporting Information. Japanese residents holding assets outside of Japan with a total net fair market value exceeding a legally designated amount (as of December 31 each year) are required to comply with annual tax reporting obligations with respect to such assets. The Participant is advised to consult with a personal tax advisor to ensure the Participant is properly complying with applicable reporting requirements.

Exchange Control Information. Under certain circumstances, the Participant may be required to file a report with the Ministry of Finance if the Participant intends to acquire Shares whose value exceeds a certain amount. The reporting, if required, is due within 20 days from the purchase of the shares (however, if the Participant acquires such shares through a securities company in Japan, such requirement will not be imposed). The reporting requirements vary depending on whether the relevant payment is made through a bank in Japan.

The Participant is advised to seek appropriate professional advice as to how the exchange control regulations, tax, or other laws in the Participant's country apply to Participant's specific situation. Laws and regulations change frequently and occasionally on a retroactive basis.

## **LITHUANIA**

### **Notifications**

Securities Law Information. The grant of the RSUs is exempt from the requirement to publish a prospectus under EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Lithuania.

## **MEXICO**

### **Terms and Conditions**

Labor Law Acknowledgment. These provisions supplement Section 10 of this Agreement:

Modification. By accepting the RSUs, the Participant understands and agrees that any modification of the Plan or this Agreement or its termination shall not constitute a change or impairment of the terms and conditions of the Participant's employment.

*Policy Statement.* The grant of the RSUs made under the Plan is unilateral and discretionary and, therefore, the Company reserves the absolute right to amend it and discontinue it at any time without any liability.

The Company with business offices at 1955 Broadway Oakland, CA 94612, United States, is solely responsible for the administration of the Plan and participation in the Plan and the acquisition of Shares does not, in any way, establish an employment relationship between the Participant and the Company since the Participant is participating in the Plan on a wholly commercial basis and the Participant's sole employer is the Company's Mexican Parent or Subsidiary, nor does it establish any rights between the Participant and the employer.

**Plan Document Acknowledgment.** By accepting the grant of RSUs, the Participant acknowledges that the Participant has received copies of the Plan, has reviewed the Plan, and this Agreement in their entirety, and fully understands and accepts all provisions of the Plan and this Agreement.

In addition, by signing this Agreement, the Participant further acknowledges that the Participant has read and specifically and expressly approves the terms and conditions in Section 10 of this Agreement, in which the following is clearly described and established: (i) participation in the Plan does not constitute an acquired right; (ii) the Plan and participation in the Plan is offered by the Company on a wholly discretionary basis; (iii) participation in the Plan is voluntary; and (iv) none of the Parents or Subsidiaries or the Company is responsible for any decrease in the value of the Shares underlying the RSUs.

Finally, the Participant hereby declares that the Participant does not reserve any action or right to bring any claim against the Company for any compensation or damages as a result of the participation in the Plan and therefore grant a full and broad release to the employer, the Company and any Parents or Subsidiaries with respect to any claim that may arise under the Plan.

#### **MOLDOVA**

##### **Notifications**

**Exchange Control Information.** Opening a US brokerage account may require the prior authorization of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM). In principle, this will be the Participant's responsibility to obtain such authorization.

**Data Privacy.** The following provisions supplement Section 11 of this Agreement.

(a) *Privacy Notice:* The Participant shall be provided with a Privacy Notice in compliant with the provisions of Article 12 of the Law on Protection of Personal Data, No. 133 dated 08 July 2011 ("Moldovan Data Protection Law") for the satisfaction of the Participant's right to be informed on the processing of Participant's Data.

(b) *International Data Transfer.* The international transfer of Data shall follow the provisions of the Moldovan Data Protection Law and is freely allowed to EEA countries as well as to the countries that benefit from an adequacy decision issued by the Moldovan data protection authority. In other cases, the international transfer of Data shall be conducted only on the basis of statutory exemptions set by Moldovan Data Protection Law and specified in the Privacy Notice acknowledged to the Participant.

(c) *Data Subjects Rights.* The Participant benefits from the following rights provided by the Moldovan Data Protection Law: (1) right to be informed on the processing of Data; (2) right to free access to processed Data; (3) right to free intervention over the processed Data, which includes the possibility of the Participant to require rectification, updating, erasure or blocking of data the processing of which does not comply with the provisions of the law, in particular, because of the incomplete or inaccurate nature of Data; (4) right to freely object to the processing of Data; (5) right to not be subject to an individual decision based solely on automated Data processing intended to evaluate certain personal aspects relating to the Participant, such as professional competence, reliability, conduct, etc.; (6) right to address to a court of law or to data protection authority if Data is unlawful processed or Participant's rights have been breached.

## NETHERLANDS

### **Notifications**

**Prohibition Against Insider Trading.** The Participant should be aware of the Dutch insider trading rules, which may affect the sale of Shares acquired under the Plan. In particular, the Participant may be prohibited from effecting certain share transactions if the Participant has insider information regarding the Company. Below is a discussion of the applicable restrictions.

The Participant is advised to read the discussion carefully to determine whether the insider rules could apply to them. If the Participant is uncertain whether the insider rules apply, the Company recommends that the Participant consult with a legal advisor. The Company cannot be held liable if the Participant violates the Dutch insider trading rules. The Participant is responsible for ensuring their compliance with these rules.

Dutch securities laws prohibit insider trading. As of 3 July 2016, the European Market Abuse Regulation ("MAR"), is applicable in the Netherlands. For further information, the Participant is referred to the website of the Authority for the Financial Markets ("AFM"): <https://www.afm.nl/en/sector/effectenuitgevende-ondernemingen>.

Given the broad scope of the definition of inside information, certain employees of the Company working at its Dutch affiliate may have inside information and thus are prohibited from making a transaction in securities in the Netherlands at a time when they have such inside information. By entering into this Agreement and participating in the Plan, the Participant acknowledges having read and understood the notification above and acknowledges that it is the Participant's responsibility to comply with the Dutch insider trading rules, as discussed herein.

**Securities Law Information.** Participation in the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in the Netherlands.

## NEW ZEALAND

### **Notification**

**Securities Law Notice.** The Participant is being offered an opportunity to participate in the Plan. In compliance with New Zealand securities law, the Participant is hereby notified that all documents related to the Plan have either been provided to the Participant or are available via the website or hard copy.

A copy of the above documents will be provided to the Participant, free of charge, on written request to the Company.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan, every covenant or other provisions set out in an exclusion under Schedule 1 of the New Zealand Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 ("FMCA") or in an exemption or modification granted from time to time by the Financial Markets Authority in respect of the Plan or which applies to the Plan pursuant to its powers under the FMCA and required to be included in the Plan in order for that exclusion, exemption or modification to have full effect, is deemed to be contained in the Plan. To the extent that any covenant or other provision deemed by this clause to be contained in the Plan is inconsistent with any other provision in the Plan, the deemed covenant or other provision will prevail.

The Participant is encouraged to read the provided materials carefully before making a decision on whether to participate in the Plan. In addition, the Participant should consult a tax advisor for specific information concerning the personal tax situation with regard to Plan participation.

**Warning.** If the Company runs into financial difficulties and is wound up, the Participant will be paid only after all creditors and holders of preference Shares have been paid. The Participant may lose some or all of the Participant's investment.

New Zealand law normally requires people who offer financial products to give information to investors before they invest. This information is designed to help investors to make an informed decision.

The usual rules do not apply to this offer because it is made under an equity incentive plan.

As a result, the Participant may not be given all the information usually required. The Participant will also have fewer other legal protections for this investment.

The Participant has a right, upon request, to receive from the Company free of charge, a copy (or electronic copy) of the Company's relevant financial statements for the most recently completed financial year and the auditor's report. The relevant financial statements are those of the Company and its subsidiaries prepared in accordance with US GAAP for the most recently completed accounting period. Please visit <https://investors.block.xyz> for these documents.

The Participant is encouraged to ask questions, read all documents carefully, and seek independent financial advice before committing himself or herself.

Financial Information Notice. The Participant has a right to receive the following financial information, free of charge, upon request:

- A copy of the Company's latest annual report prepared under any enactment or overseas law (if any); and
- A copy of the Company's relevant financial statements and either the auditor's report on them or a statement that they are not audited.

Data Protection. Participant hereby consents to the collection, use and transfer, in electronic or other form, of the Participant's personal data as described in this Agreement, the Plan and any other Award materials by and among, as applicable, the Company and any of its Affiliates for the exclusive purpose of implementing, administering and managing the Participant's participation in the Plan.

The Participant understands that the Company and its Affiliates may hold certain personal information about the Participant, including, but not limited to, the Participant's name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, social insurance number or other identification numbers, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock or directorships held in the Company, details of all Restricted Stock Units or any other entitlement to shares of stock awarded, canceled, exercised, vested, unvested or outstanding in the Participant's favor ("Data"), for the exclusive purpose of implementing, administering and managing the Plan. The Data is supplied by the Company or its Affiliates and also by the Participant through information collected in connection with the Award Agreement and the Plan.

#### NORWAY

##### **Notifications**

Securities Disclaimer. The grant of the RSUs is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Norway.

Limitation of Liability. The Participant is responsible for compliance with any laws to be observed by the Participant in person in conjunction with participation in the Plan. The Company cannot be held liable if the Participant violates Norwegian law or any other applicable rules to be complied with by the Participant in conjunction with participation in the Plan including, but not limited to, insider dealing restrictions under any applicable law.

Tax Consultation. The Participant understands that he or she may suffer adverse tax consequences as a result of the Participant's acquisition or disposition of the Shares issued upon settlement of the RSUs. The Participant is encouraged to seek personal tax advice in connection with the acquisition or disposition of such Shares. The Participant acknowledges that the Participant is not relying on the Company (or any Parent or Subsidiary of the Company, as applicable) for any tax advice.

## POLAND

### Terms and Conditions

Consent to Receive Information in English. By accepting the Award, the Participant confirms having read and understood the Plan and the Terms and Conditions, which were provided in the English language. The Participant accepts the terms of those documents accordingly.

Employment. In order to meet the requirements of the Plan the Participant authorizes the Parent or Subsidiary in Poland (Participant's employer):

- a) to make relevant deductions from the Participant's remuneration,
- b) to notify the Company about events relevant to the Participant's right to continue to participate in the Plan.

### Notifications

Foreign Exchange Notice. If the Participant holds foreign securities (including Shares) and maintains accounts abroad, the Participant may be required to file certain reports with the National Bank of Poland. Specifically, if the value of securities and cash held in such foreign accounts exceeds a certain legally designated amount the Participant must file reports on the transaction and balances of the accounts on a quarterly basis. Further, any fund transfers in excess of a certain legally designated amount into or out of Poland must be effected through a bank in Poland. Polish residents are required to store all documents related to foreign exchange transactions for a period of five years..

Securities Disclosure. Participation in the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Poland.

## PORUGAL

### Terms and Conditions

Consent to Receive Information in English. The Participant hereby expressly declares that he or she has full knowledge of the English language and has read, understood, and fully accepted and agreed with the terms and conditions established in the Plan and the Terms and Conditions.

Conhecimento da Lingua. O Participante pelo presente declara expressamente que tem pleno conhecimento da língua inglesa e que leu, compreendeu e livremente aceitou e concordou comos termos e condições estabelecidas no Plano e no Acordo de Atribuição.

### Notifications

Securities Law Information. The grant of RSUs under the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Portugal.

## SPAIN

### Terms and Conditions

Service Acknowledgements and Agreements. This provision supplements Section 10 of the Agreement:

In accepting these RSUs, the Participant consents to participate in the Plan and acknowledges that Participant has received a copy of the Plan.

The Participant understands that the Company has unilaterally, gratuitously and discretionally decided to grant RSUs under the Plan to individuals who may be Service Providers of the Company or any

Subsidiary throughout the world. The decision is a limited decision that is entered into upon the express assumption and condition that any grant will not economically or otherwise bind the Company or any Subsidiary, over and above the specific terms of the Plan. Consequently, the Participant understands that these RSUs are granted on the assumption and condition that these RSUs and any shares acquired upon exercise of these RSUs are not part of any employment contract (either with the Company or any Subsidiary) and shall not be considered a mandatory benefit, salary for any purposes (including severance compensation) or any other right whatsoever. In addition, the Participant understands that these RSUs would not be granted to the Participant but for the assumptions and conditions referred to herein; thus, the Participant acknowledges and freely accepts that should any or all of the assumptions be mistaken or should any of the conditions not be met for any reason, then the grant of this RSUs shall be null and void.

These RSUs are conditional rights to shares and will be forfeited in the case of the Participant's termination of status as a Service Provider. This will be the case even if (1) the Participant is considered to be unfairly dismissed without cause (*despido improcedente*); (2) the Participant is dismissed for disciplinary or objective reasons or due to a collective dismissal, whether adjudged or recognized to be with or without cause; (3) the Participant's status as a Service Provider terminates due to a change of work location, duties or any other material modification of the terms of employment; (4) the Participant terminates status as a Service Provider due to unilateral breach of contract of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; or (5) the Participant's status as a Service Provider terminates for any other reason whatsoever (including, but not limited to, mutual agreement, resignation, retirement, death, permanent disability, causes included in the employment contract, expiry of the temporary contract, force majeure and under Article 10.3 of the Royal Decree Law 1382/1985). Consequently, upon the termination of the Participant's status as a Service Provider for any of the reasons set forth above, the Participant will automatically lose any rights to the unvested RSUs granted to them as of the date of the Participant's termination of Status Date, as described in the Plan and the Agreement.

#### **Notifications**

Exchange Control Information. The Participant may be required to declare electronically to the Bank of Spain any securities accounts (including brokerage accounts held abroad), any foreign instruments (e.g., Shares), and any transactions with non-Spanish residents (including any payments of cash or Shares made to the Participant by the Company) if the balances in such accounts together with the value of such instruments as of December 31, or the volume of transactions with non-Spanish residents during the prior or current year, exceeds a legally designated amount. Once the threshold has been surpassed in either respect, the Participant will generally be required to report all foreign accounts, foreign instruments, and transactions with non-Spanish residents, even if the relevant threshold has not been crossed for an individual item. Generally, the Participant will only be required to report on an annual basis (by March 31 of each year).

Further, when receiving foreign currency payments derived from the ownership of the shares (i.e., dividends or sale proceeds), the Participant must inform the Spanish Registered Entity receiving the payment of the basis upon which such payment is made. Should the amounts exceed a legally designated amount, the Participant will need to provide the following information to the Spanish Registered Entity: (i) their name, address, and tax identification number; (ii) the name and corporate domicile of the Company; (iii) the amount of the payment and the currency used; (iv) the country of origin; (v) the reasons for the payment; and (vi) any further information that may be required. Exceptions to this rule include when the Participant moves funds through a Spanish resident bank account opened abroad, or when collections and payments are carried out in cash. These exceptions, however, are subject to their own reporting requirements.

Securities Law Information. The grant of RSUs under the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Spain.

The RSUs do not qualify under Spanish Law as securities. No "offer to the public," as defined under Spanish Law, has taken place or will take place in the Spanish territory. Neither the Plan nor this Agreement have been registered with the Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores and do not constitute a public offering prospectus.

Foreign Asset/Account Reporting Information. To the extent that the Participant holds shares and/or has bank accounts outside Spain with a value in excess of a legally designated amount (for each type of asset) as of December 31 each year, the Participant will be required to report information on such assets through tax form 720. After such shares and/or accounts are initially reported, the reporting obligation will apply for subsequent years only if the value of any previously-reported shares or accounts increases by more than a legally designated amount. The Participant should consult their personal advisor in this regard. Further, the Participant is required to declare electronically to the Bank of Spain any securities accounts (including brokerage accounts held abroad), as well as the shares held in such accounts if the value of the transactions during the prior tax year or the balances in such accounts as of December 31 of the prior tax year exceed a legally designated amount.

#### SWEDEN

##### **Terms and Conditions**

Exchange Control. The Participant understands and agrees that foreign and local banks or financial institutions (including brokers) engaged in cross-border transactions generally may be required to report any payments to or from a foreign country exceeding a certain amount to The National Tax Board, which receives the information on behalf of the Swedish Central Bank (Sw.Riksbanken). This requirement may apply even if the Participant has a brokerage account with a foreign broker.

##### **Notifications**

Securities Disclosure. The Participant's participation in the Plan and the grant of the RSUs are exempt from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Sweden.

#### SWITZERLAND

##### **Notifications**

Securities Law Information. The grant of the RSUs is considered a private offering in Switzerland and is, therefore, not subject to registration in Switzerland. Neither this Agreement nor any other materials relating to the RSUs constitute a prospectus as such term is understood pursuant to article 35 et seq. of the Swiss Federal Act on Financial Services ("FinSA"), and neither this Agreement nor any other materials relating to the RSUs may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland. Finally, neither this Agreement nor any other offering or marketing materials relating to the RSUs have been or will be filed with, approved or supervised by any Swiss reviewing body according to article 51 of FinSA or any Swiss regulatory authority (in particular, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA)).

#### TAIWAN

##### **Terms and Conditions**

Data Privacy Acknowledgement. Participant hereby acknowledges that Participant has read and understands the terms regarding the collection, processing and transfer of Data contained in the Data Privacy section of the Agreement and, by participating in the Plan, agrees to such terms. In this regard, upon request of the Company or the Subsidiary retaining Participant's service, the Participant agrees to provide an executed data privacy consent form to the Company or the Subsidiary retaining Participant's service (or any other agreements or consents that may be required by the Subsidiary retaining Participant's service) that the Company and/or the Subsidiary Participant's service may deem necessary to obtain under the data privacy laws in Participant's country, either now or in the future. Participant understands that Participant will not be able to participate in the Plan if Participant fails to execute any such consent or agreement.

##### **Notifications**

Securities Law Information. The RSUs and any Shares acquired pursuant to the Plan are available only for Employees or Service Providers of the Company and or a Subsidiary. The offer is not a public offer of securities by a Taiwanese company.

Exchange Control Information. The Participant may remit and acquire up to a legally designated amount per year in foreign currency (including proceeds from the sale of Shares or the receipt of any dividends) without justification.

If the transaction amount exceeds a legally designated amount in a single transaction, Taiwanese residents must submit a Foreign Exchange Transaction Form and provide supporting documentation to the satisfaction of the remitting bank. In addition, if the transaction amount exceeds a legally designated amount, the Participant may be required to provide additional supporting documentation to the satisfaction of the bank involved in the transaction. The Participant should consult with a personal advisor to ensure compliance with applicable exchange control laws in Taiwan.

#### UNITED KINGDOM

##### **Terms and Conditions**

###### Tax Obligations.

Withholding. In the event that the Company determines that it or any Subsidiary is required to account to HM Revenue & Customs for the Tax-Related Items and any Secondary NIC Liability (defined herein to mean any liability to employer's Class 1 National Insurance Contributions to the extent arising from the grant, vesting, release or cancellation of RSUs or arising out of the acquisition, retention and disposal of the Shares acquired pursuant to the RSUs) or to withhold any other tax as a result of the RSUs, the Participant, as a condition to the delivery of shares under the RSUs, shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Company to enable it or any Subsidiary to satisfy all withholding liabilities. The Participant shall also make arrangements satisfactory to the Company to enable it to satisfy any withholding requirements that may arise in connection with the vesting or disposition of Shares delivered under this RSU award.

Section 431 Election. As a further condition to the delivery of Shares under the RSUs, at the Company's sole discretion, the Participant shall have signed and delivered to the Company a Section 431 Election as provided by the Company in such form as may be determined by HM Revenue & Customs from time to time.

Employer's National Insurance Charges. As a further condition of the delivery of Shares pursuant to the RSUs, at the Company's sole discretion, the Participant shall join with the Company or any other company or person who is or becomes a Secondary Contributor in making a Joint Election which has been approved by HM Revenue & Customs, for the transfer of the whole of any Secondary NIC Liability.

Tax Indemnity. To the extent permitted by law, the Participant hereby agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified the Company, and the Company as trustee for and on behalf of any related corporation, for any **Tax-Related** Items and Secondary NIC Liability. The Company shall not be obliged to allot and issue any Shares or any interest in Shares pursuant to the delivery of Shares under the RSUs unless and until the Participant has paid to the Company such sum as is, in the opinion of the Company, sufficient to indemnify the Company in full against the Tax-Related Items and the Secondary NIC Liability, or the Participant has made such other arrangement as in the opinion of the Company will ensure that the full amount of any Tax-Related Items and any Secondary NIC Liability will be recovered from the Participant within such period as the Company may then determine. In the absence of any such other arrangement being made, the Company shall have the right to retain out of the aggregate number of shares to which the Participant would have otherwise been entitled upon the delivery of Shares under the RSUs, such number of Shares as, in the opinion of the Company, will enable the Company to sell as agent for the Participant (at the best price which can reasonably expect to be obtained at the time of the sale) and to pay over to the Company sufficient monies out of the net proceeds of the sale, after deduction of all fees, commissions and expenses incurred in relation to such sale, to satisfy the Participant's liability under such indemnity.

###### **Notifications**

**Securities Law Information.** Neither this Agreement nor the Appendix is an approved prospectus for the purposes of section 85(1) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") and no offer of transferable securities to the public (for the purposes of section 102B of FSMA) is being made in connection with the Plan. The Plan and the RSUs are exclusively available in the UK to bona fide employees and former employees and any other UK member of the Company Group.

**Non-Qualified Grants.** The RSUs are not intended to be tax-qualified or tax-preferred under current tax rules and regulations in the United Kingdom.

**Prohibition Against Insider Dealing.** The Participant should be aware of the UK's insider dealing rules under the Criminal Justice Act 1993, which may affect transactions under the Plan such as the acquisition or sale of Shares acquired under the Plan, if the Participant has inside information regarding the Company. If the Participant is uncertain whether the insider dealing rules apply, the Company recommends that the Participant consult with a legal advisor. The Company cannot be held liable if the Participant violates the UK's insider dealing rules. The Participant is responsible for ensuring Participant's compliance with these rules.

**BLOCK, INC.**  
**2015 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

**NOTICE OF STOCK OPTION GRANT AND STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT**

Capitalized terms that are not defined in this Notice of Stock Option Grant and Stock Option Agreement (the " **Notice of Grant**"), the Terms and Conditions of Stock Option Grant, or any of the exhibits to these documents (all together, the " **Agreement** ") have the meanings given to them in the Block, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the " **Plan** ").

The Participant has been granted an Option according to the terms below and subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement:

Employee ID	%%EMPLOYEE_IDENTIFIER%-%
Participant Name	%%FIRST_NAME_MIDDLE_NAME_LAST_NAME%-%
Grant Number	%%OPTION_NUMBER%-%
Grant Date	%%OPTION_DATE,'Month DD, YYYY'%-%
Vesting Commencement Date	%%VEST_BASE_DATE,'Month DD, YYYY'%-%
Number of Shares Granted	%%TOTAL_SHARES_GRANTED,'999,999,999'%-%
Exercise Price Per Share	%%OPTION_PRICE,'\$999,999,999.99'%-%
Total Exercise Price	%%TOTAL_OPTION_PRICE,'\$999,999,999.99'%-%
Type of Option	%%OPTION_TYPE%-%
Expiration Date	%%EXPIRE_DATE_PERIOD1,'Month DD, YYYY'%-%

Vesting Schedule:

Unless the vesting is accelerated, Shares subject to this Option will vest and be exercisable according to the schedule provided in Schedule A. All vesting will be rounded in accordance with Section 3(f) of the Plan.

If the Participant ceases to be a Service Provider for any or no reason before Participant fully vests in this Option, the unvested portion of this Option will terminate according to the terms of Section 4 of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the vesting of the Option will be subject to the Company's *Stock Award Vesting and ESPP Participation During Company-Approved Leave of Absence Policy* (as may be amended from time to time), as well as the terms of any other written agreement between Participant and the Company (or any Parent or Subsidiary of the Company, as applicable) governing the terms of this Option.

Exercise of Option:

- (a) If the Participant dies or their status as a Service Provider is terminated due to their Disability, the vested portion of this Option will remain exercisable for 12 months after the Termination of Status Date.
- (b) If the Participant's status as a Service Provider is terminated by an Employer for Cause, the vested portion of the Option will remain exercisable until the Termination of Status Date. As used herein, "Cause" means the occurrence of any of the following: (i) the Participant's conviction of, or plea of "no contest" to, a felony or any crime involving fraud or embezzlement; (ii) the Participant's intentional misconduct; (iii) the Participant's material failure to perform the Participant's employment duties; (iv) the Participant's unauthorized use or disclosure of any proprietary information or trade secrets of any Employer or any other party to whom the Participant owes an obligation of nondisclosure as a result of the Participant's relationship with the Employers; (v) an act of material fraud or dishonesty against any Employer; (vi) the Participant's material violation of any policy of any Employer or material breach of any written agreement with any Employer; or (vii) the Participant's failure to cooperate with the Company in any investigation or formal proceeding. No Employer will terminate an Participant's employment for Cause without first providing the Participant with written notice specifically identifying the acts or omissions constituting the grounds for a Cause termination and, with respect to clauses (ii), (iii), (vi), and (vii), a reasonable cure period of not less than 10 business days following such notice to the extent such events are curable (as determined by the Company).
- (c) For any termination of status as a Service Provider other than as set forth in subsection (a) and (b) above, the vested portion of this Option will remain exercisable for 3 months after the Termination of Status Date.
- (d) If there is a Change in Control or merger of the Company, Section 14 of the Plan may further limit this Option's exercisability.
- (e) This Option will not be exercisable after the Expiration Date, unless Section 4(g) of the Plan (which tolls expiration in very limited cases when there are legal restrictions on exercise) permits later exercise.

The Participant's signature below indicates that:

- (i) Participant agrees that this Option is granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, including their exhibits and appendices.
- (ii) Participant understands that the Company, Parent, any Subsidiary or their respective agents or Affiliates are not providing any tax, legal, or financial advice and are not making any recommendations regarding their participation in the Plan or their acquisition, ownership or sale of Shares.
- (iii) Participant has reviewed the Plan and this Agreement, has had an opportunity to obtain the advice of personal tax, legal, and financial advisors prior to signing this Agreement, and fully understands all provisions of the Plan and Agreement. The Participant will consult with their own personal tax, legal, and financial advisors before taking any action related to the Plan.

(iv) Participant has read and agrees to each provision of this Agreement, including without limitation, Section 11.

(v) The Participant will notify the Company of any change to the contact address below.

If Participant does not provide a signature below, the electronic equivalent of consent pursuant to Exhibit A, Section 11(e) of the Agreement, or reject the Option in written notice to the Company of rejection of the Option by the first date on which Shares subject to the Option are scheduled to vest, the Option shall be deemed accepted in accordance with sections (i)-(v), above as of the first date on which Shares subject to the Option vest and, the Participant will be agreeing to be subject to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

PARTICIPANT

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Signature

Address                    %%ADDRESS\_LINE\_1%-%

                          %%ADDRESS\_LINE\_2%-%

                          %%CITY%-% %%STATE%-% %%ZIPCODE%-%

                          %%COUNTRY%-%

**SCHEDULE A**  
**VESTING SCHEDULE**

<b>Vesting Date</b>	<b>Number of Shares Subject to the Option</b>
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**EXHIBIT A**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF STOCK OPTION GRANT**

1. **Grant.** The Company grants the Participant an Option to purchase Shares of Common Stock as described in the Notice of Grant. If there is a conflict between the Plan, this Agreement, or any other agreement with the Participant governing this Option, those documents will take precedence and prevail in the following order: (a) the Plan, (b) the Agreement, and (c) any other agreement between the Company and the Participant governing this Option.

If the Notice of Grant designates this Option as an Incentive Stock Option ("ISO"), this Option is intended to qualify as an ISO under Code Section 422. Even if this Option is designated an ISO, to the extent it first becomes exercisable as to more than \$100,000 in any calendar year, the portion in excess of \$100,000 is not an ISO under Code Section 422(d) and that portion will be a Nonstatutory Stock Option ("NSO"). For US tax purposes, to the extent applicable, if the Participant resides outside of the United States, this Option is intended to be a NSO and shall not be treated as an ISO. In addition, if the Participant exercises the Option after 3 months have passed since Participant ceased to be an employee of the Company or a Parent or Subsidiary of the Company, it will no longer be an ISO. If there is any other reason this Option (or a portion of it) will not qualify as an ISO, to the extent of such nonqualification, the Option will be an NSO. The Participant understands that Participant will have no recourse against the Administrator, any member of the Company Group, or any officer or director of a member of the Company Group if all or any portion of this Option is not an ISO whether upon grant or otherwise.

2. **Vesting.** This Option will only be exercisable (also referred to as vested) in accordance with the Vesting Schedule in the Notice of Grant, Section 3 of this Agreement, or Section 14 of the Plan. Shares scheduled to vest on a certain date or upon the occurrence of a certain condition will not vest unless the Participant continues to be a Service Provider until the time such vesting is scheduled to occur. The Administrator may modify the Vesting Schedule according to its authority under the Plan if the Participant takes a leave of absence or has a reduction in hours worked in accordance with the Company's Stock Award Vesting and ESPP Participation during Company-approved Leave of Absence Policy (as may be amended from time to time).

3. **Administrator Discretion.** The Administrator may accelerate the vesting of any portion of this Option. In that case, this Option will be vested as of the date and to the extent specified by the Administrator.

4. **Forfeiture upon Termination of Status as a Service Provider.** Upon the Participant's termination as a Service Provider for any reason, this Option will immediately stop vesting, and any portion of this Option that has not yet vested will be immediately forfeited for no consideration, subject to Applicable Laws. The date of the Participant's termination as a Service Provider is detailed in Section 3(c) of the Plan.

5. **Death of Participant.** Any distribution or delivery to be made to the Participant under this Agreement will, if Participant is then deceased, be made to the administrator or executor of their estate or, if the Administrator permits, their designated beneficiary. Any such transferee must furnish the Company with (a) written notice of their status as transferee, and (b) evidence satisfactory to the Company to establish the validity of the transfer and compliance with any laws or regulations that apply to the transfer.

6. **Exercise of Option.**

(a) **Right to Exercise.** This Option may be exercised only before its Expiration Date and only under the Plan and this Agreement.

(b) **Method of Exercise.** To exercise this Option, the Participant must deliver and the Administrator (or a party designated by the Administrator) must receive an exercise notice according to procedures determined by the Administrator. The exercise notice must:

- (i) state the number of Shares as to which this Option is being exercised (" **Exercised Shares**"),
- (ii) make any representations or agreements required by the Company,
- (iii) be accompanied by a payment of the total exercise price for all Exercised Shares,
- (iv) be accompanied by a payment of all required Tax-Related Items (defined in Section 8(a) of this Agreement) for all Exercised Shares, and
- (v) be accompanied by a statement that the Participant is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, if requested by the Administrator.

The Option is exercised when both the exercise notice and payments due under Sections 6(b)(iii) and 6(b)(iv) have been received by the Company for all Exercised Shares. The Administrator may designate a particular exercise notice to be used.

7. **Method of Payment.** The Participant may pay the exercise price for Exercised Shares by any of the following methods or a combination of methods in US Dollar (as applicable):

- (a) cash;
- (b) check;
- (c) wire transfer;
- (d) consideration received by the Company under a formal cashless exercise program adopted by the Company; or
- (e) surrender of other Shares, as long as the Company determines that accepting such Shares does not result in any adverse accounting consequences to the Company. If Shares are surrendered, the value of those Shares will be the Fair Market Value for those Shares on the date they are surrendered.

A non-U.S. resident's methods of exercise may be restricted by the terms and conditions of any appendix to this Agreement for the Participant's country (the " **Appendix**").

8. **Tax Obligations.**

(a) **Tax Withholding.**

(i) No Shares will be issued to the Participant until Participant makes satisfactory arrangements (as determined by the Administrator) for the payment of any United States, state, local or non-United States income, employment, social insurance, National Insurance Contributions, payroll tax, fringe benefit tax, payment on account, or other tax-related items related to their participation in the Plan and legally applicable to him or her that the Administrator determines must be withheld (collectively, "**Tax-Related Items**"), including those that result from the grant, vesting, or exercise of this Option, the subsequent sale of Shares acquired under this Option or the receipt of any dividends or other distributions (if any). If the Participant is a non-U.S. employee, the method of payment of Tax-Related Items may be modified by any Appendix. If the Participant fails to make satisfactory arrangements for the payment of any Tax-Related Items under this Agreement at the time of an

attempted Option exercise or as of the time any Tax-Related Items related to the Option are otherwise due (the “**Tax Withholding Date**”), the Company may refuse to honor the exercise and refuse to deliver the Shares.

(ii) The Company has the right (but not the obligation) to satisfy any Tax-Related Items by withholding from proceeds of a sale of Shares acquired upon the exercise of this Option arranged by the Company (on the Participant's behalf pursuant to this authorization without further consent), and this will be the method by which such tax withholding obligations are satisfied until the Company determines otherwise, subject to Applicable Laws.

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company has the right (but not the obligation) to satisfy any Tax-Related Items by reducing the number of Shares otherwise deliverable to the Participant.

(iv) The Participant authorizes the Company and/or any member(s) of the Company Group for whom Participant is performing services (each, an “**Employer**”) to withhold any Tax-Related Items legally payable by the Participant from their wages or other cash compensation paid to the Participant by the Company and/or the Employer(s) or from proceeds of the sale of Shares.

(v) Further, if the Participant is subject to taxation in more than one jurisdiction between the Grant Date and the date of any relevant taxable or tax withholding event, the Company and/or the Employer(s) or former Employer(s) may withhold or account for tax in greater than one jurisdiction.

(vi) Regardless of any action of the Company or the Employer(s), the Participant acknowledges that the ultimate liability for all Tax-Related Items is and remains their responsibility and that such Tax-Related Items and other tax liabilities of the Participant relating to the Options, the Plan or this Agreement may exceed the amount actually withheld by the Company or the Employer(s). The Participant further acknowledges that the Company, the Employer(s) and their respective agents and Affiliates (1) make no representations or undertakings regarding the treatment of any Tax-Related Items in connection with any aspect of the Option; and (2) do not commit to and are under no obligation to structure the terms of the grant or any aspect of this Option to reduce or eliminate their liability for Tax-Related Items or achieve any particular tax result.

(b) **Tax Reporting.** This Section 8(b) applies if the Participant is a U.S. taxpayer. If this Option is partially or wholly an ISO, and if the Participant sells or otherwise disposes of any the Shares acquired by exercising the ISO portion on or before the later of (i) the date 2 years after the Grant Date, or (ii) the date 1 year after the date of exercise, Participant may be subject to withholding of Tax-Related Items by the Company on the compensation income recognized by Participant and must immediately notify the Company in writing of the disposition.

9. **Forfeiture or Clawback.** The Participant hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Participant's incentive-based compensation (as such term is defined under the Company's Financial Restatement Clawback Policy (the “**Clawback Policy**”)), including, as applicable, this Option (including any proceeds, gains or other economic benefit received by the Participant from any subsequent sale of Shares resulting from the exercise) will be subject to the Clawback Policy (as may be amended from time to time) and any other compensation recovery or clawback policy implemented by the Company before or after the date of this Agreement. This includes any clawback policy adopted to comply with the requirements of Applicable Laws, including without limitation, Rule 10D-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1034 and any related stock exchange listing rules or other requirement to implement such rule. Accordingly, the Participant hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Option, any other award granted to the Participant under the Plan and any other incentive-based compensation provided to the Participant (as well as any other payments or benefits derived from such amounts, including any Shares issued or cash received upon vesting, exercise or settlement of any such awards or sale of Shares underlying such awards), which may include awards and other incentive-based compensation provided to the Participant prior to the date of this Agreement, may be subject to forfeiture and/or recoupment in accordance with the terms of the Clawback Policy or such other applicable clawback or recoupment arrangements or policies. If the Participant is a

director or employee of Square Financial Services, Inc. (the "Bank"), the Participant may also be required to forfeit any then-unvested portion of the Option if the Bank fails to meet the capital levels required to be considered well capitalized under section 324.403(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 324.403(b) for a period of one calendar month or more at any time while Participant is a director or employee of the Bank.

10. Rights as Stockholder. The Participant's rights as a stockholder of the Company (including the right to vote and to receive dividends and distributions) will not begin until Shares have been issued and recorded on the records of the Company or its transfer agents or registrars.

11. Acknowledgements and Agreements. The Participant's signature on the Notice of Grant accepting this Option or otherwise deemed acceptance of this Option indicates that:

(a) PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE VESTING OF THIS OPTION IS EARNED ONLY BY CONTINUING AS A SERVICE PROVIDER AND THAT BEING HIRED, GRANTED THIS OPTION, AND EXERCISING THE OPTION WILL NOT RESULT IN VESTING.

(b) PARTICIPANT FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THIS OPTION AND AGREEMENT DO NOT CREATE AN EXPRESS OR IMPLIED PROMISE OF CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT AS A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE VESTING PERIOD, FOR ANY PERIOD, OR AT ALL, AND DOES NOT INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH THEIR RIGHT OR THE RIGHT OF THE EMPLOYER(S) TO TERMINATE THEIR RELATIONSHIP AS A SERVICE PROVIDER AT ANY TIME, WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE LAWS.

(c) The Participant agrees that this Agreement and its incorporated documents reflect all agreements on its subject matters and that Participant is not accepting this Agreement based on any promises, representations, or inducements other than those reflected in the Agreement.

(d) The Participant understands that exercise of this Option is governed strictly by Sections 6, 7, and 8 of this Agreement and that failure to comply with those Sections could result in the expiration of this Option, even if an attempt was made to exercise.

(e) The Participant agrees that the Company's delivery of any documents related to the Plan or this Option (including the Plan, the Agreement, the Plan's prospectus and any reports of the Company provided generally to the Company's stockholders) to Participant may be made by electronic delivery, which may include the delivery of a link to a Company intranet or the Internet site of a third party involved in administering the Plan, the delivery of the document via email, or any other means of electronic delivery specified by the Company. If the attempted electronic delivery of such documents fails, the Participant will be provided with a paper copy of the documents. The Participant acknowledges that Participant may receive from the Company a paper copy of any documents that were delivered electronically at no cost to Participant by contacting the Company by telephone or in writing. The Participant may revoke their consent to the electronic delivery of documents or may change the electronic mail address to which such documents are to be delivered (if the Participant has provided an electronic mail address) at any time by notifying the Company of such revoked consent or revised e-mail address by telephone, postal service or electronic mail. The Participant also voluntarily agrees to participate in the Plan, including providing consent to the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, through an on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Company or a third party designated by the Company and such participation shall have the same force and effect as hardcopy signature. Finally, the Participant understands that Participant is not required to consent to electronic delivery of documents.

(f) The Participant may deliver any documents related to the Plan or this Option to the Company by e-mail or any other means of electronic delivery approved by the Administrator, but Participant must provide the Company or any designated third party administrator with a paper copy of any documents if their attempted electronic delivery of such documents fails.

(g) The Participant accepts that all good faith decisions or interpretations of the Administrator regarding the Plan and Awards under the Plan are binding, conclusive, and final. No member of the Administrator will be personally liable for any such decisions or interpretations.

(h) The Participant agrees that the Plan is established voluntarily by the Company, is discretionary in nature, and may be amended, suspended, or terminated by the Company at any time, to the extent permitted by the Plan.

(i) The Participant agrees that the grant of this Option is voluntary and occasional and does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of options, or benefits in lieu of options, even if options have been granted in the past.

(j) The Participant agrees that any decisions regarding future Awards will be in the Company's sole discretion.

(k) The Participant agrees that Participant is voluntarily participating in the Plan.

(l) The Participant agrees that this Option and any Shares acquired under the Plan are not intended to replace any pension rights or compensation.

(m) The Participant agrees that this Option, any Shares acquired under the Plan, and their income and value of same are not part of normal or expected compensation for any purpose, including for purposes of calculating any severance, resignation, termination, redundancy, dismissal, end-of-service payments, bonuses, holiday pay, long-service awards, pension or retirement or welfare benefits, or similar payments.

(n) The Participant agrees that the future value of the Shares underlying this Option is unknown, indeterminable, and cannot be predicted with certainty.

(o) The Participant understands that if the underlying Shares do not increase in value, this Option will have no intrinsic monetary value.

(p) The Participant understands that if this Option is exercised, the value of each Share received on exercise may increase or decrease in value, even below the Exercise Price per Share.

(q) The Participant agrees that, for purposes of this Option, their engagement as a Service Provider is terminated as of the Termination of Status Date (regardless of the reason for such termination and whether or not the termination is later found to be invalid or in breach of employment laws in the jurisdiction where Participant is a Service Provider or the terms of their service agreement, if any), unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or determined by the Administrator.

(r) The Participant agrees that any right to vest in this Option terminates as of the Termination of Status Date and will not be extended by any notice period (e.g., the period that Participant is a Service Provider would not include any contractual notice period or any period of "garden leave" or similar period mandated under employment laws (including common law, if applicable) in the jurisdiction where Participant is a Service Provider or by their service agreement or employment agreement, if any, unless Participant is providing bona fide services during such time).

(s) The Participant agrees that the period during which the Participant may exercise the vested portion of this Option after a termination of their status as a Service Provider (if any) will start as of the Termination of Status Date (regardless of the reason for such termination and whether or not the termination is later found to be invalid or in breach of employment laws in the jurisdiction where Participant is a Service Provider or the terms of their service agreement, if any), unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or determined by the Administrator.

(t) The Participant agrees that the Administrator has the exclusive discretion to determine when Participant is no longer actively providing services for purposes of this Option (including whether Participant is still considered to be providing services while on a leave of absence).

(u) The Participant agrees that no member of the Company Group is liable for any foreign exchange rate fluctuation between the Participant's local currency and the United States Dollar that may affect the value of this Option or of any amounts due to Participant from the exercise of this Option or the subsequent sale of any Shares acquired upon exercise.

(v) The Participant has read and, if applicable, agrees to the Data Privacy Provisions of Section 12 of this Agreement and the Block Employee Privacy Notice set forth at go/employee privacy (the "Privacy Notice"), and agrees to be bound by the Privacy Notice as it may be updated from time to time.

(w) The Participant agrees that Participant has no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages from any forfeiture of this Option resulting from the termination of their status as a Service Provider (for any reason whatsoever, whether or not later found to be invalid or in breach of employment laws in the jurisdiction where Participant is a Service Provider or the terms of their service agreement, if any), and in consideration of the grant of this Option to which Participant is otherwise not entitled, Participant irrevocably agrees never to institute any claim against the Company or any member of the Company Group, waives their ability (if any) to bring any such claim, and releases the Company and all members of the Company Group from any such claim. If any such claim is nevertheless allowed by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the Participant's participation in the Plan constitutes their irrevocable agreement to not pursue such claim and to execute any and all documents necessary to request dismissal or withdrawal of such claim.

12. Data Privacy.

**The following provisions shall apply only to the Participant if they reside outside the US, the EU or EEA, the UK, Switzerland:**

(a) The Participant voluntarily consents to the collection, use and transfer, in electronic or other form, of their personal data ("Data") as described in this Agreement (including the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be amended from time to time) and any other Award materials by and among, as applicable, the Employer(s), the Company and any member of the Company Group for the purpose of implementing, administering, and managing their participation in the Plan and as otherwise set forth in the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time. If the Participant does not choose to participate in the Plan, their employment status or service with the Company Group will not be adversely affected.

(b) The Participant understands that the Company and the Employer(s) may process certain Data about them, including, but not limited to, their name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, social insurance number or other identification number, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock or directorships held in the Company, details of all equity awards or any other entitlement to stock awarded, canceled, exercised, vested, unvested or outstanding in their favor, for the purposes of implementing, administering, and managing the Plan and as otherwise set forth in the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time.

(c) The Participant understands that Data will be transferred to one or more stock plan service provider(s) selected by the Company, which may assist the Company with the implementation, administration, and management of the Plan and for purposes as set forth in the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time. The Participant understands that the recipients of the Data may be located in the United States or elsewhere, and that the recipient's country (e.g., the United States) may have different, including less stringent, data privacy laws and protections than their country. The Participant authorizes the Company and any other possible recipients that may assist the Company (presently or in the future) with implementing, administering and managing the Plan to process the Data, in electronic or other form, for the

purposes of implementing, administering and managing their participation in the Plan and as otherwise set forth in the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time.

(d) The Participant understands that Data will be held only as long as is necessary to implement, administer and manage their participation in the Plan. Further, the Participant understands that Participant is providing these consents on a purely voluntary basis. If the Participant does not consent or if Participant later seeks to revoke their consent, their engagement as a Service Provider with the Employer(s) will not be adversely affected; the only consequence of refusing or withdrawing their consent is that the Company will not be able to grant Participant awards under the Plan or administer or maintain awards. Therefore, the Participant understands that refusing or withdrawing their consent may affect their ability to participate in the Plan (including the right to retain this Option). The Participant understands that the Participant may contact their local human resources representative for more information on the consequences of their refusal to consent or withdrawal of consent.

(e) The Participant's Rights in Respect of Data. In certain jurisdictions outside of the United States and to the extent required by Applicable Laws, the Participant may request a list with the names and addresses of any potential recipients of the Data and may request access to Data, request additional information about the processing of Data, require any necessary amendments to Data or refuse or withdraw the consents given by accepting this Option, in any case without cost, by contacting in writing their local human resources representative.

**The following provisions shall apply only to the Participant if they reside in the EU or EEA, the UK, Switzerland, or where EU Privacy laws are otherwise applicable:**

(a) Data Collected and Purposes of Collection. The Participant understands that the Company, as well as the Employer, acting as controller, may collect, to the extent permissible under applicable law, certain personal information about the Participant, including name, home address and telephone number, information necessary to process the Options (e.g., mailing address for a check payment or bank account wire transfer information), date of birth, social insurance number or other identification number, salary, nationality, job title, employment location, any capital shares or directorships held in the Company (but only where needed for legal or tax compliance), any other information necessary to process mandatory tax withholding and reporting, details of all granted, canceled, exercised or outstanding in Participant's favor, and where applicable service termination date and reason for termination (all such personal information is referred to as "**Data**"). The Data is collected from the Participant, the employing Subsidiary, and from the Company, for the exclusive purpose of implementing, administering and managing the Plan pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time. The legal basis (that is, the legal justification) for processing the Data is to perform the Agreement. The Data must be provided in order for the Participant to participate in the Plan and for the parties to the Agreement to perform their respective obligations thereunder and as otherwise set forth in the Privacy Notice, if applicable, as it may be updated from time to time. If the Participant does not provide Data, Participant will not be able to participate in the Plan and become a party to the Agreement.

(b) Transfers and Retention of Data. The Participant understands that the employing Subsidiary will transfer Data to the Company for purposes of plan administration. The Company and the employing Subsidiary may also transfer the Participant's Data to other service providers (such as accounting firms, payroll processing firms or tax firms), as may be selected by the Company in the future, to assist the Company with the implementation, administration and management of the Agreement. The Participant understands that Participant may request a list with the names and addresses of any potential recipients of the Data by contacting their local human resources representative. The Participant understands that the recipients of the Data may be located in the United States, a country that does not benefit from an adequacy decision issued by the European Commission. Where a recipient is located in a country that does not benefit from an adequacy decision, the transfer of the Data to that recipient will be made pursuant to standard contractual clauses for transfers of Participant's personal data to third parties located in a country that does not benefit from an adequacy decision, or another means to ensure that adequate safeguards are applied to Participant's personal data, such as EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework or standard contractual clauses approved by the European Commission. A

copy of the documents used to protect the Participant's personal data when it is transferred outside countries that benefit from an adequacy decision may be obtained via email at [privacy-eu@squareup.com](mailto:privacy-eu@squareup.com). The Participant understands that Data will be held only as long as is necessary to implement, administer and manage the Participant's rights and obligations under the Agreement, and for the duration of the relevant statutes of limitations, which may be longer than the term of the Agreement.

(c) **The Participant's Rights in Respect of Data.** The Company will take steps in accordance with applicable legislation to keep Data accurate, complete and up-to-date. The Participant is entitled to have any inadequate, incomplete or incorrect Data corrected (that is, rectified). The Participant also has the right to request access to the Participant's Data as well as additional information about the processing of that Data. Further, the Participant is entitled to object to the processing of Data or have their Data erased, under certain circumstances. As from May 25, 2018, and subject to conditions set forth in applicable law, the Participant is entitled to (i) restrict the processing of the Participant's Data so that it is stored but not actively processed (e.g., while the Company assesses whether the Participant is entitled to have Data erased) and (ii) receive a copy of the Data provided pursuant to the Agreement or generated by the Participant, in a common machine-readable format. To exercise the Participant's rights, the Participant may contact the local human resources representative. The Participant may also contact the relevant data protection supervisory authority, as Participant has the right to lodge a complaint. The data protection officer may be contacted via email at [privacy-eu@squareup.com](mailto:privacy-eu@squareup.com).

### 13. Miscellaneous

(a) **Address for Notices.** Any notice to be given to the Company under the terms of this Agreement must be addressed to the Company at Block, Inc., 1955 Broadway, Suite 600, Oakland, CA 94612 until the Company designates another address in writing.

(b) **Non-Transferability of Option.** This Option may not be transferred other than by will or the laws of descent or distribution and may be exercised during the lifetime of the Participant only by Participant or their representative following a Disability.

(c) **Binding Agreement.** If this Option is transferred, this Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, legatees, legal representatives, successors, and assigns of the parties to this Agreement.

(d) **Additional Conditions to Issuance of Stock.** If the Company determines that the listing, registration, qualification, or rule compliance of the Common Stock on any securities exchange or under any state, federal, or foreign law or the tax code and related regulations or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory authority is necessary or desirable as a condition to the issuance of Shares to the Participant (or their estate), the Company will try to meet the requirements of any such state, federal, or foreign law or securities exchange and to obtain any such consent or approval of any such governmental authority or securities exchange, but the Shares will not be issued until such conditions have been met in a manner acceptable to the Company.

(e) **Captions.** Captions provided in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not to serve as a basis for interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

(f) **Agreement Severable.** If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, that provision will be severed from the remaining provisions of this Agreement and the invalidity or unenforceability will have no effect on the remainder of the Agreement.

(g) **Non-U.S. Appendix.** This Option is subject to any special terms and conditions set forth in any Appendix. If the Participant relocates to a country included in the Appendix, the special terms and conditions for that country will apply to Participant to the extent the Company determines that applying such terms and conditions is necessary or advisable for legal or administrative reasons.

(h) **Choice of Law; Choice of Forum.** The Plan, this Agreement, this Option, and all determinations made and actions taken under the Plan, to the extent not otherwise governed by the laws of the United States, will be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to principles of conflicts of law. For purposes of litigating any dispute that arises under the Plan, the Participant's acceptance of this Option is their consent to the jurisdiction of the State of Delaware and their agreement that any such litigation will be conducted in the Delaware Court of Chancery or the federal courts for the United States for the District of Delaware and no other courts, regardless of where Participant is performing services.

(i) **Modifications to the Agreement.** The Plan and this Agreement constitute the entire understanding of the parties on the subjects covered. The Participant expressly warrants that Participant is not accepting this Agreement in reliance on any promises, representations, or inducements other than those contained herein. Modifications to this Agreement or the Plan can be made only in an express written contract executed by a duly authorized officer of the Company. The Company reserves the right to revise the Agreement as it deems necessary or advisable, in its sole discretion and without the consent of the Participant, to comply with Code Section 409A, to otherwise avoid imposition of any additional tax or income recognition under Code Section 409A in connection with this Option, or to comply with other Applicable Laws.

(j) **Waiver.** The Participant acknowledges that a waiver by the Company of a breach of any provision of this Agreement will not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision of this Agreement or of any subsequent breach of this Agreement by Participant.

(k) **No Advice Regarding Grant.** The Company and its Affiliates and agents are not providing any tax, legal or financial advice, nor are they making any recommendations regarding the Participant's participation in the Plan, or acquisition or sale of the underlying Shares. The Participant is hereby advised to consult with their own personal tax, legal and financial advisors regarding participation in the Plan before taking any action related to the Plan.

(l) **Language.** If the Participant has received this Agreement, or any other document related to the Options and/or the Plan translated into a language other than English and if the meaning of the translated version is different than the English version, the English version will control.

(m) **Asset Reporting.** There may be certain foreign asset and/or account reporting requirements which may affect Participant's ability to acquire or hold Shares or cash received from participating in the Plan in a brokerage or bank account outside Participant's country. Participant may be required to report such accounts, assets or related transactions to the tax or other authorities in the Participant's country. The Participant also may be required to repatriate sale proceeds or other funds received as a result of participating in the Plan to Participant's country within a certain time after receipt. Participant acknowledges that it is Participant's responsibility to comply with such regulations, and is advised to speak to a personal advisor on this matter.

14. **HSR.** To the extent necessary to comply with the filing requirements under HSR, Participant agrees to take any and all necessary actions to arrange for and complete the immediate and automatic sale of the Shares acquired upon the exercise of the Option covered by this Agreement.

**EXHIBIT B**

**APPENDIX TO STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT**

***Terms and Conditions***

This Appendix to Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (the "Appendix") includes additional terms and conditions that govern this Option granted to the Participant under the Plan if the Participant works or resides in one of the countries listed below.

***Notifications***

This Appendix may also include information regarding exchange controls and certain other issues of which the Participant should be aware with respect to participation in the Plan. The information is based on the securities, exchange control, and other Applicable Laws in effect in the respective countries as of December 2024. Such Applicable Laws are often complex and change frequently. As a result, the Company strongly recommends that the Participant not rely on the information in this Appendix as the only source of information relating to the consequences of participation in the Plan because the information may be out of date at the time the Participant sells Shares acquired under the Plan.

In addition, the information contained in this Appendix is general in nature and may not apply to the Participant's particular situation, and the Company is not in a position to assure Participant of a particular result. The Company is not providing the Participant with any tax, legal, or financial advice and is not making any recommendations regarding the Participant's acquisition or sale of shares of Common Stock acquired under the Plan. The Participant is advised to seek appropriate professional advice as to how the Applicable Laws in their country may apply to their situation.

Finally, if the Participant is a citizen or resident of a country other than the one in which the Participant is currently working, transfers employment after this Option is granted, or is considered a resident of another country for local law purposes, the information in this Appendix may not apply to Participant, and the Administrator will determine to what extent the terms and conditions in this Appendix apply.

**AUSTRALIA**

***Terms and Conditions***

**Exchange Control.** The Participant acknowledges and agrees that it is the Participant's sole responsibility to investigate and comply with any applicable exchange control laws in connection with the inflow of funds from the vesting of the Options or subsequent sale of the Shares and any dividends (if any) and that the Participant shall be responsible for any reporting of inbound international fund transfers required under applicable laws. The Participant is advised to seek appropriate professional advice as to how the exchange control regulations apply to the Participant's specific situation.

**Offer of Option.** The Board, in its absolute discretion, may make a written offer to an eligible person who is an Australian resident it chooses to accept this Option.

The offer will specify the maximum number of Shares the Participant may accept under this Option, the Grant Date, Exercise Price Per Share, the Expiration Date, the vesting conditions (if any), any applicable holding period and any disposal restrictions attaching this Option or the resulting Shares (all of which may be set by the Board in its absolute discretion). Details of the current market price of Shares of the Company in USD are available on the New York Stock Exchange website [www.nyse.com](http://www.nyse.com). The current market price of Shares in the Company in AUD will be made available by the Company to the Participant on request.

The offer is intended to receive tax-deferred treatment under Subdivision 83A-C of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997(Cth). The conditions to receive such treatment are contained in this Agreement.

The offer will be accompanied by an acceptance form and a copy of the Plan and this Agreement or, alternatively, details on how the Participant may obtain a copy of the Plan and this Agreement.

**Grant of Option.** If the Participant validly accepts the Board's offer of Options, the Board must grant the Participant the Options for the number of Shares for which the Options were accepted. However, the Board must *not* do so if the Participant has ceased to be an eligible person at the date when the Options are to be granted or the Company is otherwise prohibited from doing so under the *Corporations Act 2001*(Cth) without a disclosure document, product disclosure statement or similar document.

The Company must provide a copy of this Agreement in respect of the Options granted to the Participant to be executed by the Participant as soon as practicable after the Grant Date.

#### **Notifications**

**Application Period.** You may accept this offer of Options by providing affirmative consent to the Agreement before the first vesting date of the Options.

**Date of Grant.** Notwithstanding anything else in the Notice of Grant, the Company will only accept and deem affirmative consent to this Agreement after the 14th day following your receipt of this Agreement, and the Plan, and Options will only be granted to you after the Company receives affirmative consent to the Agreement from you.

**Plan.** A copy of the Plan that governs this offer of Options is attached to the Agreement.

**Nature of Plan and Offer.** The Plan is a plan to which Subdivision 83A-C of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) applies (subject to the conditions in that Act).

This offer of Options is made under Division 1A (Employee Share Schemes) of Part 7.12 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). Additional details are set forth in the Offer Letter - Block, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, which is being provided to the Participant along with this Agreement.

**Securities Law Information.** The offering and resale of the Shares acquired under the Plan to a person or entity resident in Australia may be subject to disclosure requirements under Australian law. The Participant should obtain legal advice regarding any applicable disclosure requirements prior to making any such offer.

**Employment Notice.** There are risks involved in acquiring and holding Options and any Shares the Participant receives if the Participant's Options are exercised, including:

- there is no guarantee that any Shares in the Company will grow in value – they may decline in value. Stock markets are subject to fluctuations and the Company's Share price can rise and fall, depending on the Company's performance and other internal and external factors;
- the Board may decide not to pay dividends, or change the level of dividends from time to time; and
- there are tax implications involved in acquiring and holding Options and Shares in the Company and the tax regime applying to the Participant may change.

**No Advice or Recommendation.** This Agreement is not intended to provide the sole or principal basis of any investment or credit decision or any other risk evaluation. The information contained in this Agreement is not a recommendation by the Company or any other person that any investor subscribes for Shares in the Company, and does not take into account a Participant's objectives, financial situation, and needs. Each Participant must conduct their own investigations and analysis of the operations and prospects of the Company that it considers necessary or desirable, including obtaining any professional advice, and should determine for itself its interest in acquiring Shares in the Company on the basis of such independent assessment and investigation.

## **CANADA**

### **Terms and Conditions**

Termination of Status Date. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan or the Agreement, the following provision shall apply to Participants employed in Canada on the date on which notification of termination (for any reason, with or without cause) or resignation from service is delivered:

For purposes of this Agreement, the Participant's Termination of Status Date shall mean the later of (i) the date upon which the Participant ceases to perform services for the Employer following the provision of such notification of termination or resignation from service and (ii) the end of any minimum period of notice of termination (if any) required by applicable employment or labour standards legislation. For clarity, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or determined by the Employer, no Options will vest under the Plan following the Participant's Termination of Status Date, and the Termination of Status Date will not be extended by any period of deemed notice of termination under contract or at common or civil law in respect of which the Participant may receive pay in lieu of notice of termination or damages in lieu of such notice. The Participant will not be entitled to any further payments in respect of the value of any Options that have not yet vested as of the Participant's Termination of Status Date and no Options or any pro-rated portion thereof shall be included in any entitlement to any pay in lieu of notice of termination or damages in lieu of such notice.

Data Privacy. This provision supplements Section 12 of this Agreement:

By accepting stock options granted under this plan, the Participant hereby authorizes the Company and the Company's representatives to discuss with and obtain all relevant information from all personnel involved in the administration and operation of the Plan. The Participant further authorizes the Company and the administrator of the Plan to disclose and discuss the Plan with their advisors. The Participant further authorizes the Company and its Subsidiary to record such information and to keep such information in the Participant's employee file while administering the plan.

The following terms and conditions apply to Service Providers resident in Quebec:

French Language Documents. A French translation of the Agreement and certain other documents related to the Option will be made available to the Participant as soon as reasonably practicable. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, and unless the Participant indicates otherwise, the French translation of the Agreement and certain other documents will govern the Participant's participation in the Plan.

### **Notifications**

Securities Law Information. The Participant is not permitted to sell or otherwise dispose of the Shares acquired upon exercise of the Option within Canada. The Participant will be permitted to sell or dispose of shares acquired upon the exercise of an Option, provided the resale of shares takes place outside Canada. The Participant may sell Shares to the Company, provided the Company is located outside Canada, or should the Company's shares be publicly traded, the Participant may sell shares through the facilities of a stock exchange on which the Shares are listed, provided it is outside Canada.

Foreign Asset / Account Reporting Information. If the total value of the Participant's foreign property (including cash or shares held outside Canada) exceeds a legally designated amount at any time during the year, the Participant must report all of their foreign property on Form T1135 (Foreign Income Verification Statement) by April 30 of the following year. The Option must be reported (generally at a nil cost) if the cost threshold is exceeded by other foreign property held. Shares may be reported at their adjusted cost bases ("ACB"), which is ordinarily equal to the fair market value of the shares at the time of acquisition. However, if other shares are held, the ACB may have to be averaged with the ACB of the other shares. *The Participant should consult with their personal advisor to ensure compliance with the applicable reporting requirements.*

Share Settlement of Option. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or this Agreement, Option granted to Canadian Participants shall only be settled in Shares and shall not be settled in cash.

#### GERMANY

##### **Notifications**

Securities Disclaimer. Participation in the Plan and the grant of the Option is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Germany.

Exchange Control Information. If the Participant remits proceeds in excess of a legally designated amount out of or into Germany, such cross-border payment must be reported monthly to the German Federal Bank (Bundesbank). The report must be filed electronically and the form of report ("Allgemeine Meldeportal Statistik") can be accessed via the Bundesbank's website ([www.bundesbank.de](http://www.bundesbank.de)). If the Participant uses a German bank to transfer a cross-border payment in excess of a legally designated amount in connection with the sale of Shares acquired under the Plan, the bank will make the report for the Participant. In addition, the Participant may be required to report the acquisition of securities (e.g., Shares) to the Bundesbank via email or telephone if the value of the securities exceeds a certain threshold. The Participant is responsible for complying with applicable reporting requirements and should consult with a personal legal advisor to ensure compliance.

##### **Terms and Conditions**

Prohibition on Insider Dealing. The Participant should be aware that the insider dealing rules of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and Council (Market Abuse Regulation) apply in Germany, which may affect transactions under the Plan such as the subscription or participation, the suspension, the cancellation or an amending order, the acquisition or sale of Shares acquired under the Plan, if the Participant has inside information regarding the Company. The Participant is advised to determine carefully whether Participant has inside information in respect of the Company and whether and to what extent insider dealing rules can apply to Participant. In case of uncertainty, the Company recommends that the Participant consult with a legal advisor.

Limitation of Liability. The Participant is responsible for compliance with any laws to be observed by the Participant in person in conjunction with participation in the Plan. The Company cannot be held liable if the Participant violates German law or any other applicable rules to be complied with by the Participant in conjunction with participation in the Plan including, but not limited to, insider dealing restrictions under the Market Abuse Regulation.

#### JAPAN

##### **Terms and Conditions**

Tax Consultation. The Participant understands that the Options are not intended to be tax-qualified or tax-preferred under current tax laws of Japan and the Participant may need to submit a certain form to the tax office and may suffer adverse tax consequences as a result of your acquisition, holding, or disposition of the Shares. The Participant represents that Participant will consult with any tax advisors that Participant deems appropriate in connection with the acquisition, holding, or disposition of the Shares and that the Participant is not relying on the Company and any Parents or Subsidiaries for any tax advice.

##### **Notifications**

Foreign Exchange. Under certain circumstances, the Participant may be required to file a report with the Ministry of Finance if the Participant intends to acquire Shares whose value exceeds a legally designated amount. The reporting, if required, is due within 20 days from the purchase of the Shares (however, if the Participant acquires such Shares through a securities company in Japan, such requirement will not be imposed). The reporting requirements vary depending on whether the relevant payment is made through a bank in Japan.

The Participant is advised to seek appropriate professional advice as to how the exchange control regulations, tax, or other laws in the Participant's country apply to Participant's specific situation. Laws and regulations change frequently and occasionally on a retroactive basis.

**Foreign Asset/Account Reporting Information.** Japanese residents holding assets outside of Japan with a total net fair market value exceeding a legally designated amount (as of December 31 each year) are required to comply with annual tax reporting obligations with respect to such assets. The threshold for foreign asset reporting is subject to change therefore the Participant is advised to consult with a personal tax advisor to ensure that Participant is properly complying with applicable reporting requirements.

**Securities Law Information.** The Options and the Shares have not been registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948), as amended (the "FIEA"). The Options and the Shares issuable upon the exercise of Options may not be offered or sold in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan. As used herein, the term "resident of Japan" means any natural person having his place of domicile or residence in Japan, or any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan or having its main office in Japan.

#### **NETHERLANDS**

##### ***Notifications***

**Prohibition Against Insider Trading.** The Participant should be aware of the Dutch insider trading rules, which may affect the sale of Shares acquired under the Plan. In particular, the Participant may be prohibited from effecting certain share transactions if the Participant has insider information regarding the Company. Below is a discussion of the applicable restrictions.

The Participant is advised to read the discussion carefully to determine whether the insider rules could apply to him or her. If the Participant is uncertain whether the insider rules apply, the Company recommends that the Participant consult with a legal advisor. The Company cannot be held liable if the Participant violates the Dutch insider trading rules. The Participant is responsible for ensuring their compliance with these rules.

Dutch securities laws prohibit insider trading. As of 3 July 2016, the European Market Abuse Regulation ("MAR"), is applicable in the Netherlands. For further information, the Participant is referred to the website of the Authority for the Financial Markets ("AFM"): <https://www.afm.nl/en/sector/effectenuitgevende-ondernemingen>.

Given the broad scope of the definition of inside information, certain employees of the Company working at its Dutch affiliate may have inside information and thus are prohibited from making a transaction in securities in the Netherlands at a time when they have such inside information. By entering into this Agreement and participating in the Plan, the Participant acknowledges having read and understood the notification above and acknowledges that it is the Participant's responsibility to comply with the Dutch insider trading rules, as discussed herein.

**Securities Law Information.** Participation in the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in the Netherlands.

#### **SPAIN**

##### ***Terms and Conditions***

**Service Conditions.** This provision supplements Section 11 of this Agreement:

In accepting this Option, the Participant consents to participate in the Plan and acknowledges that the Participant has received a copy of the Plan.

The Participant understands that the Company has unilaterally, gratuitously and discretionally decided to grant Option under the Plan to individuals who may be Service Providers of the Company or any Subsidiary throughout the world. The decision is a limited decision that is entered into upon the express assumption and condition that any grant will not economically or otherwise bind the Company or any Subsidiary, over and above the specific terms of the Plan. Consequently, the Participant understands that this Option is granted on the assumption and condition that this Option and any Shares acquired upon exercise of this Option are not part of any employment contract (either with the Company or any Subsidiary) and shall not be considered a mandatory benefit, salary for any purposes (including severance compensation) or any other right whatsoever. In addition, the Participant understands that this Option would not be granted to the Participant but for the assumptions and conditions referred to herein; thus, the Participant acknowledges and freely accepts that should any or all of the assumptions be mistaken or should any of the conditions not be met for any reason, then the grant of this Option shall be null and void.

This Option is a conditional right to Shares and will be forfeited in the case of the Participant's termination of status as a Service Provider. This will be the case even if (1) the Participant is considered to be unfairly dismissed without cause (*despido improcedente*); (2) the Participant is dismissed for disciplinary or objective reasons or due to a collective dismissal, whether adjudged or recognized to be with or without cause; (3) the Participant's status as a Service Provider terminates due to a change of work location, duties or any other material modification of the terms of services; (4) the Participant's status as a Service Provider terminates due to unilateral breach of contract of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; or (5) the Participant's status as a Service Provider terminates for any other reason whatsoever (including, but not limited to, mutual agreement, resignation, retirement, death, permanent disability, causes included in the employment contract, expiry of the temporary contract, force majeure and under Article 10.3 of the Royal Decree Law 1382/1985). Consequently, upon termination of the Participant's status as a Service Provider for any of the reasons set forth above, the Participant will automatically lose any rights to the unvested Option granted to Participant as of the date of the Participant's termination of status date, as described in the Plan and this Agreement.

#### **Notifications**

Securities Law Information. The grant of Option under the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Spain.

The Option does not qualify under Spanish Law as securities. No "offer to the public," as defined under Spanish Law, has taken place or will take place in the Spanish territory. Neither the Plan nor this Agreement have been registered with the Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores and do not constitute a public offering prospectus.

The Participant may be required to declare electronically to the Bank of Spain any securities accounts (including brokerage accounts held abroad), any foreign instruments (e.g., Shares), and any transactions with non-Spanish residents (including any payments of cash or Shares made to the Participant by the Company) if the balances in such accounts together with the value of such instruments as of December 31, or the volume of transactions with non-Spanish residents during the prior or current year, exceeds a legally designated amount. Once the threshold has been surpassed in either respect, the Participant will generally be required to report all foreign accounts, foreign instruments, and transactions with non-Spanish residents, even if the relevant threshold has not been crossed for an individual item. Generally, the Participant will only be required to report on an annual basis (by March 31 of each year).

Further, when receiving foreign currency payments derived from the ownership of the shares (i.e., dividends or sale proceeds), the Participant must inform the Spanish Registered Entity receiving the payment of the basis upon which such payment is made. Should the amounts exceed a legally designated amount, the Participant will need

to provide the following information to the Spanish Registered Entity: (i) their name, address, and tax identification number; (ii) the name and corporate domicile of the Company; (iii) the amount of the payment and the currency used; (iv) the country of origin; (v) the reasons for the payment; and (vi) any further information that may be required. Exceptions to this rule include when the Participant moves funds through a Spanish resident bank account opened abroad, or when collections and payments are carried out in cash. These exceptions, however, are subject to their own reporting requirements.

Foreign Asset/Account Reporting Information. To the extent that the Participant holds Shares and/or has bank accounts outside Spain with a value in excess of a certain designated amount (for each type of asset) as of December 31 each year, the Participant will be required to report information on such assets through tax form 720. After such Shares and/or accounts are initially reported, the reporting obligation will apply for subsequent years only if the value of any previously-reported Shares or accounts increases by more than a certain designated amount. The Participant should consult their personal advisor in this regard. Further, the Participant is required to declare electronically to the Bank of Spain any securities accounts (including brokerage accounts held abroad), as well as the Shares held in such accounts if the value of the transactions during the prior tax year or the balances in such accounts as of December 31 of the prior tax year exceed certain designated amount.

#### SWEDEN

##### **Terms and Conditions**

Exchange Control. The Participant understands and agrees that foreign and local banks or financial institutions (including brokers) engaged in cross-border transactions generally may be required to report any payments to or from a foreign country exceeding a certain amount to The National Tax Board, which receives the information on behalf of the Swedish Central Bank (Sw.Riksbanken). This requirement may apply even if the Participant has a brokerage account with a foreign broker.

##### **Notifications**

Securities Law Information. Participation in the Plan is exempt or excluded from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the EU Prospectus Regulation as implemented in Sweden.

#### UNITED KINGDOM

##### **Terms and Conditions**

Tax Withholding. The Participant hereby covenants to pay any applicable Tax-Related Items when requested by the Company, the Employer or HM Revenue & Customs. The Participant also agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified the Company and the Employer against any taxes that they are required to pay or withhold or have paid or will pay to HM Revenue & Customs (or any other tax or relevant authority) on the Participant's behalf.

Employer's National Insurance Charges. As a further condition of the delivery of Shares pursuant to the Option, at the Company's sole discretion, the Participant shall join with the Company or any other company or person who is or becomes a Secondary Contributor in making a Joint Election which has been approved by HM Revenue & Customs, for the transfer of the whole of any Secondary NIC Liability.

##### **Notifications**

Securities Law Information. Neither this Agreement nor the Appendix is an approved prospectus for the purposes of section 85(1) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") and no offer of transferable securities to the public (for the purposes of section 102B of FSMA) is being made in connection with this Agreement. This Agreement and the Option are exclusively available in the UK to bona fide employees and former employees of the Company or its Parent or Subsidiary.

Non-Qualified Grants. The Option is not intended to be tax-qualified or tax-preferred under current tax rules and regulations in the United Kingdom.

Tax Consultation. The Participant understands that Participant may suffer adverse tax consequences as a result of Participant's acquisition, holding, or disposition of the Shares. The Participant represents that Participant will consult with any tax advisors that the Participant deems appropriate in connection with the acquisition, holding, or disposition of the Shares and that the Participant is not relying on the Company and any Parents or Subsidiaries for any tax advice.

Prohibition Against Insider Dealing. The Participant should be aware of the UK's insider dealing rules under the Criminal Justice Act 1993, which may affect transactions under the Plan such as the acquisition or sale of Shares acquired under the Plan, if the Participant has inside information regarding the Company. If the Participant is uncertain whether the insider dealing rules apply, the Company recommends that the Participant consult with a legal advisor. The Company cannot be held liable if the Participant violates the UK's insider dealing rules. The Participant is responsible for ensuring Participant's compliance with these rules.

**Outside Director Compensation Policy**

(Adopted On November 4, 2015; Effective As Of November 18, 2015; As Last Amended on February 6, 2025 with changes effective as of April 1, 2025)

Block, Inc. (the “**Company**”) believes that the granting of cash compensation and equity to members of its Board of Directors (the **Board**,” and members of the Board, the “**Directors**”) represents an effective tool to attract, retain, and reward Directors who are not employees of the Company (the “**Outside Directors**”). This Outside Director Compensation Policy (the “**Policy**”) is intended to formalize the Company’s policy regarding grants of cash compensation and equity to its Outside Directors. Unless defined in this Policy, capitalized terms are defined in the Company’s 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time (or any successor plan thereto) (the “**Plan**”). Each Outside Director is solely responsible for any tax obligations they incur from the receipt of any compensation under this Policy. The Company will reimburse each Outside Director for reasonable, customary, and documented travel expenses in connection with attending meetings of the Board or any committee of the Board.

This Policy is amended effective as of April 1, 2025 (the ‘**Effective Date**’).

**1. CASH RETAINERS**

*Annual Cash Retainer*

Each Outside Director will be paid an annual cash retainer of \$50,000.

*Committee Chair and Committee Member Annual Cash Retainers*

Each Outside Director who serves as chairperson or member of a committee of the Board will be paid additional annual cash retainers as follows:

Chairperson of Audit and Risk Committee: \$35,000

Chairperson of Compensation Committee: \$25,000

Chairperson of Nominating and Corporate Governance

Committee: \$20,000

Member of Audit and Risk Committee: \$17,500

Member of Compensation Committee: \$12,500

Member of Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee: \$10,000

All cash compensation will be paid quarterly in arrears on a prorated basis (the last day of each fiscal quarter, a **Retainer Accrual Date**). For the avoidance of doubt, an Outside Director who serves as chairperson of a committee of the Board will not also be paid the additional annual

cash retainer for their service as a member of such committee. No Outside Director will receive per meeting attendance fees for attending meetings of the Board or its committees.

## 2. EQUITY COMPENSATION

Outside Directors may be granted all types of equity awards (except incentive stock options) under the Plan or any other Company equity plan in place at the time of grant ("Awards"), including discretionary Awards not covered under this Policy. All grants of Awards to Outside Directors under this Policy will be made in accordance with this Section 2 and no Awards may be made if they would exceed any limitations in the Plan.

### (a) Elections To Receive Restricted Stock Units in Lieu of Cash Retainers

(i) **Retainer Award.** Each Outside Director may elect to convert all of their cash compensation under Section 1 into an Award of Restricted Stock Units (each a "**Retainer Award**") in accordance with this Section 2 (such election, a "**Retainer Award Election**"). If an Outside Director timely makes a Retainer Award Election, on the first business day following the immediately preceding Retainer Accrual Date to which that Retainer Award Election applies (provided that such Outside Director is a Service Provider on such date), such Outside Director automatically will be granted an Award of Restricted Stock Units covering a number of units equal to (A) the aggregate amount of cash compensation otherwise payable to such Outside Director under Section 1 on such Retainer Accrual Date divided by (B) the closing price per Share as of the Retainer Accrual Date (or the last trading day of the quarter if the Retainer Accrual Date falls on a non-trading day) and rounding down to the next whole Share. The Retainer Award will be fully vested on the grant date. For the avoidance of doubt, if an Outside Director makes a Retainer Award Election but thereafter ceases to be a Service Provider as of or prior to an applicable Retainer Accrual Date to which such Retainer Award Election relates, the Outside Director shall be provided their cash retainer under Section 1 as of such date (to the extent applicable) as if no Retainer Award Election was made or effective.

(ii) **Election Mechanics.** Each Retainer Award Election must be submitted to the Company's General Counsel in writing at least 10 business days in advance of a Retainer Accrual Date, and subject to any other conditions specified by the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board (the "**Compensation Committee**"). An Outside Director may only make a Retainer Award Election during a period in which the Company is not in a quarterly or special blackout period and the Outside Director is not in possession of any material non-public information. Once a Retainer Award Election is properly submitted, it will be in effect for the next Retainer Accrual Date and will remain in effect for successive Retainer Accrual Dates unless and until the Outside Director revokes it in accordance with clause Section 2(a)(iii) below or ceases to be a Service Provider as of or prior to the applicable Retainer Accrual Date. An Outside Director who fails to make a timely Retainer Award Election or who ceases to be a Service Provider as of or prior to the applicable Retainer Accrual Date will not receive a Retainer Award and instead will receive the cash compensation under Section 1.

(iii) **Revocation Mechanics.** The revocation of any Retainer Award Election must be submitted to the Company's General Counsel in writing at least 10 business days in advance of a Retainer Accrual Date, and subject to any other conditions specified by the Board or Compensation Committee. An Outside Director may only revoke a Retainer Award Election during a period in which the Company is not in a quarterly or special blackout period and the Outside Director is not aware of any material non-public information. Once the revocation of the Retainer Award Election is properly submitted, it will be in effect for the next Retainer Accrual Date and will remain in effect for successive Retainer Accrual Dates unless and until the Outside Director makes a new Retainer Award Election in accordance with Section 2(a)(ii) above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Outside Director may elect to revoke their Retainer Award Election at any time prior to the grant of a Retainer Award if the receipt of such Retainer Award or the issuance of Shares thereunder, in either case, is reasonably expected to result in a violation of, or a penalty, fee, or filing to the Outside Director under applicable law. If an Outside Director revokes their Retainer Award Election pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence, the rules set forth in the last sentence of the immediately preceding paragraph shall apply.

(b) **Automatic Outside Director Awards**

(i) **No Discretion.** All grants of Awards to Outside Directors pursuant to this Section 2(b) will be automatic and nondiscretionary. No person will have any discretion to select which Outside Directors will be granted any Awards under this Section 2(b) or to determine the number of Shares to be covered by such Awards.

(ii) **Initial Award.** Upon an Outside Director's initial appointment to the Board (other than by appointment on the date of each annual meeting of the Company's stockholders (the "**Annual Meeting**") following the Effective Date), such Outside Director automatically will be granted an Award of Restricted Stock Units with a grant date fair value (determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles) of \$275,000 multiplied by a fraction (A) the numerator of which is (x) 12 minus (y) the number of months between the date of the last Annual Meeting and the date the Outside Director becomes a member of the Board and (B) the denominator of which is 12 (an "**Initial Award**"). Subject to Section 2(b)(v), each Initial Award will fully vest upon the earlier of: (i) the first anniversary of the grant date; or (ii) the next Annual Meeting, in each case subject to the Outside Director continuing to be a Service Provider through the vesting date. For the avoidance of doubt, should the appointment date be the same as the date of an Annual Meeting, then such Outside Director will only be granted an Annual Award (as defined below).

(iii) **Annual Award.** On the date of each Annual Meeting following the Effective Date, each Outside Director automatically will be granted an Award of Restricted Stock Units with a grant date fair value (determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles) of \$275,000 (an "**Annual Award**"). Subject to Section 2(b)(v), each Annual Award will fully vest upon the earlier of: (i) the first anniversary of the grant date;

or (ii) the next Annual Meeting, in each case subject to the Outside Director continuing to be a Service Provider through the vesting date.

(iv) **Lead Independent Director Annual Award.** On the date of each Annual Meeting following the Effective Date, the Lead Independent Director automatically will be granted an additional Award of Restricted Stock Units with a grant date fair value (determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles) of \$70,000 (the "**Lead Independent Director Annual Award**"). Subject to Section 2(b)(v), each Lead Independent Director Annual Award will fully vest upon the earlier of: (i) the first anniversary of the grant date; or (ii) the next Annual Meeting, in each case subject to the Lead Independent Director continuing to be a Service Provider through the vesting date.

(v) **Change in Control.** In the event of a Change in Control, each Outside Director will fully vest in their Awards granted under this Policy.

### **3. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

In addition to the terms of this Policy, all provisions of the Plan (or such other Company equity plan in place at the time under which the Awards are granted) will apply to Awards granted to Outside Directors.

### **4. REVISIONS**

The Board in its discretion may at any time change and otherwise revise the terms of the cash compensation granted under this Policy, including, without limitation, the amount or timing of payment of any future grants of cash compensation. The Board in its discretion may at any time change and otherwise revise the terms of Awards to be granted under this Policy, including, without limitation, the number of Shares subject thereto. The Board in its discretion may at any time suspend or terminate the Policy.

**Block, Inc. Insider Trading Policy and Guidelines with  
Respect to Certain Transactions in Securities**

(Adopted on November 4, 2015; Effective as of November 18, 2015; As Last Amended on October 25, 2024)

**INTRODUCTION**

As described in more detail below in this Insider Trading Policy (this “**Policy**”), when a person purchases, sells, transfers, or otherwise trades a company’s securities while aware of material nonpublic information, or discloses material nonpublic information to others who then trade the company’s securities, it is considered a violation of the insider trading laws. Block, Inc. (together with its direct and indirect subsidiaries, the “**Company**”) opposes the unauthorized disclosure of any nonpublic information acquired in the course of your service with the Company and the misuse of material nonpublic information in securities trading. If you engage in such actions, you will violate this Policy. You are required to read and understand this Policy, which, in a number of respects, contains prohibitions that are broader in scope than the insider trading laws. Any violation of law or this Policy may lead to severe sanctions by the Company as well as the government.

*Legal prohibitions on insider trading*

The antifraud provisions of U.S. federal securities laws prohibit directors, officers, employees and other individuals who possess material nonpublic information from trading on the basis of that information. Transactions will be considered “on the basis of” material nonpublic information if the person engaged in the transaction was aware of the material nonpublic information at the time of the transaction. It is not a defense that the person did not “use” the information for purposes of the transaction.

Disclosing material nonpublic information directly or indirectly to others or making recommendations or expressing opinions as to transactions in securities while aware of material nonpublic information (which is sometimes referred to as “tipping”) is also illegal. Both the person who provides the information, recommendation or opinion and the person who trades based on it may be liable.

These illegal activities are commonly referred to as “insider trading.” State securities laws and securities laws of other jurisdictions also impose restrictions on insider trading.

In addition, a company, as well as individual directors, officers and other supervisory personnel, may be subject to liability as “controlling persons” for failure to take appropriate steps to prevent insider trading by those under their supervision, influence or control. The Insider Trading and Securities Fraud Enforcement Act of 1988, for example, mandates that “[e]very person who, directly or indirectly, controls any person liable [for insider trading] shall also be liable jointly and severally with and to the same extent as such controlled person...unless the controlling person acted in good faith and did not directly or indirectly induce the act or acts constituting the violation or cause of action.”

*Detection and prosecution of insider trading*

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“**FINRA**”) and the stock exchanges use sophisticated electronic surveillance techniques to investigate and detect insider trading, and the SEC and the U.S. Department of Justice pursue insider trading violations vigorously. Cases involving trading through foreign accounts, trading by family members and friends and trading involving only a small number of shares have been successfully prosecuted.

*Penalties for violation of insider trading laws and this Policy*

**Civil and criminal penalties.** As of the effective date of this Policy, potential penalties for insider trading violations under U.S. federal securities laws include:

- damages in a private lawsuit;
- disgorging any profits made or losses avoided;
- imprisonment for up to 20 years;
- criminal fines of up to \$5 million for individuals and \$25 million for entities;
- civil fines of up to three times the profit gained or loss avoided;
- a bar against serving as an officer or director of a public company; and
- an injunction against future violations.

**Civil and criminal penalties also apply to tipping.** The SEC has imposed large penalties in tipping cases even when the disclosing person did not trade or gain any benefit from another person's trading. In addition to the person violating the laws, Block and our individual directors, officers and other supervisory personnel may be subject to criminal and civil lawsuits and financial penalties in connection with a violation of the insider trading laws.

**Company disciplinary actions.** If the Company has a reasonable basis to conclude that you have failed to comply with this Policy, you may be subject to disciplinary action by the Company, up to and including termination of your employment, regardless of whether or not your failure to comply with this Policy results in a violation of law. It is not necessary for the Company to wait for the filing or conclusion of any civil or criminal action against an alleged violator before taking disciplinary action. In addition, the Company may give stop transfer and other instructions to the Company's transfer agent to enforce compliance with this Policy. In addition, please remember that the Company may prohibit a transaction from being completed or unwind a transaction to enforce compliance with this Policy and any fees or other costs related to prohibiting or unwinding the transaction will be your responsibility.

*Reporting violations*

It is your responsibility to help enforce this Policy. The Chief Legal Officer and Legal Department are generally responsible for the administration of this Policy. You should be alert to possible violations

and promptly report violations or suspected violations of this Policy via the Company's Ethics site at [ethics.block.xyz](http://ethics.block.xyz), through which you may choose to identify yourself or remain anonymous. Concerns submitted through the Ethics site will be reviewed by the Chief Legal Officer, a member of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Board and/or others, as appropriate. If you make an anonymous report, please provide as much detail as possible, including any evidence that you believe may be relevant to the issue.

#### *Personal responsibility*

The ultimate responsibility for complying with this Policy and applicable laws and regulations rests with you. You should use your best judgment at all times and consult with your legal and financial advisors, as needed. We advise you to seek assistance if you have any questions at all. The rules relating to insider trading can be complex, and a violation of insider trading laws can carry severe consequences.

#### **PERSONS AND TRANSACTIONS COVERED BY THIS POLICY**

##### *Persons covered by this Policy*

This Policy applies to all directors, officers, employees and agents (such as consultants and independent contractors) of the Company. References in this Policy to "you" (as well as general references to directors, officers, employees and agents of the Company) should also be understood to include members of your immediate family, persons with whom you share a household, persons that are your economic dependents and any other individuals or entities whose transactions in securities you influence, direct or control (including, for example, a venture or other investment fund, if you influence, direct or control transactions by the fund). You are responsible for making sure that these other individuals and entities comply with this Policy.

##### *Types of transactions covered by this Policy*

Except as discussed in the section entitled "Limited Exceptions", this Policy applies to all transactions involving the securities of the Company or the securities of other companies as to which you possess material nonpublic information obtained in the course of your service with the Company. This Policy therefore applies to purchases, sales and other transfers (including gifts and estate planning transfers) of common stock, options, warrants, preferred stock, debt securities (such as debentures, bonds and notes) and other securities (including distributions of securities by a venture or other investment fund to its constituent equity holders). This Policy also applies to any arrangements that affect economic exposure to changes in the prices of these securities. These arrangements may include, among other things, transactions in derivative securities (such as exchange-traded put or call options), hedging transactions, short sales and certain decisions with respect to participation in benefit plans. In addition, this Policy applies to pledging securities as collateral for loans. This Policy also applies to any offers with respect to the transactions discussed above. You should note that there are no exceptions from insider trading laws or this Policy based on the size of the transaction.

##### *Responsibilities regarding the nonpublic information of other companies*

This Policy prohibits the unauthorized disclosure or other misuse of any nonpublic information of other companies, such as the Company's distributors, vendors, customers, collaborators, suppliers and competitors. This Policy also prohibits insider trading and tipping based on the material nonpublic information of other companies obtained in the course of your service with the Company.

*Applicability of this Policy after your departure*

You are expected to comply with this Policy until such time as you are no longer affiliated with the Company and you no longer possess any material nonpublic information subject to this Policy. In addition, if you are subject to a trading blackout under this Policy at the time you cease to be affiliated with the Company, you are expected to abide by the applicable trading restrictions until at least the end of the relevant blackout period.

*No exceptions based on personal circumstances*

There may be instances where you suffer financial harm or other hardship or are otherwise required to forego a planned transaction because of the restrictions imposed by this Policy. Personal financial emergencies or other personal circumstances are not mitigating factors under the securities laws and will not excuse a failure to comply with this Policy.

**MATERIAL NONPUBLIC INFORMATION**

*"Material" information*

Information should be regarded as material if there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor would consider it important in deciding whether to buy, hold or sell securities or would view the information as significantly altering the total mix of information in the marketplace about the issuer of the security. In general, any information that could reasonably be expected to affect the market price of a security is likely to be material. Either positive or negative information may be material.

It is not possible to define all categories of "material" information. However, some examples of information that could be regarded as material include information with respect to:

- Financial results, financial condition, earnings pre-announcements, guidance, projections or forecasts, particularly if inconsistent with the Company's guidance or the expectations of the investment community;
- Restatements of financial results, or material impairments, write-offs or restructurings;
- Changes in independent auditors, or notification that the Company may no longer rely on an audit report;
- Business plans or budgets;

- Creation of significant financial obligations, or any significant default under or acceleration of any financial obligation;
- Impending bankruptcy or financial liquidity problems;
- Significant developments involving business relationships, including execution, modification or termination of significant agreements or orders with customers, suppliers, distributors, manufacturers or other business partners;
- Product introductions, modifications, defects or recalls or significant pricing changes or other product announcements of a significant nature;
- Significant developments in research and development or relating to intellectual property;
- Significant legal or regulatory developments, whether actual or threatened;
- Cybersecurity risks and incidents, including vulnerabilities or breaches;
- Major events involving the Company's securities, including calls of securities for redemption, adoption of stock repurchase programs, option repricings, stock splits, changes in dividend policies, public or private securities offerings, imminent distribution of venture investors' holdings to limited partners, modification to the rights of security holders or notice of delisting;
- Significant corporate events, such as a pending or proposed merger, joint venture or tender offer, a significant investment, the acquisition or disposition of a significant business or asset or a change in control of the Company;
- The existence of a special blackout period;
- Major personnel changes, such as changes in senior management or lay-offs; and
- Updates regarding any prior material disclosure that has materially changed.

Material information is not limited to historical facts but may also include projections and forecasts. With respect to a future event, such as a merger, acquisition or introduction of a new product, the point at which negotiations or product development are determined to be material is determined by balancing the probability that the event will occur against the magnitude of the effect the event would have on the Company's operations or stock price should it occur.

If you have any questions as to whether information should be considered "material", you should consult with the Chief Legal Officer, or any person designated by the Chief Legal Officer. In general, because any assessment of whether information should be considered material is a highly fact-intensive inquiry it is advisable to resolve any close questions as to the materiality of any information by assuming that the information is material.

*"Nonpublic" information*

Information is considered nonpublic if the information has not been broadly disseminated to the public for a sufficient period to be reflected in the price of the security. As a general rule, information should be considered nonpublic until the start of the second full trading day after the information is broadly disseminated to the public in a press release, a public filing with the SEC, a pre-announced public webcast or another broad, non-exclusionary form of public communication. However, depending upon the form of the announcement and the nature of the information, it is possible that information may not be fully absorbed by the marketplace until a later time. Any questions as to whether information is nonpublic should be directed to the Chief Legal Officer, or any person designated by the Chief Legal Officer.

The term "trading day" means a day on which national stock exchanges and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Automated Quotation System are open for trading. A "full" trading day has elapsed when, after the public disclosure, trading in the relevant security has opened and then closed.

For example, in general, if the Company issues its earnings release on a Wednesday afternoon, then Thursday would be the next full trading day, and you would not be able to trade in the Company's securities until that Friday.

#### **POLICIES REGARDING MATERIAL NONPUBLIC INFORMATION**

##### *Confidentiality of nonpublic information*

The unauthorized use or disclosure of nonpublic information relating to the Company or other companies is prohibited. All nonpublic information you acquire in the course of your service with the Company may only be used for legitimate Company business purposes. In addition, nonpublic information of others should be handled in accordance with the terms of any relevant nondisclosure agreements, and the use of any such nonpublic information should be limited to the purpose for which it was disclosed.

You must use all reasonable efforts to safeguard nonpublic information in the Company's possession. Subject to the right to engage in Protected Activity, as described below, you may not disclose nonpublic information about the Company or any other company, unless required by law, or unless (i) disclosure is required for legitimate Company business purposes, (ii) you are authorized to disclose the information and (iii) appropriate steps have been taken to prevent misuse of that information (including entering an appropriate nondisclosure agreement that restricts the disclosure and use of the information, if applicable). This restriction also applies to internal communications within the Company and to communications with agents of the Company. In cases where disclosing nonpublic information to third parties is required, you should coordinate with the Legal Department.

##### *No trading on material nonpublic information*

Except as discussed in the section entitled "Limited Exceptions" below, you may not, directly or indirectly through others, engage in any transaction involving the Company's securities while aware of material nonpublic information relating to the Company. It is not an excuse that you did not "use" the information in your transaction.

Similarly, you may not engage in transactions involving the securities of any other company if you are aware of material nonpublic information about that company (except to the extent the transactions are analogous to those presented in the section entitled "Limited Exceptions"). For example, you may be involved in a proposed transaction involving a prospective business relationship or transaction with another company. If information about that transaction constitutes material nonpublic information for that other company, you would be prohibited from engaging in transactions involving the securities of that other company (as well as transactions involving Company securities, if that information is material to the Company). It is important to note that "materiality" is different for different companies. Information that is not material to the Company may be material to another company. You should note that the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics prohibits you from acquiring financial investments in other companies if your ownership would constitute a conflict of interest.

*No disclosing material nonpublic information for the benefit of others*

You may not disclose material nonpublic information concerning the Company or any other company obtained in the course of your service with the Company to friends, family members or any other person or entity not authorized to receive such information where such person or entity may benefit by trading on the basis of such information. In addition, you may not make recommendations or express opinions on the basis of material nonpublic information as to trading in the securities of companies to which such information relates. You are prohibited from engaging in these actions whether or not you derive any profit or personal benefit from doing so. This prohibition against disclosure of material nonpublic information includes disclosure (even anonymous disclosure) via the internet, blogs, investor forums or chat rooms where companies and their prospects are discussed.

*Protected Activity*

Nothing in this or any other Company policy or document prohibits or limits you from filing a charge or complaint with, or otherwise communicating with or participating in any investigation or proceeding conducted by the SEC or any federal, state or local government agency or commission, including disclosing documents or other information (with the exception of the Company's attorney-client privileged communications or attorney work product) pertaining to the Company without giving notice to, or receiving authorization from, the Company ("**Protected Activity**").

*Obligation to disclose material nonpublic information to the Company*

You may not enter into any transaction, including those discussed in the section entitled "Limited Exceptions", unless you have disclosed any material nonpublic information that you become aware of in the course of your service with the Company, and that senior management is not aware of, to the Chief Legal Officer. If you are a member of senior management, the information must be disclosed to the Block Head, and if you are the Block Head or a director, you must disclose the information to the board of directors, before any transaction is permissible.

*Responding to outside inquiries for information*

In the event you receive an inquiry from someone outside of the Company, such as a stock analyst or a journalist, for information, you should forward the inquiry to the Chief Financial Officer and press@block.xyz without responding to the inquirer. The Company is required under Regulation FD (Fair Disclosure) of the U.S. federal securities laws to avoid the selective disclosure of material nonpublic information. In general, Regulation FD provides that when a public company discloses material nonpublic information, it must provide broad, non-exclusionary access to the information. Violations of Regulation FD can subject the company to SEC enforcement actions, which may result in injunctions and severe monetary penalties. The Company has established procedures for releasing material information in a manner that is designed to achieve broad public dissemination of the information immediately upon its release in compliance with applicable law. Please consult the Company's [External Communications Policy](#) for more details.

#### **TRADING BLACKOUT PERIODS**

To limit the likelihood of trading at times when there is a significant risk of insider trading exposure, the Company has instituted quarterly trading blackout periods and may institute special trading blackout periods from time to time. In addition, to comply with applicable legal requirements, the Company may also institute blackout periods that prevent directors and officers from trading in Company securities at a time when employees are prevented from trading Company securities in the Company's 401(k) plan.

It is important to note that whether or not you are subject to blackout periods, you remain subject to the prohibitions on trading on the basis of material nonpublic information and any other applicable restrictions in this Policy.

##### *Quarterly blackout periods*

Except as discussed in the section entitled "Limited Exceptions", directors, executive officers and other employees and agents identified by the Company must refrain from conducting transactions involving the Company's securities during quarterly blackout periods. Individuals subject to quarterly blackout periods will be informed that they are listed on either the Schedule I List or the Schedule II List maintained by the Chief Legal Officer or any person designated by the Chief Legal Officer. Even if you are not specifically identified as being subject to quarterly blackout periods, you should exercise caution when engaging in transactions during quarterly blackout periods because of the heightened risk of insider trading exposure.

Quarterly blackout periods for those individuals listed on Schedule I, including members of their immediate family, persons with whom they share a household, persons that are their economic dependents and any other individuals or entities whose transactions in securities they influence, direct or control, begin at the end of the trading day two weeks prior to the end of each fiscal quarter and end at the start of the second full trading day following the date of public disclosure of the financial results for that fiscal quarter. Quarterly blackout periods for those individuals listed on Schedule II, including members of their immediate family, persons with whom they share a household, persons that are their economic dependents and any other individuals or entities whose transactions in securities they influence, direct or control, begin at the end of the trading day four weeks prior to the end of each fiscal quarter and end at the start of the second full trading day following the date of public disclosure of the

financial results for that fiscal quarter. This period is a particularly sensitive time for transactions involving the Company's securities from the perspective of compliance with applicable securities laws due to the fact that, during this period, individuals may often possess or have access to material nonpublic information relevant to the expected financial results for the quarter.

From time to time, the Company may identify other persons who should be subject to quarterly blackout periods, and the Chief Legal Officer, or any person designated by the Chief Legal Officer, may update and revise Schedule I and Schedule II as appropriate.

#### *Special blackout periods*

From time to time, the Company may also prohibit directors, officers, employees and agents from engaging in transactions involving the Company's securities when, in the judgment of the Chief Legal Officer, a trading blackout is warranted. The Company will generally impose special blackout periods when there are material developments known to the Company that have not yet been disclosed to the public. For example, the Company may impose a special blackout period during the investigation and assessment of a cybersecurity incident or in anticipation of announcing interim earnings guidance or a significant transaction or business development. However, special blackout periods may be declared for any reason.

The Company will notify those persons subject to a special blackout period. Each person who has been so identified and notified by the Company may not engage in any transaction involving the Company's securities until instructed otherwise by the Chief Legal Officer, or any person designated by the Chief Legal Officer, nor may the person disclose to other persons that he, she or it is subject to a special blackout period or is otherwise restricted from trading in the Company's securities.

#### *Regulation BTR blackouts*

Directors and executive officers may also be subject to trading blackouts pursuant to Regulation Blackout Trading Restriction (**Regulation BTR**) under U.S. federal securities laws. In general, Regulation BTR prohibits any director or executive officer from engaging in certain transactions involving Company securities during periods when 401(k) plan participants are prevented from purchasing, selling or otherwise acquiring or transferring an interest in certain securities held in individual account plans. Any profits realized from a transaction that violates Regulation BTR are recoverable by the Company, regardless of the intentions of the director or officer effecting the transaction. In addition, individuals who engage in such transactions are subject to sanction by the SEC as well as potential criminal liability.

The Company will notify directors and officers if they are subject to a blackout trading restriction under Regulation BTR. Failure to comply with an applicable trading blackout in accordance with Regulation BTR is a violation of law and this Policy.

#### *No "safe harbors"*

There are no unconditional "safe harbors" for trades made at particular times, and all persons subject to this Policy should exercise good judgment at all times. Even when a quarterly blackout period is not in effect, you may be prohibited from engaging in transactions involving the Company's securities because you possess material nonpublic information, are subject to a special blackout period or are otherwise restricted under this Policy.

#### **PRE-CLEARANCE OF TRADES**

The Company has determined that certain employees and agents of the Company that may have regular or special access to material nonpublic information should refrain from engaging in any transaction involving the Company's securities without first obtaining pre-clearance of the transaction from the Chief Legal Officer, or any person designated by the Chief Legal Officer. Individuals subject to pre-clearance requirements will be informed by the Chief Legal Officer any person designated by the Chief Legal Officer.

From time to time, the Company may identify other persons who should be subject to the pre-clearance requirements set forth above, and the Chief Legal Officer, or any person designated by the Chief Legal Officer, will inform such persons as appropriate.

These pre-clearance procedures are intended to decrease insider trading risks associated with transactions by individuals with regular or special access to material nonpublic information. In addition, requiring pre-clearance of transactions facilitates compliance with Rule 144 resale restrictions under the Securities Act, the liability and reporting provisions of Section 16 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and Regulation BTR. Pre-clearance of a trade, however, is not a defense to a claim of insider trading and does not excuse you from otherwise complying with insider trading laws or this Policy. Further, pre-clearance of a transaction does not constitute an affirmation by the Company or the Chief Legal Officer that you are not in possession of material nonpublic information.

The Chief Legal Officer is under no obligation to approve a transaction submitted for pre-clearance, and may determine not to permit the transaction.

#### **ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDANCE**

This section addresses certain types of transactions that may expose you and the Company to significant risks. You should understand that, even though a transaction may not be expressly prohibited by this section, you are responsible for ensuring that the transaction otherwise complies with other provisions in this Policy that may apply to the transaction, such as the general prohibition against insider trading as well as pre-clearance procedures and blackout periods, to the extent applicable.

##### *Short sales*

Short sales (i.e., the sale of a security that must be borrowed to make delivery) and "selling short against the box" (i.e., a sale with a delayed delivery) with respect to Company securities are prohibited under this Policy. Short sales may signal to the market possible bad news about the Company or a

general lack of confidence in the Company's prospects, and an expectation that the value of the Company's securities will decline. In addition, short sales are effectively a bet against the Company's success and may reduce the seller's incentive to improve the Company's performance. Short sales may also create a suspicion that the seller is engaged in insider trading.

*Derivative securities and hedging transactions*

You are prohibited from engaging in transactions in publicly-traded options, such as puts and calls, and other derivative securities with respect to the Company's securities. This prohibition extends to any hedging or similar transaction designed to decrease the risks associated with holding Company securities. Stock options, stock appreciation rights and other securities issued pursuant to Company benefit plans, including exercises thereof and purchases of the underlying shares, or other compensatory arrangements with the Company are not subject to this prohibition.

*Using Company securities as collateral for loans*

You may not pledge Company securities as collateral for loans. If you default on the loan, the lender may sell the pledged securities as collateral in a foreclosure sale. The sale, even though not initiated at your request, is still considered a sale for your benefit and, if made at a time when you are aware of material nonpublic information or otherwise are not permitted to trade in Company securities, may result in inadvertent insider trading violations, Section 16 and Regulation BTR violations (for officers and directors), violations of this Policy and unfavorable publicity for you and the Company.

*Holding Company securities in margin accounts*

You may not hold Company securities in margin accounts. Under typical margin arrangements, if you fail to meet a margin call, the broker may be entitled to sell securities held in the margin account without your consent. The sale, even though not initiated at your request, is still considered a sale for your benefit and, if made at a time when you are aware of material nonpublic information or are otherwise not permitted to trade, may result in inadvertent insider trading violations, Section 16 and Regulation BTR violations (for officers and directors), violations of this Policy and unfavorable publicity for you and the Company.

*Placing open orders with brokers*

Except in accordance with an approved trading plan (as discussed below), you should exercise caution when placing open orders, such as limit orders or stop orders, with brokers. If you determine to use an open order, the order should be limited in duration and must be closed prior to the closing of the trading window. Open orders may result in the execution of a trade at a time when you are aware of material nonpublic information or otherwise are not permitted to trade in Company securities, which may result in inadvertent insider trading violations, Section 16 and Regulation BTR violations (for officers and directors), violations of this Policy and unfavorable publicity for you and the Company. If you are subject to blackout periods or pre-clearance requirements, you should so inform any broker with whom you place any open order at the time it is placed.

## LIMITED EXCEPTIONS

The following are certain limited exceptions to the restrictions imposed by the Company under this Policy. Please be aware that even if a transaction is subject to an exception to this Policy, you will need to separately assess whether the transaction complies with applicable law. For example, even if a transaction is indicated as exempt from this Policy, you may need to comply with the "short-swing" trading restrictions under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, to the extent applicable. You are responsible for complying with applicable law at all times.

### *Transactions pursuant to a trading plan that complies with SEC rules*

The SEC has enacted rules that provide an affirmative defense against alleged violations of U.S. federal insider trading laws for transactions pursuant to trading plans that meet certain requirements. In general, these rules, as set forth in Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, provide for an affirmative defense if you enter into a contract, provide instructions or adopt a written plan for trading securities when you are not aware of material nonpublic information. The contract, instructions or plan must (i) specify the amount, price and date of the transaction, (ii) specify an objective method for determining the amount, price and date of the transaction and/or (iii) place any subsequent discretion for determining the amount, price and date of the transaction in another person who is not, at the time of the transaction, aware of material nonpublic information.

Transactions made pursuant to a written trading plan that (i) is intended to comply with the affirmative defense set forth in Rule 10b5-1 and (ii) is approved by the Chief Legal Officer or his/her delegate, are not subject to the restrictions in this Policy against trades made while aware of material nonpublic information or to the pre-clearance procedures or blackout periods established under this Policy. In approving a trading plan, the Chief Legal Officer may, in furtherance of the objectives expressed in this Policy, impose criteria in addition to those set forth in Rule 10b5-1. You should therefore confer with the Chief Legal Officer, or any person designated by the Chief Legal Officer, prior to entering into any trading plan.

The SEC rules regarding trading plans are complex and must be complied with completely to be effective. The description provided above is only a summary, and the Company strongly advises that you consult with your legal advisor if you intend to adopt a trading plan. While trading plans are subject to review and approval by the Company, the individual adopting the trading plan is ultimately responsible for compliance with Rule 10b5-1 and ensuring that the trading plan complies with this Policy.

Trading plans must be accompanied with an acknowledgement or executed certificate stating that the trading plan complies with Rule 10b5-1 and any other criteria established by the Company. The Company may publicly disclose information regarding trading plans that you enter into.

### *Receipt and vesting of stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock awards and stock appreciation rights*

The trading restrictions under this Policy do not apply to the grant or award to you of stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock awards or stock appreciation rights by the Company. The trading restrictions under this Policy also do not apply to the vesting, cancellation or forfeiture of stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock awards or stock appreciation rights in accordance with applicable plans and agreements. However, the trading restrictions do apply to any subsequent sales of any such securities, except as specifically provided below under the heading "Sale of shares to cover tax withholdings."

*Sale of shares to cover tax withholdings*

The trading restrictions under this Policy do not apply to the sale of shares of common stock issued upon vesting of restricted stock units and restricted stock awards for the limited purpose of covering tax withholding obligations (and any associated broker or other fees), provided that, (x) such activity is required by either the Company's board of directors (or a committee thereof) or the award agreement governing such equity award or (y) if permitted by the Company, prior to such sale, you irrevocably elect to sell such shares to cover tax withholding obligations in a manner approved by the Chief Legal Officer and such election is made at a time when a trading blackout is not in place and you are not in possession of material nonpublic information.

*Exercise of stock options for cash*

The trading restrictions under this Policy do not apply to the exercise of stock options for cash under the Company's stock option plans. Likewise, the trading restrictions under this Policy do not apply to the exercise of stock options in a stock-for-stock exercise with the Company or an election to have the Company withhold securities to cover tax obligations or the exercise price of an option in connection with an option exercise. However, the trading restrictions under this Policy do apply to (i) the sale of any securities issued upon the exercise of a stock option, (ii) a cashless exercise of a stock option through a broker, since this involves selling a portion of the underlying shares to cover the costs of exercise, and (iii) any other market sale for the purpose of generating the cash needed to pay the exercise price of an option.

*Purchases from the employee stock purchase plan*

The trading restrictions in this Policy do not apply to elections with respect to participation in the Company's employee stock purchase plan or to purchases of securities under the plan. However, the trading restrictions do apply to any subsequent sales of any such securities.

*Stock splits, stock dividends and similar transactions*

The trading restrictions under this Policy do not apply to a change in the number of securities held as a result of a stock split or stock dividend applying equally to all securities of a class, or similar transactions.

*Descent and distribution*

The trading restrictions under this Policy do not apply to (i) transfers by will or the laws of descent and distribution or (ii) transfers pursuant to a divorce settlement in which the transfer of the security is mandated by a divorce decree or settlement agreement.

#### *Gifts*

For the avoidance of doubt, bona fide gifts are not permitted during a blackout.

#### *Change in form of ownership*

Distributions or transfers (such as certain tax planning or estate planning transfers) that effect only a change in the form of beneficial interest without changing your pecuniary interest in the Company's securities are not subject to the trading restrictions under this Policy. For example, you may transfer shares to an inter vivos trust of which you are the sole beneficiary during your lifetime.

#### *Other exceptions*

Any other exception from this Policy must be approved by the Chief Legal Officer, in consultation with the Board of Directors or Insider Trading Policy Committee of the Board of Directors.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT**

#### *Obligations under Section 16*

Section 16 of the Exchange Act ("Section 16"), and the related rules and regulations, set forth (i) reporting obligations, (ii) limitations on "short-swing" transactions and (iii) limitations on short sales and other transactions applicable to directors, officers, large shareholders and certain other persons. The Company has provided, or will provide, memoranda and other materials addressing these matters.

The Board of Directors of the Company will determine the persons that are required to comply with Section 16, and the related rules and regulations, because of their positions with the Company and such persons will be informed by the Chief Legal Officer or any person designated by the Chief Legal Officer.

#### *Notification requirements to facilitate Section 16 reporting*

To facilitate timely reporting of transactions pursuant to Section 16 requirements, each person subject to Section 16 reporting requirements must provide, or must ensure that their broker provides, the Company with detailed information (e.g., trade date, number of shares, exact price, etc.) regarding their transactions involving the Company's securities, including gifts, transfers, pledges and transactions pursuant to a trading plan, both prior to (to confirm compliance with pre-clearance procedures, if applicable) and promptly following execution.

#### *Personal responsibility*

The obligation to file Section 16 reports, and to otherwise comply with Section 16, is personal. The Company is not responsible for the failure to comply with Section 16 requirements.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

##### *Availability of Policy*

This Policy will be made available to all directors, officers, employees and agents of the Company when they commence service with the Company. In addition, this Policy (or a summary of this Policy) will be circulated periodically. Each director, officer, employee and agent of the Company is required to acknowledge that he or she understands, and agrees to comply with, this Policy.

##### *Amendments*

We are committed to continuously reviewing and updating our policies and procedures. Any material changes to this Policy must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. All other changes to this Policy may be approved by the Chief Legal Officer of the Company.

**MAJOR SUBSIDIARIES OF BLOCK, INC.\***

<b>Subsidiary name</b>	<b>Jurisdiction of incorporation</b>
Afterpay Australia Pty Ltd	Australia
Afterpay Holdings Pty Ltd	Australia
Afterpay Pty Ltd	Australia
Afterpay US, Inc.	Australia
Lanai (AU) 1 Pty Ltd	Delaware, U.S.
Lanai (US) 1, LLC	Australia
Lanai (US) 2, LLC	Delaware, U.S.
	Delaware, U.S.

\* Pursuant to Item 601(b)(21)(ii) of Regulation S-K, the names of other subsidiaries of Block, Inc. are omitted because, considered in the aggregate, they would not constitute a significant subsidiary as of the end of the year covered by this report.

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements (Nos. 333-277281, 333-269967, 333-263001, 333-253410, 333-236661, 333-229919, 333-223271, 333-216249, 333-210087, and 333-208098) on Form S-8 of Block, Inc. of our reports dated February 24, 2025, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Block, Inc., and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Block, Inc., included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) of Block, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2024.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

San Francisco, California

February 24, 2025

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 RULES 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a),  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Jack Dorsey, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Block, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 24, 2025

By: /s/ Jack Dorsey  
*Jack Dorsey*  
*Block Head and Chairperson*  
*(Principal Executive Officer)*

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 RULES 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a),  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Amrita Ahuja, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Block, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 24, 2025

By: /s/ Amrita Ahuja  
 Amrita Ahuja  
*Chief Financial Officer & Chief Operating Officer*  
*(Principal Financial Officer)*

**CERTIFICATIONS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Jack Dorsey, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Block, Inc. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in such Annual Report on Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Block, Inc.

Date: February 24, 2025

By: */s/ Jack Dorsey*  
*Jack Dorsey*  
*Block Head and Chairperson*  
*(Principal Executive Officer)*

I, Amrita Ahuja, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Block, Inc. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in such Annual Report on Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Block, Inc.

Date: February 24, 2025

By: */s/ Amrita Ahuja*  
*Amrita Ahuja*  
*Chief Financial Officer & Chief Operating Officer*  
*(Principal Financial Officer)*

**FINANCIAL RESTATEMENT CLAWBACK POLICY**  
(Adopted on October 26, 2023)

The board of directors (the "Board") of Block, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), has adopted this Financial Restatement Clawback Policy (this "Policy") to recover certain executive compensation in the event of an accounting restatement resulting from material noncompliance with financial reporting requirements under U.S. federal securities laws. This Policy is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 10D of the Exchange Act (as defined below) and Section 303A.14 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual (the "Listing Rule"). This Policy supersedes the Clawback Policy adopted by the Board on April 20, 2017.

**I. Definitions**

For the purposes of this Policy, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below.

- (a) "Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Board or any successor committee thereof.
- (b) "Covered Compensation" means any Incentive-based Compensation "received" by a Covered Executive during the applicable Recoupment Period; provided that:
  - (i) such Incentive-based Compensation was received by such Covered Executive (A) on or after the Effective Date, (B) after they commenced service as an Section 16 Officer and (C) while the Company had a class of securities publicly listed on a United States national securities exchange; and
  - (ii) such Covered Executive served as an Section 16 Officer at any time during the performance period applicable to such Incentive-based Compensation.

For purposes of this Policy, Incentive-based Compensation is "received" by a Covered Executive during the fiscal period in which the Financial Reporting Measure applicable to such Incentive-based Compensation (or portion thereof) is attained, even if the payment or grant of such Incentive-based Compensation is made thereafter.

- (c) "Covered Executive" means any current or former Section 16 Officer.

- (d) "Effective Date" is October 2, 2023.

- (e) "Exchange Act" means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

- (f) "Section 16 Officer" means an "officer" as defined under Rule 16a-1(f) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(g) "Financial Reporting Measure" means any (i) measure that is determined and presented in accordance with the accounting principles used in preparing the Company's financial statements, (ii) stock price measure or (iii) total shareholder return measure (and any measures that are derived wholly or in part from any measure referenced in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above). For the avoidance of doubt, any such measure does not need to be presented within the Company's financial statements or included in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to constitute a Financial Reporting Measure.

(h) "Financial Restatement" means a restatement of the Company's financial statements due to the Company's material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under U.S. federal securities laws that is required in order to correct:

- (i) an error in previously issued financial statements that is material to the previously issued financial statements; or
- (ii) an error that would result in a material misstatement if the error were (A) corrected in the current period or (B) left uncorrected in the current period.

For purposes of this Policy, a Financial Restatement shall not be deemed to occur in the event of a revision of the Company's financial statements due to an out-of-period adjustment (i.e., when the error is immaterial to the previously issued financial statements and the correction of the error is also immaterial to the current period) or a retrospective (1) application of a change in accounting principles; (2) revision to reportable segment information due to a change in the structure of the Company's internal organization; (3) reclassification due to a discontinued operation; (4) application of a change in reporting entity, such as from a reorganization of entities under common control; or (5) revision for stock splits, reverse stock splits, stock dividends or other changes in capital structure.

(i) "Incentive-based Compensation" means any compensation (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any cash or equity or equity-based compensation, whether deferred or current) that is granted, earned and/or vested based wholly or in part upon the achievement of a Financial Reporting Measure. For purposes of this Policy, "Incentive-based Compensation" shall also be deemed to include any amounts which were determined based on (or were otherwise calculated by reference to) Incentive-based Compensation (including, without limitation, any amounts under any long-term disability, life insurance or supplemental retirement or severance plan or agreement or any notional account that is based on Incentive-based Compensation, as well as any earnings accrued thereon).

(j) "NYSE" means the New York Stock Exchange, or any successor thereof.

(k) "Recoupment Period" means the three fiscal years completed immediately preceding the date of any applicable Recoupment Trigger Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Recoupment Period additionally includes any transition period (that results from a change in the Company's fiscal year) within or immediately following those three completed fiscal years, provided that a transition period between the last day of the Company's previous fiscal year end and the first day of its new fiscal year that comprises a period of nine (9) to twelve (12) months would be deemed a completed fiscal year.

(l) "Recoupment Trigger Date" means the earlier of (i) the date that the Board (or a committee thereof or the officer(s) of the Company authorized to take such action if Board action is not required) concludes, or reasonably should have concluded, that the Company is required to prepare a Financial Restatement, and (ii) the date on which a court, regulator or other legally authorized body directs the Company to prepare a Financial Restatement.

## II. Compensation Subject to Recovery; Manner of Repayment

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Company's 2009 Stock Plan, as amended, the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, or the Company's Executive Incentive Compensation Plan (or any other Company cash-based or equity-based incentive plan applicable to the Section 16 Officer, together the "Plans") or any other plan, program, agreement or arrangement entered into with, or covering, any Covered Executive:

(a) In the event of a Financial Restatement, if the amount of any Covered Compensation received by a Covered Executive (the "Awarded Compensation") exceeds the amount of such Covered Compensation that would have otherwise been received by such Covered Executive if calculated based on the Financial Restatement (the "Adjusted Compensation"), the Company shall reasonably promptly recover from such Covered Executive an amount equal to the excess of the Awarded Compensation over the Adjusted Compensation, each calculated on a pre-tax basis (such excess amount, the "Recoverable Compensation").

(b) If (i) the Financial Reporting Measure applicable to the relevant Covered Compensation is stock price or total shareholder return (or any measure derived wholly or in part from either of such measures) and (ii) the amount of Recoverable Compensation is not subject to mathematical recalculation directly from the information in the Financial Restatement, then the amount of Recoverable Compensation shall be determined (on a pre-tax basis) based on the Company's reasonable estimate of the effect of the Financial Restatement on the Company's stock price or total shareholder return (or the derivative measure thereof) upon which such Covered Compensation was received.

(c) For the avoidance of doubt, the Company's obligation to recover Recoverable Compensation is not dependent on (i) if or when the restated financial statements are filed or (ii) any fault of any Covered Executive for the accounting errors or other actions leading to a Financial Restatement.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Sections II(a) through (c) hereof, the Company shall not be required to recover any Recoverable Compensation if both (x) the conditions set forth in either of the following clauses (i) or (ii) are satisfied and (y) the Committee has determined that recovery of the Recoverable Compensation would be impracticable:

(i) the direct expense paid to a third party to assist in enforcing the recovery of the Recoverable Compensation under this Policy would exceed the amount of such Recoverable Compensation to be recovered; provided that, before concluding that it would be impracticable to recover any amount of Recoverable Compensation pursuant to this Section 2(d), the Company shall have first made a reasonable attempt to recover such Recoverable Compensation, document such reasonable attempt(s) to make such recovery and provide that documentation to the NYSE; or

(ii) recovery of the Recoverable Compensation would likely cause an otherwise tax-qualified retirement plan, under which benefits are broadly available to employees of the Company, to fail to meet the requirements of Sections 401(a)(13) or 411(a) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

(e) The Company shall not indemnify any Covered Executive, directly or indirectly, for any losses that such Covered Executive may incur in connection with the recovery of Recoverable Compensation pursuant to this Policy, including through the payment of insurance premiums or gross-up payments.

(f) The Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion, the manner and timing in which any Recoverable Compensation shall be recovered from a Covered Executive in accordance with applicable law, including, without limitation, by (i) requiring reimbursement of Recoverable Compensation previously paid in cash; (ii) seeking recovery of any gain realized on the vesting, exercise, settlement, sale, transfer or other disposition of any equity or equity-based awards; (iii) offsetting the Recoverable Compensation amount from any compensation otherwise owed by the Company or any of its affiliates to the Covered Executive; (iv) cancelling outstanding vested or unvested equity or equity-based awards; and/or (v) taking any other remedial and recovery action permitted by applicable law. For the avoidance of doubt, except as set forth in Section 2(d), in no event may the Company accept an amount that is less than the amount of Recoverable Compensation; *provided* that, to the extent necessary to avoid any adverse tax consequences to the Covered Executive pursuant to Section 409A of the Code, any offsets against amounts under any nonqualified deferred compensation plans (as defined under Section 409A of the Code) shall be made in compliance with Section 409A of the Code.

### **III. Committee Authority**

The Committee has full authority and discretion to administer, interpret and make determinations under this Policy. All decisions of the Committee shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the Company and the Covered Executives, their beneficiaries, executors, administrators and any other legal representative. The Committee shall have full power and authority to (i) administer and interpret this Policy; (ii) correct any defect, supply any omission and reconcile any inconsistency in this Policy; and (iii) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of this Policy and to comply with applicable law (including Section 10D of the Exchange Act) and applicable stock market or exchange rules and regulations.

### **IV. Amendment/Termination**

Subject to Section 10D of the Exchange Act and the Listing Rule, this Policy may be amended or terminated by the Committee at any time. To the extent that any applicable law, or stock market or exchange rules or regulations require recovery of Recoverable Compensation in circumstances in addition to those specified herein, nothing in this Policy shall be deemed to limit or restrict the right or obligation of the Company to recover Recoverable Compensation to the fullest extent required by such applicable law, stock market or exchange rules and regulations. Unless otherwise required by applicable law, this Policy shall no longer be effective from and after the date that the Company no longer has a class of securities publicly listed on a United States national securities exchange.

### **V. Interpretation**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Policy is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 10D of the Exchange Act and the Listing Rule (and any applicable regulations, administrative interpretations or stock market or exchange rules and regulations adopted in connection therewith). The provisions of this Policy shall be interpreted in a manner that satisfies such requirements and this Policy shall be operated accordingly. If any provision of this Policy would otherwise frustrate or conflict with this intent, the provision shall be interpreted and deemed amended so as to avoid such conflict.

### **VI. Other compensation Clawback / Recoupment Rights**

Any right of recoupment under this Policy is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies, rights or requirements with respect to the clawback or recoupment of any compensation that may be available to the Company pursuant to the terms of any other recoupment or clawback policy of the Company (or any of its affiliates) that may be in effect from time to time, any provisions in any employment agreement, offer letter, equity plan, equity award agreement or similar plan or agreement, and any other legal remedies available to the Company, as well as applicable law, stock market or exchange rules, listing standards or regulations; provided, however, that any amounts recouped or clawed back under any other policy that would be recoupable under this Policy shall count toward any required clawback or recoupment under this Policy and vice versa.

## VII. Exempt Compensation

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Company has no obligation under this Policy to seek recoupment of amounts paid to a Covered Executive which are granted, vested or earned based solely upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of nonfinancial events. Such exempt compensation includes, without limitation, base salary, time-vesting awards, compensation awarded on the basis of the achievement of metrics that are not Financial Reporting Measures or compensation awarded solely at the discretion of the Committee or the Board, provided that such amounts are in no way contingent on, and were not in any way granted on the basis of, the achievement of any Financial Reporting Measure performance goal.

## VIII. Miscellaneous

(a) Any applicable award agreement or other document setting forth the terms and conditions of any compensation covered by this Policy shall be deemed to include the restrictions imposed herein and incorporate this Policy by reference and, in the event of any inconsistency, the terms of this Policy will govern. For the avoidance of doubt, this Policy applies to all compensation that is received on or after the Effective Date, regardless of the date on which the award agreement or other document setting forth the terms and conditions of the Covered Executive's compensation became effective, including, without limitation, compensation received under the Plans and any successor plans thereto.

(b) This Policy shall be binding and enforceable against all Covered Executives and their beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives.

(c) All issues concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Policy and all related documents, including, without limitation, any employment agreement, offer letter, equity award agreement or similar agreement, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules or provisions (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware.

(d) All disputes between the Covered Executives, their beneficiaries, executors, administrators and any other legal representative and the Company (including its subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, partners, employees, officers, directors, insurers, agents, investors, contractors, and vendors) arising out of or related to this Policy must be submitted for binding arbitration with Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, as specified in the Arbitration Agreement contained in the Covered Executive's Offer Letter.

(e) If any provision of this Policy is determined to be unenforceable or invalid under any applicable law, such provision will be applied to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law and shall automatically be deemed amended in a manner consistent with its objectives to the extent necessary to conform to any limitations required under applicable law.