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x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

OR

.. TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from to

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Zynga Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization)

42-1733483
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

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

Title of each class:	Name of each exchange on which registered:
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None

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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

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

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

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The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant on June 30, 2014, based upon the closing price of \$3.21 of the registrant's Class A Common Stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, was approximately \$2.379 billion, which excludes 149.2 million shares of the registrant's common stock held on June 30, 2014 by current executive officers, directors, and stockholders that the registrant has concluded are affiliates of the registrant.

As of February 15, 2015, there were 776,566,645 shares of the registrant's Class A common stock outstanding, 114,567,530 shares of the registrant's Class B common stock outstanding and 20,517,472 shares of the registrant's Class C common stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated herein by reference in Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K to the extent stated herein. The proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the registrant's fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

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References in this report to "DAUs" mean daily active users of our games, "MAUs" mean monthly active users of our games, "MUUs" mean monthly unique users of our games, "ABPU" means average daily bookings per average DAU and "MUPs" mean monthly unique payers in our games. Unless otherwise indicated, these metrics are based on internally-derived measurements across all platforms on which our games are played. For further information about ABPU, DAUs, MAUs, MUPs, and MUUs as measured by us, see the section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Key Metrics."

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements. In some cases you can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as believe, may, will, might, estimate, continue, anticipate, intend, could, should, would, project, plan, similar expressions, or the negative or plural of these words or expressions. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning the following:

our future spend, including spend on R&D and marketing and our future margins;

our future operational plans, use of cash, strategies and prospects;

the breadth and depth of our games slate for 2015 and the success of this slate, including as it relates to the investment in this slate in 2014 and the first half of 2015;

our ability to grow mobile bookings in 2015;

the closure of our China studio;

our ability to execute against our strategy and deliver long term value to our shareholders, employees and players;

our ability to accurately forecast our upcoming game launches and bookings and revenue related to upcoming game launches and the performance of our existing games;

our relationship and/or agreements with key licensing partners, additional platform providers or any other key partners;

our ability to launch and monetize successful new games and features for web and mobile in a timely manner and the success of these games and features;

the process of integrating NaturalMotion Limited's (NaturalMotion's) operations into our operations, including but not limited to our expected ability to expand our creative pipeline, accelerate our growth on mobile and deliver hit NaturalMotion games in 2015;

our ability to sustain and expand key games to sustain and grow audiences, bookings and engagement, including our top franchises: *Casino, Words With Friends, FarmVille, Racing and People Simulation*;

the effectiveness of our marketing program and initiatives and our ability to obtain game featuring from partners;

our entry into, or expanded game offerings in new evergreen content categories, the evergreen and commercial potential of these categories, the timely launch of our games in these categories and the success of these games;

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our relationship with Facebook, changes in the Facebook platform and/or changes in our agreement with Facebook;

our relationship with Apple, Google and other Android platform providers, changes to the Android or iOS platforms and /or changes in our agreements with Apple, Google and/or other Android platform providers;

our ability to renew our existing brand, technology and content licenses as they expire and secure new licenses for top brands;

our ability to attract and retain key employees in light of business challenges, including employees key to franchise games and planned launches and senior management;

the impact of our new hires on our organization and other changes in personnel and roles;

our ability to efficiently deploy employees and leverage our teams and talent, including shifting resources when necessary to prioritize more important projects;

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our ability to manage new IP costs;

competition in our industry;

maintaining technology infrastructure and employees that can efficiently and reliably handle increased player usage, changes in mobile devices and game platforms, fast load times and the rapid deployment of new features and products;

our ability to anticipate and address technical challenges that may arise;

our ability to protect our players' information and adequately address privacy concerns;

our ability to maintain reliable security services and infrastructure to protect against security breaches, computer malware and hacking attacks;

market opportunity in the social gaming market, including the mobile market and advertising market;

our ability to effectively implement the new game development, testing and marketing processes we have developed to effectively launch a diversified game slate from Zynga and NaturalMotion, and take advantage of our scale to aggressively compete and take advantage of the market opportunity in our industry in 2015, including the mobile market and advertising market;

our ability to successfully monitor and adapt to changes in gaming platform and consumer demand as the industry continues to evolve;

our ability to develop, identify, market and launch hit games and new features and content for our existing games in a timely manner;

the ability of our games to generate revenue and bookings for significant period of time after launch and the timing for market acceptance of new games;

our ability to utilize, protect, defend and enforce our intellectual property;

our exposure to intellectual property disputes and other litigation;

our exposure to illegitimate credit card activity and other security risks, including sales or purchases of virtual goods used in our games through unauthorized or illegitimate third-party websites;

our ability to manage risks, costs and other challenges associated with international expansion;

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the impact of laws and regulations on our business;

our evaluation of new business opportunities and acquisitions by us, including integration of newly acquired businesses;

our ability to understand industry trends, such as seasonality, and position our business to take advantage of these trends; and

the effectiveness of our cost cutting activities and our ability to control and reduce expenses, including our estimated savings and charges associated with our restructuring efforts.

These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those described in Part II. Item 1A. Risk Factors of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment and industry. New risks may also emerge from time to time. It is not possible for our management to predict all of the risks related to our business and operations, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. The achievement or success of the matters covered by such forward-looking statements involves significant risks, uncertainties and assumptions. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K may not occur and actual results could differ materially and adversely from those anticipated, predicted or implied in the forward-looking statements.

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You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee that the future results, levels of activity, performance or events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will be achieved or occur, and reported results should not be considered as an indication of future performance. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those described in the section titled Risk Factors. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements for any reason to conform these statements to actual results or to changes in our expectations.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Overview

Zynga Inc. (Zynga or we or the Company) is a leading provider of social game services. We develop, market and operate social games as live services played on mobile platforms such as iOS and Android and social networking sites such as Facebook. Generally, all of our games are free to play, and we generate revenue through the in-game sale of virtual goods and advertising services.

We are a pioneer and innovator of social games and a leader in making play a core activity on mobile devices and social networking sites. We believe our leadership position in social games is the result of our significant investment in our people, content, brand, technology and infrastructure. Our leadership position in social games is defined by the following:

Engaged and Global Community of Players. According to our analytics, during the fourth quarter of 2014, we had 108 million monthly active users or MAUs, and 25 million daily active users or DAUs on all our games combined. During the month of December 2014, we were a top 20 publisher worldwide on iOS and Google Play based on monthly revenue as reported by AppAnnie. Our players are also highly engaged, with our games being played by 27 million DAUs worldwide for the full year ended 2014. According to comScore, in December 2014, Zynga is ranked number 2 in terms of total time spent on mobile gaming per user and ranked number 7 in terms of total time spent on mobile.

Leading Portfolio of Social Games. We have developed a number of popular social games including *FarmVille*, *Words With Friends*, *Zynga Poker*, *Hit It Rich! Slots* and *CSR Racing*.

Scalable Technology and Data. We leverage our technology to increase player engagement, cross-promote our portfolio of games, continually enhance existing games, launch new games and build the Zynga brand. We believe our scale results in network effects that deliver compelling value to our players, and we are committed to making significant investments to grow our community of players, their engagement and monetization over time. We believe that combining data analytics with creative game design enables us to create a superior player experience.

In 2014, we launched several new games on mobile including *FarmVille 2: Country Escape*, *Hit It Rich! Slots*, *NFL Showdown*, *New Zynga Poker*, *New Words With Friends*, *Wizard of Oz Slots* and *Looney Tunes Dash!*. *FarmVille 2: Country Escape* launched globally on April 17, 2014 and received Apple App Store Editor's Choice featuring and Google Play top tier featuring at launch. *FarmVille2: Country Escape* also received Apple App Store Best of 2014 and Google Play Best Games of 2014 featuring. *Looney Tunes Dash!* launched on December 19, 2014 and was featured on Apple App Store's best new games on iOS. These launches demonstrate our commitment to developing high quality mobile social games.

Consistent with our free-to-play business model, a small portion of our players have historically been payers. During the three months ended December 31, 2014, we had approximately 1.1 million monthly unique payers or MUPs (excluding payers who use certain payment methods for which unique payer data is not available and excluding NaturalMotion). Because the opportunity for social interactions increases as the number of players increases, we believe that maintaining and growing our overall number of players, including the number of players who may not purchase virtual goods, is important to the success of our business. As a result, we believe that the number of players who choose to purchase virtual goods will continue to constitute a small portion of our overall players.

Our top three games historically have contributed the majority of our revenue. Our top three games accounted for 60%, 54% and 55% of our online game revenue in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

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On February 11, 2014, we completed the acquisition of 100% of the equity interests in NaturalMotion pursuant to the share purchase agreement, dated January 30, 2014, by and among us, Zynga Game International Limited, NaturalMotion, NaturalMotion's shareholders and Shareholder Representative Services LLC, as sellers' representative. NaturalMotion's shareholders and vested option holders received an aggregate of \$391 million in cash and 39.8 million shares of our Class A common stock. Zynga's acquisition of NaturalMotion expanded our creative pipeline into two new consumer categories—People Simulation and Racing—and provided Zynga with cutting-edge technology and tools, including Euphoria, that we believe will help accelerate Zynga's ability to deliver hit games.

Our operations are headquartered in San Francisco, California, and we have several operating locations in the U.S. as well as various international office locations in Asia and Europe. We were originally organized in April 2007 and completed our initial public offering in December 2011. Our Class A common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol ZNGA.

Our Strategy and Core Commitments

Our mission is to connect the world through games. In pursuit of our mission, we encourage entrepreneurship and intelligent risk-taking to produce great games and breakthrough innovations. Our goal from a content perspective is to create top hits that engage mainstream global audiences.

We encourage innovation, the creation of compelling game experiences and moving with a sense of urgency to capitalize on our opportunities for our success and the benefit of our players. These factors are critical to extending our leadership position as we seek to continue building successful franchises. We remain steadfast in our commitment to the following:

Grow and sustain proven hits

Create new hits

Drive efficiencies

Our Social Games

We design our social games to provide players with shared experiences that surprise and delight them. Our social games leverage the global connectivity and distribution on mobile platforms such as iOS and Android and social networking sites such as Facebook. Our games are free to play, span a number of categories and attract a community of players that is demographically and geographically diverse. We operate our games as live services and update them with fresh content and new features to make them more social, enhance player engagement and improve monetization. We analyze the data generated by our players' game play and social interactions to guide the creation of new content and features. We use this ongoing feedback loop to keep our games compelling and enhance the player experience.

Our Content

Make Games Free, Accessible and Fun. We operate our games as live services that are available anytime and anywhere. We design our social games to provide players with easy access to shared experiences that delight, amuse and entertain, and we will continue to update our games on an ongoing basis with fresh content and new features to make them more social and fun for our players.

Sustain and Grow Existing Franchises. We will continue to enhance the games that make up our market-leading franchises including FarmVille, Words with Friends, Casino, People Simulation and Racing. We regularly update our games after launch to encourage social interactions, add new content and features and seek to improve monetization.

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Create New Hits. We will continue to invest in building new games and expand the number of categories of games that we offer, as well as offer our games on multiple platforms so players can access our games on various devices. For example, in addition to multiple in-game features and events, this year we released *Hit It Rich! Slots*, *New Zynga Poker* and *Wizard of Oz Slots* for our Casino franchise, *FarmVille 2: Country Escape* for our FarmVille franchise and *New Words With Friends* for our Words With Friends franchise and we have announced that we intend to launch a match 3 game for our FarmVille franchise in 2015. We also entered the Sports category, with the launch of *NFL Showdown* and the announcement of our upcoming launch of Tiger Woods Golf, and the Runner category, with the launch of *Looney Tunes Dash!*

Growth on Mobile. We believe there is a large opportunity to extend our brand and games to mobile platforms including Apple iOS and Google Android. We brought our popular FarmVille franchise to mobile in 2014 with *FarmVille 2: Country Escape*. We also believe our acquisition of NaturalMotion accelerates our mobile growth and adds mobile titles in various strategic game categories, such as Racing and People Simulation. We have announced that in 2015 we will enter into the Action Strategy category, with mobile releases from both NaturalMotion and Zynga.

Our Franchises

We have created evergreen franchises such as FarmVille, Casino and Words With Friends. Zynga's NaturalMotion is the creator of hit mobile games in popular entertainment categories, including *CSR Racing*, *CSR Classics* and *Clumsy Ninja*. In 2015, we expect to move into new game categories that align with the timeless entertainment categories that consumers care about, including the Action Strategy category.

We currently invest in several game categories, including the following:

Farm. Represented by our market-leading games such as *FarmVille*, *FarmVille 2* and *FarmVille 2: Country Escape*, these games allow our players to express their personalities by customizing the appearances of their characters.

Casino. Includes *Zynga Poker*, a 7 year old game, which recently received a major update that overhauled the experience for newer devices. *Zynga Poker Classic* was recently launched after listening to customer feedback. Additionally, expanded our category footprint with the launch of *Hit It Rich! Slots* on mobile devices in 2014.

Words. Includes one of our most popular new mobile-game titles in *New Words With Friends*, which launched in early October 2014. Games in this category provide chances for friendly competition and allow our players to quickly connect with friends and family when they start a game and to build and enhance relationships throughout the game experience.

Racing. Entered into this category with our February 2014 acquisition of NaturalMotion, developer of *CSR Racing*.

People Simulation. Entered into this category with NaturalMotion's *Clumsy Ninja*, a popular mobile game that was downloaded 10 million times in the first week of its November 2013 launch according to Apple.

Sports. Entered the Sports category with the launch of our sports brand, Zynga Sports 365. Launched *NFL Showdown* in September across iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Google Play.

We also intend to invest in other strategic categories in the future.

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Our Network

Players progress faster in their games by connecting with friends and other players in our network to instantly get what they need to complete quests, obtain virtual items and enhance their experience. We aspire to leverage our existing and new games to bring the best social playing experiences to our audience. Our network enables users to discover new games, find and connect with new friends, challenge, cooperate and compete with friends; all of which drives higher user engagement for games on our network.

Our Revenues

We generate revenue from the following online services:

Virtual Goods and Paid Downloads

Our primary revenue source is the sale of virtual currency that players use to buy in-game virtual goods. Virtual currency can also be earned for free through game play or by accepting promotional offers from our advertising partners. We also generate revenue when players purchase mobile game downloads.

Advertising and Licensing

Our advertising services offer creative ways for marketers and advertisers to reach and engage with our players. The goal of our engagement-based advertising is to enhance the player experience while delivering real value to advertisers. Our advertising offerings include:

Branded Virtual Goods and Sponsorships that integrate relevant advertising and messaging within game play;

Engagement Ads and Offers in which players can answer certain questions, watch-to-earn engagements or sign up for third party services to receive virtual currency and in-game bonuses;

Mobile Ads through ad-supported free versions of our mobile games, such as *Words With Friends*;

Display Ads in our online web games that include banner advertisements; and

Licensing our brands.

Marketing and Distribution

We acquire most of our players through unpaid channels by cross-promoting new games to our existing audience. We have been able to build a large community of players through the viral and sharing features provided by social networks, the social innovations in our games and the network effects of our games.

We are committed to connecting with our players. We have fan pages, generally on Facebook, for each of our games to connect with our players; and we leverage various other forms of social media, including Twitter, to communicate with them. We periodically host live and online player events. We also advertise our games within other mobile applications and on social networks such as Facebook via various in-app advertising partners. In 2014 and 2013, we spent \$101.7 million and \$60.6 million, respectively, on these player acquisition costs.

Agreements with Facebook, Apple and Google

Our revenue depends on our continued ability to publish our games on Facebook and on mobile platforms, primarily the iOS and Android platforms. We operate under the standard terms of service for Facebook, Apple and Google and any of these operators could unilaterally alter their terms of service in a manner that could harm our business. For example, Apple has recently informed developers that beginning on

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February 1, 2015 all applications that are submitted to the Apple App Store must include 64-bit support.

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In 2014 we derived 43% of our bookings and 51% of our revenue from Facebook and 51% of our bookings and 44% of our revenue from mobile platforms, such as Apple's App Store for iOS devices and the Google Play App Store for Android devices. In 2014 an increasing number of our players were generated from mobile platforms.

Our use of the Facebook platform and data derived from Facebook is governed by Facebook's standard terms of service. Our use of mobile platforms and data derived from mobile platforms is also governed by the standard terms of service of the mobile platforms, primarily Apple and Google.

Research and Development

We believe continued investment in enhancing existing games and developing new games, and in software development tools and code modification, is important to attaining our strategic objectives. Our research and development expenses were \$396.6 million, \$413.0 million and \$645.6 million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, which included stock-based expense of \$83.7 million, \$61.9 million and \$200.6 million, respectively.

Technology and Tools. We have invested extensively in developing our proprietary technology stack, which has the ability to handle sudden bursts of activity for millions of players over a short period of time with high levels of performance and reliability. Our proprietary technology stack includes datacenter and cloud computing management, a shared code base, network and cross-promotional features and proprietary data analytics. Our technology stack also supports the growth of our 2D and 3D game engines across the mobile business in addition to supporting high-level security and anti-fraud infrastructure. We are also investing in machine learning. We believe that investing in technology and tools, including the simulation technologies we recently acquired with our purchase of NaturalMotion, can create competitive advantages as well as extend our technology leadership. We will continue to innovate and optimize across our technology and tools to deliver cost-effective, high performance and highly available social games.

Intellectual Property

Our business is significantly based on the creation, acquisition, use and protection of intellectual property. Some of this intellectual property is in the form of software code, patented technology and trade secrets that we use to develop our games and to enable them to run properly on multiple platforms. Other intellectual property we create includes product and feature names and audio-visual elements, including graphics, music, story lines and interface design.

While most of the intellectual property we use is created by us, we have also acquired rights to proprietary intellectual property. We have also obtained rights to use intellectual property through licenses and service agreements with third parties. These licenses typically limit our use of intellectual property to specific uses and for specific time periods.

We protect our intellectual property rights by relying on federal, state and common law protections, as well as contractual restrictions. We actively seek patent protection covering inventions originating from the company and acquire patents we believe may be useful or relevant to our business. We control access to our proprietary technology by entering into confidentiality and invention assignment agreements with our employees and contractors, and confidentiality agreements with third parties. We also actively engage in monitoring and enforcement activities with respect to infringing uses of our trademarks, copyrights and domain names by third parties.

In addition to these contractual arrangements, we also rely on a combination of trade secret, copyright, trademark, trade dress, domain name and patents to protect our games and other intellectual property. We typically own the copyright to the software code to our content, as well as the trademark for the brand or title

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under which our games are marketed. We pursue the registration of our domain names, copyrights, trademarks patents, and service marks in the United States and, for some, in locations outside the United States. Our registered trademarks in the United States include Zynga and the names of our games, among others.

Circumstances outside our control could pose a threat to our intellectual property rights. For example, effective intellectual property protection may not be available in the United States or other countries in which our games are distributed. Also, the efforts we have taken to protect our proprietary rights may not be sufficient or effective. Any significant impairment of our intellectual property rights could harm our business or our ability to compete. Also, protecting our intellectual property rights is costly and time-consuming. Any unauthorized disclosure or use of our intellectual property could make it more expensive to do business, thereby harming our operating results.

Companies in the Internet, games, social media, technology and other industries may own large numbers of patents, copyrights and trademarks and may frequently request license agreements, threaten litigation or file suit against us based on allegations of infringement or other violations of intellectual property rights. From time to time, we have faced, and we expect to face in the future, allegations by third parties, including our competitors and non-practicing entities, that we have infringed their copyrights, trademarks, patents and other intellectual property rights. As we face increasing competition and as our business grows, including into new areas, we will likely face more claims of infringement.

Competition

We face significant competition in all aspects of our business. Specifically, we compete for the leisure time, attention and discretionary spending of our players with other social game developers on the basis of a number of factors, including quality of player experience, brand awareness and reputation and access to distribution channels.

We believe we compete favorably on these factors. However, our industry is evolving rapidly and is becoming increasingly competitive. Other developers of social games could develop more compelling content that competes with our social games and adversely affects our ability to attract and retain players and their entertainment time. These competitors, including companies of which we may not be currently aware, may take advantage of social networks, access to a large user base and their network effects to grow rapidly and virally.

Our competitors include:

Developers for Web and Mobile Games: We face competition from a number of competitors who develop web and mobile games. These competitors, some of which have significant financial, technical and other resources, greater name recognition and longer operating histories, may create games that appeal to our players. The mobile game sector specifically is characterized by frequent product introductions, rapidly emerging mobile platforms, new technologies and new mobile application storefronts. Some of these competitors include DeNA Co. Ltd. (Japan), Electronic Arts Inc., Gameloft SA, GREE International, Inc., Glu Mobile Inc., King.com Inc., Rovio Mobile Ltd., Supercell Inc., GungHo Online Entertainment, Inc., Kabam and The Walt Disney Company. Because our games are free to play, we compete primarily on the basis of player experience rather than price. We also expect new competitors to enter the market and existing competitors to allocate more resources to develop and market competing games and applications.

Other Game Developers: Our players may also play other games on personal computers and consoles, some of which include social features that compete with our social games and have community functions where game developers can engage with their players. Some of these competitors include Activision Blizzard, Inc., Electronic Arts, Riot Games, Valve, Take-Two Interactive, SEGA of America, Inc. and The Walt Disney Company.

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Other Forms of Media and Entertainment: We compete more broadly for the leisure time and attention of our players with providers of other forms of Internet and mobile entertainment, including social networking, online casual entertainment and music. To the extent existing or potential players choose to read, watch or listen to online content or streaming video or radio, play interactive video games at home or on their computer or mobile devices rather than play social games, these content services pose a competitive threat.

Government Regulation

We are subject to a number of foreign and domestic laws and regulations that affect companies conducting business on the Internet, many of which are still evolving and could be interpreted in ways that could harm our business. In the United States and internationally, laws relating to the liability of providers of online services for activities of their users and other third parties are currently being tested by a number of claims, including actions based on invasion of privacy and other torts, unfair competition, copyright and trademark infringement, and other theories based on the nature and content of the materials searched, the ads posted, or the content provided by users. Any court ruling or other governmental action that imposes liability on providers of online services for the activities of their users and other third parties could harm our business. We are potentially subject to a number of foreign and domestic laws and regulations that affect the offering of certain types of content, such as that which depicts violence, many of which are ill defined, still evolving and could be interpreted in ways that could harm our business or expose us to liability.

In addition, rising concern about the use of social networking technologies for illegal conduct, such as the unauthorized dissemination of national security information, money laundering or supporting terrorist activities may in the future produce legislation or other governmental action that could require changes to our games or restrict or impose additional costs upon the conduct of our business.

Some of our games or features are based upon traditional casino games, such as poker. We have structured and operate these games and features, including *New Zynga Poker* and *Zynga Poker Classic*, with the gambling laws in mind and believe that these games or features do not constitute gambling. There are ongoing academic, political and regulatory discussions in the United States and other jurisdictions regarding whether social casino applications should be subject to a higher level or different type of regulation than other social game applications and, if so, what this regulation should include.

We also offer our players various types of sweepstakes, giveaways and promotion opportunities. We are subject to laws in a number of jurisdictions concerning the operation and offering of such activities, many of which are still evolving and could be interpreted in ways that could harm our business. Any court ruling or other governmental action that imposes liability on providers of online services could result in criminal or civil liability and could harm our business.

In the area of information security and data protection, many states have passed laws requiring notification to users when there is a security breach for personal data, such as the 2002 amendment to California's Information Practices Act, or requiring the adoption of minimum information security standards that are often vaguely defined and difficult to implement. The costs of compliance with these laws may increase in the future as a result of changes in interpretation. Furthermore, any failure on our part to comply with these laws may subject us to significant liabilities.

We are also subject to federal, state and foreign laws regarding privacy and protection of player data, including the collection of data from minors. We post our Privacy Policy and Terms of Service online, in which we describe our practices concerning the use, transmission and disclosure of player data. Any failure by us to comply with our posted privacy policy or privacy related laws and regulations could result in proceedings against us by governmental authorities or others, which could harm our business. In addition, the interpretation of many data protection laws, and their application to the Internet is unclear and in a state of flux. There is a risk that these

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laws may be interpreted and applied in conflicting ways from state to state, country to country, or region to region, and in a manner that is not consistent with our current data protection practices. Complying with these varying international requirements could cause us to incur additional costs and change our business practices. Further, any failure by us to adequately protect our players' information and data could result in a loss of player confidence in our services and ultimately in a loss of players, which could adversely affect our business.

With the move of our services to mobile devices, we are also subject to additional regulations regarding communication via this channel, such as the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). The interpretation of many of these laws, including the TCPA, and their application to current means of communication through mobile devices is unclear and in a state of flux. These laws may be interpreted and applied in a manner that is not consistent with current industry practices. The costs of compliance with these laws may increase in the future as a result of changes in interpretation and may greatly reduce our ability to contact our players through this channel. Furthermore, failure on our part to comply with these laws may subject us to significant liabilities.

In addition, some concern has been expressed in Europe and in certain countries that social gaming should be regulated to protect consumers, in particular minors and persons susceptible to addiction to social games. European regulators are also considering the efficacy of existing consumer protection laws as they relate to protection of consumers for the purchase of virtual items in applications including game applications. These concerns could lead to the adoption of legislation or regulations that may impose additional burdens upon us, prohibit the offering of our games to certain users or territories, increase our costs or require changes to our games. These concerns have already led to certain changes in Apple and Google policy and could lead to additional changes.

Also, because our services are accessible worldwide, certain foreign jurisdictions have claimed and others may claim that we are required to comply with their laws, including in jurisdictions where we have no local entity, employees or infrastructure.

Separately, we have a partnership agreement with bwin.party to develop, test and operate certain real money online poker and casino games in the United Kingdom. The real money games are powered by the established operating platform and software of bwin.party and operate under bwin.party's gambling licenses in the applicable jurisdictions.

Seasonality

During fiscal year 2014, approximately 22% of our revenue was derived from advertising and other. Advertising budgets are generally highest during the fourth quarter and decline significantly in the first quarter of the following year, which affects the revenues we derive from advertisements and offers in our games. Additionally, we generally experience increases in game downloads and resulting online games revenues in the fourth quarter and first quarter corresponding to increases in smartphone and tablet purchases during the holiday shopping season.

Employees

Our future success depends upon the continued service of our key technical and management personnel and upon our ability to continue to attract and retain qualified employees, particularly our senior management team and highly skilled game designers, product managers and engineers. We currently have favorable employee relations, but the competition for technical personnel is intense, and the loss of key employees or the inability to hire such employees when needed could have a material adverse impact on our business and financial condition. As of December 31, 2014, we had 1,974 full-time employees.

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Available Information

Our website is located at www.zynga.com, and our investor relations website is located at <http://investor.zynga.com>. The following filings are available through our investor relations website after we file them with the SEC: Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and our Proxy Statements for our annual meetings of stockholders. These filings are also available for download free of charge on our investor relations website. Further, a copy of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is located at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

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ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

We have identified the following risks and uncertainties that may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. The risks described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe are not material may also significantly impair our business operations. Our business could be harmed by any of these risks. The trading price of our Class A common stock could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. In assessing these risks, you should also refer to the other information contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including our consolidated financial statements and related notes.

Risks Related to Our Business and Industry

Our business will suffer if we are unable to continue to develop successful games for mobile platforms, successfully monetize mobile games, or successfully forecast mobile launches and/or monetization.

Our business depends on developing and publishing mobile games that consumers will download and spend time and money playing. We have devoted and we expect to continue to devote substantial resources to the research, development, analytics and marketing of our mobile games, however we cannot guarantee that we will continue to develop games that appeal to players or advertisers. We expect to launch several games in 2015, including *FarmVille: Harvest Swap*, *Empires and Allies*, *Dawn of Titans* and *Tiger Woods Golf*. New games that we introduce need to generate sufficient bookings and revenues to offset the associated development and marketing costs. We may encounter difficulty in integrating features on games developed for mobile platforms that a sufficient number of players will pay for or otherwise sufficiently monetizing mobile games. The success of our games depends, in part, on unpredictable and volatile factors beyond our control including consumer preferences, competing games, new mobile platforms and the availability of other entertainment experiences. If our games are not launched on time or do not meet consumer expectations, or they are not brought to market in a timely and effective manner, our ability to grow revenue and our financial performance will be negatively affected. For example, we recently experienced a delay in the introduction of *Looney Tunes Dash!* which had a negative impact on our financial results for the fourth quarter of 2014.

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In addition to the market factors noted above, our ability to successfully develop games for mobile platforms and their ability to achieve commercial success will depend on our ability to:

effectively market mobile games to our existing web-based players, mobile players and new players without excess cost;

achieve viral organic growth;

adapt to changing player preferences;

adapt games quickly to make sure they are compatible with, and take advantage of feature sets for new releases of mobile phones and other devices;

expand and enhance games after their initial release;

anticipate and effectively respond to the growing number of players switching from web-based to mobile games, the changing mobile landscape and the interests of players on mobile platforms;

attract, retain and motivate talented game designers, product managers and engineers who have experience developing games for mobile platforms;

partner with mobile platforms and obtain featuring opportunities;

adapt game feature sets for limited bandwidth, processing power and screen size of typical mobile devices;

minimize launch delays and cost overruns on the development of new games;

effectively monetize the games;

maintain quality social game experience;

provide a compelling and optimal user experience through existing and developing third party technologies, including third party software and middleware utilized by our players;

release games compatible with an increasingly diverse set of mobile devices;

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compete successfully against a large and growing number of existing market participants;

minimize and quickly resolve bugs or outages; and

acquire and successfully integrate high quality mobile game assets, personnel or companies.

These and other uncertainties make it difficult to know whether we will succeed in continuing to develop successful mobile games and launch these games in accordance with our financial plan. If we do not succeed in doing so, our business will suffer.

Moreover, our mobile games generally monetize at a lower rate than our web-based games and we may not be successful in our efforts to increase our monetization from mobile games. If we are unable to offset the decline in our web-based games with bookings from our mobile games, our revenue and our financial performance will suffer.

We are also a relatively new entrant in the mobile game market and, as a result have a relatively short history in developing and launching mobile games. As a result of this we may have difficulty predicting the development schedule of a new game and forecasting bookings for a game. If launches are delayed and we are unable to monetize mobile games in the manner that we forecast our ability to grow revenue and our financial performance will be negatively impacted.

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We must continue to launch, innovate and enhance games that players like and attract and retain a significant number of players in order to grow our revenue and sustain our competitive position.

We recently announced that we will launch six to ten new mobile games, including games in new categories in 2015, however there is a risk that we may not launch these games or the other games we plan to launch in 2015 according to schedule, that these games do not attract and retain a significant number of players or that these games will not monetize well. If we do not launch games on schedules or our games do not monetize well, our business, revenue and bookings will be negatively impacted.

If our top games do not maintain their popularity, our results of operations could be harmed.

In addition to creating new games that are attractive to a significant number of players, we must extend the life of our existing games, in particular our most successful games. Historically, we have depended on a small number of games for a majority of our revenue and we expect that this dependency will continue for the foreseeable future. Our existing games compete with our new offerings and the offerings of our competitors. Traditionally, bookings from existing games decline over time. For a game to remain popular, we must constantly enhance, expand or upgrade the game with new features that players find attractive. Increased competition can result in increasing player acquisition and retention costs. Constant game enhancement requires the investment of significant resources, particularly with older games, and such costs on average have increased. We may not be able to successfully enhance, expand or upgrade our current games. Any reduction in the number of players of our most popular games, any decrease in the popularity of our games or social games in general, any breach of game-related security or prolonged server interruption, any loss of rights to any intellectual property underlying such games, or any other adverse developments relating to our most popular games, could harm our results of operations.

Our business is intensely competitive and hit driven. If we do not deliver hit products and services, or if consumers prefer our competitors products or services over our own, our operating results could suffer.

Competition in our industry is intense. Many new games are introduced in each major industry segment (mobile, web, and PC free-to-download), but only a relatively small number of hit titles account for a significant portion of total revenue in each segment. Our competitors range from large established companies to emerging start-ups, and we expect new competitors to continue to emerge throughout the world. If our competitors develop and market more successful products or services, offer competitive products or services at lower price points or based on payment models perceived as offering a better value proposition, or if we do not continue to develop consistently high-quality and well-received products and services, our revenue, margins, and profitability will decline.

Our quarterly operating results are volatile and difficult to predict, and our stock price may decline if we fail to meet the expectations of securities analysts or investors.

Our bookings, revenue, adjusted EBITDA, player traffic and operating results have fluctuated in the past and could vary significantly from quarter-to-quarter and year-to-year and may fail to match our past performance or the expectations of securities analysts or investors because of a variety of factors, some of which are outside of our control. Any of these events could cause the market price of our Class A common stock to fluctuate. Factors that may contribute to the variability of our operating results include the risk factors listed in these Risk Factors and the factors discussed in the section titled Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Factors Affecting Our Performance.

In particular, it is difficult to predict when bookings from one of our games will begin to decline, the decay rate for any particular game, which is the speed at which the popularity and player usage for a game declines and the commercial success of our new games. Our business depends on our ability to consistently and timely launch new games or versions of games that achieve significant popularity and have the potential to become franchise

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games as bookings from our older games decline. It is difficult for us to predict with certainty when we will launch a new game as games may require longer development schedules or soft launch periods than we expect to meet our quality standards. For example, our experience in 2014 launches has caused us to extend soft launch periods for our games during 2015 which results in a delay in significant bookings for the games. If decay rates are higher than expected in a particular quarterly period and/or we experience delays in the launch of new games that we expect to offset these declines and/or new games do not monetize well, we may not meet our expectations or the expectations of securities analysts or investors for a given quarter.

In addition, we recognize revenue from the sale of our virtual goods in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which is complex and based on our assumptions and historical data with respect to the sale and use of various types of virtual goods. In the event that such assumptions are revised based on new data or there are changes in the historical mix of virtual goods sold due to new game introductions, reduced virtual good sales in existing games or other factors or there are changes in our estimates of average playing periods and player life, the amount of revenue that we recognize in any particular period may fluctuate significantly. In addition, changes in the policies of Facebook, Apple, Google or other third party platforms or accounting policies promulgated by the SEC and national accounting standards bodies affecting software and virtual goods revenue recognition could further significantly affect the way we report revenue related to our products. Such changes could have an adverse effect on our reported revenue, net income and earnings per share under U.S. GAAP. For further information regarding our revenue recognition policy, see the section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Critical Accounting Policies - Revenue Recognition" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Given the rapidly evolving social game industry in which we operate, our historical operating results may not be useful in predicting our future operating results. In addition, metrics we have developed or those available from third parties regarding our industry and the performance of our games, including DAUs, MAUs, MUUs, MUPs and ABPU may not be indicative of our future financial performance. This could cause the market price of our Class A common stock to fluctuate.

A small number of games have generated a majority of our revenue, and we must continue to launch, innovate and enhance games that players like and attract and retain a significant number of players in order to grow our revenue and sustain our competitive position.

Historically, we have depended on a small number of games for a majority of our revenue and we expect that this dependency will continue for the foreseeable future. Bookings and revenue from many of our games tend to decline over time after reaching a peak of popularity and player usage. As a result of this natural decline in the life cycle of our games, our business depends on our ability to consistently and timely launch new games across multiple platforms and devices that achieve significant popularity and have the potential to become franchise games. For example, in 2014 we saw a decline in bookings for *Zynga Poker* as compared to 2013. We recently announced that we will launch six to ten new mobile games, including games in new categories in 2015, however there is a risk that we may not launch these games or the other games we plan to launch in 2015 according to schedule, that these games do not attract and retain a significant number of players or that these games will not monetize well.

Each of our games requires significant engineering, marketing and other resources to develop, launch and sustain via regular upgrades and expansions, and such costs on average have increased over the last several years. Our ability to successfully launch, sustain and expand games and attract and retain players largely will depend on our ability to:

anticipate and effectively respond to changing game player interests and preferences;

anticipate or respond to changes in the competitive and technological landscape (including, but not limited to changes in mobile devices and gaming platforms);

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attract, retain and motivate talented game designers, product managers and engineers;

develop, sustain and expand games that our players find fun, interesting and compelling to play;

develop games that can build upon or become franchise games;

effectively market and advertise new games and enhancements to our existing players and new players;

acquire players in a cost-effective manner;

minimize the launch delays and cost overruns on new games and game expansions;

minimize downtime and other technical difficulties; and

acquire and integrate high quality assets, personnel and companies.

It is difficult to consistently anticipate player demand on a large scale, particularly as we develop games in new categories or new markets, including international markets and mobile platforms. If we do not successfully launch games that attract and retain a significant number of players and extend the life of our existing games, our market share, brand and financial results will be harmed. For example, in September 2014, we launched a new version of *Zynga Poker* which replaced our existing mobile poker offering. The launch resulted in a sharp decline in DAUs and revenue, and feedback that some existing players preferred the prior version of the game. As a result, we now have two mobile poker offerings, *Zynga Poker* and the original game offering, which was subsequently reintroduced as *Zynga Poker Classic*.

We rely on a small portion of our total players for nearly all of our revenue and if we fail to grow our player base, or if player engagement continues to decline, bookings, revenue and operating results will be harmed.

Compared to all players who play our games in any period, only a small portion are paying players. During the three months ended December 31, 2014, we had approximately 1.1 million MUPs (excluding payers who use certain payment methods for which unique payer data is not available and excluding NaturalMotion), who represent approximately one percent of our total players compared to one percent of our total players during the three months ended December 31, 2013. In order to sustain and grow our revenue levels, we must attract, retain and increase the number of paying players or more effectively monetize our players. To retain players, we must devote significant resources so that the games they play retain their interest and attract them to our other games. We might not succeed in our efforts to increase the monetization rates of our users, particularly if we are unable to retain our paying players. If we fail to grow or sustain the number of our paying players, if the rates at which we attract and retain players declines or if the average amount our players pay declines, our business may not grow and our financial results will suffer.

Our business depends on our players and our player's level of engagement is critical to our success. We lose players in the ordinary course of business. Average MAU declined 31% percent from 171 million in 2013 to 118 million in 2014. Our financial performance will continue to be significantly impacted if we continue to lose users. If we fail to sustain the number of our paying players, if the rates at which we attract and retain players declines or if the average amount our players pay declines, our business will continue to decline and our financial results will suffer.

A large portion of our business is dependent upon, and our bookings and revenues are derived from the Facebook platform, and Facebook in many cases has the unilateral ability to interpret its policies and terms and conditions for applications and developers.

Facebook is currently the largest single distribution, marketing, promotion and payment platform for our games. To date, we have derived a significant portion of our bookings (43% in 2014) and revenue (51% in 2014) and acquired a significant number of our players through Facebook. Except for certain limited addenda, we are subject to Facebook's standard terms and conditions for application developers, which

govern the promotion, distribution between us and Facebook and operation of games and other applications on the Facebook platform.

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Our business may be harmed if:

Facebook discontinues or limits our access to its platform;

Facebook terminates or seeks to terminate our contractual relationship altogether;

Facebook prohibits us from offering our games on the Facebook platform because it determines that we are a competitor or for other reasons;

Facebook modifies its terms of service or other policies, including fees charged to, or other restrictions on, us or other application developers;

Facebook makes operational changes to its platform that we are not able to adapt to our game offerings;

Facebook changes how the personal information of its users is made available to application developers on the Facebook platform or is able to be shared by users;

Facebook modifies or interprets its terms of service or other policies in a manner that impacts our ability to advertise, either for our games or for third party products or services;

Facebook establishes more favorable relationships with one or more of our competitors;

Facebook platform or purchasing functionality becomes unavailable for a period of time; or

Facebook develops or acquires its own competitive offerings.

In addition, we have benefited from Facebook's strong brand recognition and large user base. If Facebook loses its market position or otherwise falls out of favor with Internet users or other factors cause its user base to stop growing or to shrink, we would need to identify alternative channels for marketing, promoting and distributing our games, which would consume substantial resources and may not be effective, or available at all.

Facebook has broad discretion to change and interpret its terms of service and other policies with respect to us and other developers, and those changes may be unfavorable to us. Facebook may also change its fee structure, add fees associated with access to and use of the Facebook platform, alter how we are able to advertise on the Facebook platform, change how the personal information of its users is made available to application developers on the Facebook platform or restrict how Facebook users can share information with friends on their platform or across platforms other than Facebook. If changes were made that were detrimental to us, our business would be harmed and our operating results would be adversely affected.

Facebook recently introduced a new version of its developer platform and we must migrate our games to that platform by a certain date. We have made the decision not to migrate ten games to the new platform, which will impact our web based bookings and revenue in 2015. If we are unable to timely and effectively migrate the remainder of our games to the new Facebook platform, or develop new games that work with this platform our players may lose access to games or features or otherwise encounter a negative gaming experience, resulting in reduced bookings and revenue. In addition, when we do migrate games to the new platform, the new platform may change the way developers can interact with

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users or how Facebook users can share information with friends. Any such changes in the future could significantly alter how players experience or interact within our games, which may harm our business.

If we violate, or if Facebook believes we have violated its terms of service, it could limit or discontinue our access to the platform, which would harm our business.

We also rely on the continued functionality of the Facebook platform. If our players or potential players are not able to access our games through this platform or encounter difficulties in doing so, we may lose players, resulting in decreased bookings and revenue. The level of service provided by Facebook may also impact the purchase, usage and satisfaction with the virtual goods or currency purchased by our players, adversely affecting our business and profitability. If Facebook experiences interruptions in service or issues with its in-app

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purchasing functionality regularly or for a prolonged basis, or other similar issues arise that impact our ability to generate revenues on the Facebook platform, it could have a negative impact on our revenues and operating results.

To be successful, we must increasingly leverage the global connectivity and distribution of mobile platforms, making the success of our business dependent on this technology and our relationships with mobile platform providers, which in many cases have the unilateral ability to interpret their policies and terms and conditions for applications and developers.

Our social games increasingly leverage the global connectivity and distribution of mobile platforms including Apple's App Store for iOS devices and the Google Play App Store for Android devices. Our games are distributed on these platforms and the virtual items we sell in our games are purchased using the payment processing systems of these platform providers. In the fourth quarter of 2014, 60% of our bookings were generated through mobile platforms. We are subject to the standard policies and terms of service of these third party platforms, which govern the promotion, distribution and operation of games on the platform and can be changed by the platform providers, in their sole discretion, at any time. Such changes may decrease the visibility or availability of our games, limit our distribution capabilities, prevent access to our existing games, reduce the amount of bookings and revenue we may recognize from in-game purchases, increase our costs to operate on these platforms or result in the exclusion or limitation of our games on such third party platforms. Any such changes could significantly harm our business in both the short-term and long-term.

If we violate, or a platform provider believes we have violated its terms of service, it could limit or discontinue our access to the platform, which would harm our business.

We also rely on the continued functionality of the Apple App Store and the Google Play App Store. If our players or potential players are not able to access our games through these platforms or encounter difficulties in doing so, we may lose players, resulting in decreased bookings and revenue. The level of service provided by these storefronts may also impact the purchase, usage and satisfaction with the virtual goods or currency purchased by our players, adversely affecting our business and profitability. Further, in the past these digital storefronts have experienced interruptions in service or issues with their in-app purchasing functionality. If these types of interruptions were to occur regularly or for a prolonged basis, or other similar issues arise that impact our ability to generate revenues from these storefronts, it could have a negative impact on our revenues and operating results.

Apple's new requirement that all new applications submitted to the Apple App Store must include 64-bit support, which is scheduled to become effective in 2015, could harm our business.

Apple recently informed developers that beginning on February 1, 2015, all new applications that are submitted to the Apple App Store must include 64-bit support and be built with the iOS 8 software development kit, with certain exceptions. Games that are currently live must include 64-bit support and be updated by an update built with the iOS 8 software development kit by June 1, 2015. Depending on date of submissions, games built on the Unity game engine (Unity) may be given until June to comply with the update requirements. We currently have efforts underway to adapt our current games and future games to support 64-bit and be built with the iOS 8 software development kit. If Apple does not modify or delay this requirement, we would be required to implement 64-bit support for all of our games currently under development that we intend to launch after February 1, 2015 as well as any of our currently released games that we intend to launch or update after February 1, 2015. This will involve significant development and expense and may cause the anticipated release date for some or all of our games currently under development to be pushed out, which would negatively impact our revenues in 2015 and potentially beyond. In addition, due to the significant expense involved in supporting 64-bit development, we might decide not to continue updating certain of our existing games after February 1, 2015 that we otherwise would have continued to update, which would cause the revenues that we generate from these games to decline more quickly than they otherwise would have. Furthermore, building our games to

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support 64-bit development will increase the file size of our games, which could reduce the number of downloads of these games, particularly if we are unable to keep the size of the games below 100 megabytes, which is the maximum file size that can currently be downloaded over any carrier's wireless network.

If we fail to maintain and enhance our capabilities for porting games to a broad array of mobile devices, particularly those running the Android operating system, our revenues and financial results could suffer.

We derive a significant portion of our revenues from the sale of virtual goods within our games for smartphones and tablets that run Apple's iOS or Google's Android operating system. Unlike the Apple ecosystem in which Apple controls both the device (iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad) and the storefront (Apple's App Store), the Android ecosystem is highly fragmented since a large number of OEMs manufacture and sell Android-based devices that run a variety of versions of the Android operating system, and there are many Android-based storefronts in addition to the Google Play Store. For us to sell our games to the widest possible audience of Android users, we must port our games to a significant portion of the more than 1,000 Android-based devices that are commercially available, many of which have different technical requirements. Since the number of Android-based smartphones and tablets shipped worldwide is growing significantly, it is important that we maintain and enhance our porting capabilities, which could require us to invest considerable resources in this area. These additional costs could harm our business, operating results and financial condition. In addition, we must continue to increase the efficiency of our porting processes or it may take us longer to port games to an equivalent number of devices, which would negatively impact our margins. If we fail to maintain or enhance our porting capabilities, our revenues and financial results could suffer.

We operate in a new and rapidly changing industry.

The social game industry, through which we derive substantially all of our revenue, is a new and rapidly evolving industry. The growth of the social game industry and the level of demand and market acceptance of our games are subject to a high degree of uncertainty. Our future operating results will depend on numerous factors affecting the social game industry, many of which are beyond our control, including:

our ability to extend our brand and games to mobile platforms and the timing and success of such mobile game launches;

continued worldwide growth in the adoption and use of Facebook and other social networks on which our platform relies;

our ability to maintain the popularity of our games on Facebook; iOS, Android and other platforms;

the transition of our players from the web to mobile devices, and our ability to effectively monetize games on mobile devices and across multiple platforms and devices;

our ability to maintain technological solutions and employee expertise to rapidly respond to continuous changes in mobile platforms and mobile devices;

our ability to maintain technological solutions and employee expertise to rapidly respond to changes in consumer demand for games on new gaming platforms;

changes in consumer demographics and public tastes and preferences;

the availability and popularity of other forms of entertainment;

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the worldwide growth of mobile devices, broadband Internet and personal computer users, and the rate of any such growth; and

general economic conditions, particularly economic conditions adversely affecting discretionary consumer spending.

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Our ability to plan for game development, distribution and promotional activities will be significantly affected by our ability to anticipate and adapt to relatively rapid changes in the tastes and preferences of our current and potential players and relatively rapid changes in technology. New and different types of entertainment may increase in popularity at the expense of social games. A decline in the popularity of social games in general, or our games in particular, would harm our business and prospects.

Security breaches, computer viruses and computer hacking attacks could harm our business, reputation, brand and results of operations.

Security breaches, computer malware and computer hacking attacks have become more prevalent in our industry, have occurred on our systems in the past and may occur on our systems in the future. Any security breach caused by hacking, which involves efforts to gain unauthorized access to information or systems, or to cause intentional malfunctions or loss or corruption of data, software, hardware or other computer equipment, and the inadvertent transmission of computer viruses could harm our business, financial condition and operating results. We have experienced and will continue to experience hacking attacks of varying degrees from time to time, including denial-of-service attacks. Because of our prominence in the social game industry, we believe we are a particularly attractive target for hackers.

In addition, our games involve the storage and transmission of players' personal information in our facilities and on our equipment, networks and corporate systems run by us or managed by third-parties including Facebook, Apple, Microsoft and Google. Security breaches of our systems or third-parties on whom we rely could expose us to litigation, remediation costs, increased costs for security measures, loss of revenue, damage to our reputation and potential liability. Our player data, corporate systems, third party systems and security measures may be breached due to the actions of outside parties, employee error, malfeasance, a combination of these, or otherwise, and, as a result, an unauthorized party may obtain access to our data, our players' data or our advertiser's data. Additionally, outside parties may attempt to fraudulently induce employees or players to disclose sensitive information in order to gain access to our players' data or our advertiser's data. We must continuously examine and modify our security controls and business policies to address the use of new devices and technologies enabling players to share data and communicate in new ways, and the increasing focus by our players and regulators on controlling and protecting user data.

Because the techniques used to obtain unauthorized access, disable or degrade service, or sabotage systems change frequently or may be designed to remain dormant until a predetermined event and often are not recognized until launched against a target, we may be unable to anticipate these techniques or implement adequate preventative measures. Though it is difficult to determine what harm may directly result from any specific interruption or breach, any failure or perceived failure to maintain performance, reliability, security and availability of our network infrastructure to the satisfaction of our players may harm our reputation and our ability to retain existing players and attract new players.

If an actual or perceived breach of our security occurs, the market perception of the effectiveness of our security measures could be harmed, we could lose players and advertisers, and we could suffer significant legal and financial exposure due to such events or in connection with remediation efforts, investigation costs or penalties, changed security and system protection measures. Any of these actions could have a material and adverse effect on our business, reputation and operating results.

Any failure or significant interruption in our infrastructure could impact our operations and harm our business.

Our technology infrastructure is critical to the performance of our games and to player satisfaction. Our games run on a complex distributed system, or what is commonly known as cloud computing. We own, operate and maintain the primary elements of this system, but some elements of this system are operated by third parties that we do not control and which would require significant time and potential expense to replace. We have

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experienced, and may in the future experience, service disruptions, outages and other performance problems due to a variety of factors, including infrastructure changes, human or software errors and capacity constraints. For example, the operation of *CityVille* was interrupted for several hours in April 2011 and the operation of most of our games was interrupted for several hours in January 2013, in each case due to network outages. If a particular game is unavailable when players attempt to access it or navigation through a game is slower than they expect, players may stop playing the game and may be less likely to return to the game as often, if at all. A failure or significant interruption in our game service would harm our reputation and operations. We have suffered interruptions in service when releasing new software versions or bug fixes for specific games in the past and if any such interruption were significant it could harm our business or reputation. We expect to continue to make significant investments to our technology infrastructure to maintain and improve all aspects of player experience and game performance. To the extent we do not effectively address capacity constraints, upgrade our systems as needed and continually develop our technology and network architecture to accommodate increasing traffic, our business and operating results may suffer. We do not maintain insurance policies covering losses relating to our systems and we do not have business interruption insurance. Furthermore, our disaster recovery systems and those of third-parties with which we do business may not function as intended or may fail to adequately protect our critical business information in the event of a significant business interruption, which may cause interruption in service of our games, security breaches or the loss of data or functionality, leading to a negative effect on our business.

We must continue to spend significant resources to effectively manage our business and operations.

To effectively manage our business and operations, we will need to continue to focus on spending significant resources to improve our technology infrastructure, our operational, financial and management controls, and our reporting systems and procedures by, among other things:

monitoring and updating our technology infrastructure to maintain high performance and minimize down time;

enhancing information and communication systems to ensure that our employees and offices around the world are well-coordinated and can effectively communicate with each other; and

monitoring our internal controls to ensure timely and accurate reporting of all of our operations.

These enhancements and improvements will require capital expenditures and allocation of valuable management and employee resources.

Our acquisition of NaturalMotion is significant, and the anticipated benefits of the acquisition could be impacted by a number of risks specific to NaturalMotion's business, as well as by risks related to the integration process.

On February 11, 2014, we completed our acquisition of NaturalMotion. The process of integrating NaturalMotion's operations into our operations could result in unforeseen operating difficulties, absorb significant management attention, and require significant resources that would otherwise have been available for the ongoing development of our existing operations. If we are unsuccessful in addressing these risks and challenges, our business and prospects would be harmed. Particular significant risks and challenges include, but are not limited to:

the potential lack of employee retention stemming from the acquisition;

that NaturalMotion's games may not succeed or perform as we anticipated;

that NaturalMotion's pipeline of future products under development may take longer than predicted to develop and launch or may fail to launch at all;

the difficulty of integrating NaturalMotion's tools and technology into our current and future mobile products; and

the risk that the implementation of our existing models and mechanics fails to enhance NaturalMotion's products.

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Our business will suffer if we are unable to successfully acquire or integrate acquired companies into our business or otherwise manage the growth associated with multiple acquisitions.

We have acquired businesses, personnel and technologies in the past and we intend to continue to evaluate and pursue acquisitions and strategic investments. These acquisitions and strategic investments could be material to our financial condition or results of operations.

Challenges and risks from such investments and acquisitions include:

negative effects on products and product pipeline from the changes and potential disruption that may follow the acquisition;

diversion of our management's attention away from our business;

declining employee morale and retention issues resulting from changes in compensation, or changes in management, reporting relationships, or future prospects;

significant competition from other game companies as the social game industry consolidates;

the need to integrate the operations, systems, technologies, products and personnel of each acquired company, the inefficiencies and lack of control that may result if such integration is delayed or not implemented, and unforeseen difficulties and expenditures that may arise in connection with integration;

the difficulty in determining the appropriate purchase price of acquired companies may lead to the overpayment from certain acquisitions and the potential impairment of intangible assets and goodwill acquired in the acquisitions;

the difficulty in successfully evaluating and utilizing the acquired products, technology or personnel;

the potential incurrence of debt, contingent liabilities, amortization expenses or restructuring charges in connection with any acquisition;

the need to implement controls, procedures and policies appropriate for a larger public company at companies that prior to acquisition had lacked such controls, procedures and policies;

the difficulty in accurately forecasting and accounting for the financial impact of an acquisition transaction, including accounting charges and integrating and reporting results for acquired companies that do not historically follow U.S. GAAP;

under purchase accounting, we may be required to write off deferred revenue which may impair our ability to recognize revenue that would have otherwise been recognizable which may impact our financial performance or that of the acquired company;

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risks associated with our expansion into new international markets and doing business internationally, including those described under the risk factor caption Expansion into international markets is important for our strategy, and as we expand internationally, we will face additional business, political, regulatory, operational, financial and economic risks, any of which could increase our costs and hinder our efforts elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K;

in the case of foreign acquisitions, the need to integrate operations across different cultures and languages and to address the particular economic, currency, political and regulatory risks associated with specific countries;

in some cases, the need to transition operations and players onto our existing or new platforms and the potential loss of, or harm to, our relationships with employees, players and other suppliers as a result of integration of new businesses;

in certain instances, the ability to exert control of acquired businesses that include earnout provisions in the agreements relating to such acquisitions or the potential obligation to fund an earnout for a product that has not met expectations;

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our dependence on the accuracy and completeness of statements and disclosures made or actions taken by the companies we acquire or their representatives, when conducting due diligence and evaluating the results of such due diligence; and

liability for activities of the acquired company before the acquisition, including intellectual property and other litigation claims or disputes, information security vulnerabilities, violations of laws, rules and regulations, commercial disputes, tax liabilities and other known and unknown liabilities.

The benefits of an acquisition or investment may also take considerable time to develop, and we cannot be certain that any particular acquisition or investment will produce the intended benefits, which could adversely affect our business and operating results. Our ability to grow through future acquisitions will depend on the availability of suitable acquisition and investment candidates at an acceptable cost, our ability to compete effectively to attract these candidates and the availability of financing to complete larger acquisitions. Acquisitions could result in potential dilutive issuances of equity securities, use of significant cash balances or incurrence of debt (and increased interest expense), contingent liabilities or amortization expenses related to intangible assets or write-offs of goodwill and/or intangible assets, which could adversely affect our results of operations and dilute the economic and voting rights of our stockholders. For example, in the third quarter of 2012, we made the decision to discontinue the development of certain games associated with technology and other intangible assets previously acquired from OMGPOP and we recorded an asset impairment charge of \$95.5 million. For more information, see Note 3 Fair Value Measurements in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Some of our players may make sales or purchases of virtual goods used in our games through unauthorized or fraudulent third-party websites, which may reduce our revenue.

Virtual goods in our games have no monetary value outside of our games. Nonetheless, some of our players may make sales and/or purchases of our virtual goods, such as *Zynga Poker Classic* and *Zynga Poker* virtual poker chips, through unauthorized third-party sellers in exchange for real currency. These unauthorized or fraudulent transactions are usually arranged on third-party websites and the virtual goods offered may have been obtained through unauthorized means such as exploiting vulnerabilities in our games, from scamming our players with fake offers or virtual goods or other game benefits, or from credit card fraud. We do not generate any revenue from these transactions. These unauthorized purchases and sales from third-party sellers could impede our revenue and profit growth by, among other things:

decreasing revenue from authorized transactions;

creating downward pressure on the prices we charge players for our virtual currency and virtual goods;

increasing chargebacks from unauthorized credit card transactions;

causing us to lose revenue from paying players as our partners increase their credit card fraud prevention efforts;

causing us to lose revenue from paying players who stop playing a particular game;

increasing costs we incur to develop technological measures to curtail unauthorized transactions;

generating legal claims relating to the diminution of value of our virtual goods;

resulting in negative publicity or harm our reputation with players and partners; and

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increasing customer support costs to respond to dissatisfied players.

To discourage unauthorized purchases and sales of our virtual goods, we state in our terms of service that the buying or selling of virtual currency and virtual goods from unauthorized third-party sellers may result in bans from our games or legal action. We have banned players as a result of such activities. We have also filed lawsuits against third parties attempting to sell virtual goods from our games, particularly poker chips from

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Zynga Poker, outside of our games. We have also employed technological measures to help detect unauthorized transactions and continue to develop additional methods and processes by which we can identify unauthorized transactions and block such transactions. However, there can be no assurance that our efforts to prevent or minimize these unauthorized or fraudulent transactions will be successful.

The value of our virtual goods is highly dependent on how we manage the economies in our games. If we fail to manage our game economies properly, our business may suffer.

Paying players purchase virtual goods in our games because of the perceived value of these goods which is dependent on the relative ease of securing an equivalent good via non-paid means within the game. The perceived value of these virtual goods can be impacted if one of our platform providers offers discounted local currency or other incentives to our players, or by various actions that we take in the games including offering discounts for virtual goods, giving away virtual goods in promotions or providing easier non-paid means to secure these goods. If we fail to manage our virtual economies properly, players may be less likely to purchase virtual goods and our business may suffer.

If we are able to develop new games that achieve success, it is possible that these games could divert players of our other games without growing our overall user base, which could harm operating results.

Although it is important to our future success that we develop new games that become popular with players, it is possible that these games could cause players to reduce their playing time and purchase of virtual items in our existing games. We plan to cross-promote our new games in our other games, which could encourage players of existing games to divert some of their playing time and spend on existing games. If new games do not grow our player base or generate sufficient new bookings to offset any declines from our other games, our bookings and revenue could be adversely affected.

We derive a significant portion of our revenues from advertisements and offers that are incorporated into our free-to-play games through relationships with third parties. If we lose the ability to provide these advertisements and offers for any reason, or if any events occur that negatively impact the revenues we receive from these sources, it would negatively impact our operating results.

We derive revenues from our free-to-play games through in-app purchases, advertisements and offers. We incorporate advertisements and offers into our games by implementing third parties' software development kits and we have direct relationships with third parties regarding advertising. We rely on these third parties to continue our advertising relationships and/or to provide us with a sufficient inventory of advertisements and offers to meet the demand of our user base. If direct advertising relationships change or we exhaust the available inventory of these third parties, it will negatively impact our revenues. If our relationship with any of these third parties terminates for any reason, or if the commercial terms of our relationships do not continue to be renewed on favorable terms, we would need to locate and implement other third-party solutions, which could negatively impact our revenues, at least in the short term. Furthermore, the revenues that we derive from advertisements and offers is subject to seasonality, as companies' advertising budgets are generally highest during the fourth quarter and decline significantly in the first quarter of the following year, which negatively impacts our revenues in the first quarter (and conversely significantly increases our marketing expenses in the fourth quarter).

Any restructuring actions and cost reduction initiatives that we undertake may not deliver the expected results and these actions may adversely affect our business.

In 2013 and 2014, we implemented certain restructuring actions and cost reduction initiatives to better align our operating expenses with our revenue, including reducing our headcount, rationalizing our product pipeline, reducing marketing and technology expenditures and consolidating and closing certain facilities, and we plan to continue to manage costs to better and more efficiently manage our business. We also recently announced we are closing our studio in Beijing, China. Our restructuring plans and other such efforts could result in disruptions to our operations and adversely affect our business.

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We expect to continue to actively monitor our costs, however, if we do not fully realize or maintain the anticipated benefits of any restructuring actions and cost reduction initiatives, our business could be adversely affected. In addition, we cannot be sure that the cost reduction initiatives will be as successful in reducing our overall expenses as expected or that additional costs will not offset any such reductions. If our operating costs are higher than we expect or if we do not maintain adequate control of our costs and expenses, our operating results will suffer.

In addition, our cost-cutting measures could negatively impact our business including delaying the introduction of new games, impairing our control environment, delaying introduction of new technology, impacting employee retention and morale.

We have a history of net losses and our revenue, bookings and operating margins may decline. We also may incur substantial net losses in the future and may not achieve profitability.

The industry in which we operate is highly competitive and rapidly changing, and relies heavily on successful new product launches and compelling content, products and services. As such, if we fail to deliver such content, products and services, do not execute our strategy successfully or if our new content launches are delayed, our revenue, bookings and audience numbers may decline, and our operating results will suffer. We have incurred significant losses since inception, including a net loss of \$209 million in 2012, a net loss of \$37 thousand in 2013 and a net loss of \$226 million for 2014. As of December 31, 2014, we had an accumulated deficit of \$1.2 billion.

In addition, we believe that our operating margin will continue to experience downward pressure as a result of increasing competition. We expect to continue to expend substantial financial and other resources on game development, including mobile games, our technology stack, game engines, game technology and tools, the expansion of our network and international expansion. Our operating costs will increase and our operating margins may decline if we do not effectively manage costs, launch new products on schedule that monetize successfully and enhance our franchise games so that these games continue to monetize successfully. In addition, weak economic conditions or other factors could cause our business to further contract, requiring us to implement significant additional cost cutting measures, including a decrease in research and development, which could harm our long-term prospects.

If our revenues do not increase to offset these additional expenses, if we experience unexpected increases in operating expenses or if we are required to take additional charges related to impairments or restructurings, we will continue to incur losses and will not become profitable on a sustained basis. If we are unable to significantly increase our revenues or reduce our expenses, it will continue to negatively affect our operating results and our ability to achieve and sustain profitability.

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We rely on assumptions and estimates to calculate certain of our key metrics, and real or perceived inaccuracies in such metrics may harm our reputation and negatively affect our business.

The numbers of our daily active users (DAUs), monthly active users (MAUs) monthly unique payers (MUPs), monthly unique users (MUUs) and average bookings per daily users (ABPU) are calculated using metrics tracked by our internal analytics systems based on tracking activity of user accounts. The analytics systems and the resulting data have not been independently verified. While these numbers are based on what we believe to be reasonable calculations for the applicable period of measurement, there are inherent challenges in measuring usage and user engagement across our user base and factors relating to user activity and systems may impact these numbers. The calculation of these metrics and examples of how user activity and our systems may impact the calculation of the metrics is described in detail under the heading titled Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Key Metrics.

As we transition our business to focus on mobile products, there is more likelihood of having difficulty calculating these metrics.

We are unable to distinguish whether a player of current NaturalMotion games is also a player of a Zynga game. As a result of this we exclude NaturalMotion players from our calculation of MUU to avoid potential double counting. This issue has been resolved for future NaturalMotion releases, so players of new games released by NaturalMotion in 2015 and beyond will be included in our MUU calculations.

Our advertisers and investors rely on our key metrics as a representation of our performance. We regularly review and may adjust our processes for calculating our internal metrics to improve their accuracy. If we determine that we can no longer calculate any of our key metrics with a sufficient degree of accuracy, and we cannot find an adequate replacement for the metric, our business or revenue may be harmed. In addition, if advertisers, platform partners or investors do not perceive our user metrics to be accurate representations of our user base or user engagement, or if we discover material inaccuracies in our user metrics, our reputation may be harmed and advertisers and platform partners may be less willing to allocate their budgets or resources to our products and services, which could negatively affect our business and operating results.

If we fail to effectively manage our human resources, our business may suffer.

Our ability to compete and grow depends in large part on the efforts and talents of our employees and executives. Our success depends in a large part upon the continued service of our senior management team. In particular, our Chief Executive Officer, Don Matrick, is critical to our vision, strategic direction, culture, products and technology. We do not have employment agreements, other than offer letters, with our senior management team and we do not maintain key-man insurance for Mr. Matrick or any other member of our senior management team. The loss of our Chief Executive Officer or other members of senior management could harm our business.

In addition, our ability to execute our strategy depends on our continued ability to identify, hire, develop motivate and retain highly skilled employees, particularly game designers, product managers and engineers. These employees are in high demand, and we devote significant resources to identifying, recruiting, hiring, training, successfully integrating and retaining them. We have experienced significant turnover in our headcount over the last year, which has placed and will continue to place significant demands on our management and our operational, financial and technological infrastructure. As of December 31, 2014, approximately 42% of our employees had been with us for less than one year and approximately 55% for less than two years.

We believe that two critical components of our success and our ability to retain our best people are our culture and our competitive compensation practices. As we continue to develop the infrastructure of a public company, we may find it difficult to maintain our entrepreneurial, execution-focused culture. In addition, our recent operating results, the decline in our revenue and the current trading price of our Class A common stock

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may cause our employee base to be more vulnerable to be targeted for recruitment by competitors. Some of our employees may have been motivated to work for us by an expectation that our Class A common stock would be trading at a higher value and may be less motivated by the equity compensation they receive as a result. Competitors may leverage any resulting disappointment as a tool to recruit talented employees. Competition for highly skilled employees is intense, particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area, where our headquarters is located. If we are unable to retain our senior management team and our key employees, are unable to continue to hire highly skilled employees our business could be harmed. Moreover, if our team fails to work together effectively to execute our plans and strategies on a timely basis, our business could be harmed.

We have historically hired a number of key personnel through acquisitions, and as competition with other game companies for attractive target companies with a skilled employee base increases, we may incur significant expenses in continuing this practice. In addition, our recent operating results, the decline in our revenue and the current trading price of our Class A common stock may negatively impact our perceived reputation and make it more difficult and more expensive to recruit new employees. The loss of talented employees or the inability to hire skilled employees as replacements could result in significant disruptions to our business, and the integration of replacement personnel could be time-consuming and expensive and cause additional disruptions to our business. If we do not succeed in recruiting, retaining, and motivating our key employees to achieve a high level of success or if we do not attract new key personnel, we may be unable to continue to launch new games and enhance existing games, including in each case on mobile, expand our network, or execute our business strategy, and as a result, our business may suffer.

Our core values of focusing on our players first and acting for the long term may conflict with the short-term interests of our business.

One of our core values is to focus on surprising and delighting our players, which we believe is essential to our success and serves the best, long-term interests of Zynga and our stockholders. Therefore, we have made in the past and we may make in the future, significant investments or changes in strategy that we think will benefit us in the long term, even if our decision negatively impacts our operating results in the short term. For example, in early 2013, we decided to discontinue development of certain games that were originally expected to be released in, and then meaningfully contribute to bookings for, the second quarter of 2013, in order to focus on games with the potential of becoming franchise games that drive long-term enterprise value. Although these discontinued games may have offered short-term bookings, we determined that they did not contribute meaningfully to the brand and our strategy in the long-term. In the future, we could make decisions to balance the number of advertisements we show in games based on consumer reaction to advertising. This type of decision may increase consumer satisfaction and decrease bookings in the short-term. Our decisions may not result in the long-term benefits that we expect, in which case the success of our games, business and operating results could be harmed.

An increasing number of individuals are utilizing devices other than personal computers to access the Internet, and versions of our games developed for these devices might not gain widespread adoption, or may not function as intended.

The number of individuals who access the Internet through devices other than a personal computer, such as smart phones, handheld computers such as net books and tablets, televisions, video game consoles and set-top box devices, has increased dramatically, and we believe this trend is likely to continue. Certain of our games or versions of our games may not be compelling to players on such devices. In addition, each device manufacturer or platform provider may establish unique or restrictive terms and Mobile users also frequently change or upgrade their mobile devices. Our business and operating results may be harmed if our players do not install our games when they change or upgrade their device.

To expand our business, we will need to support a number of alternative devices and technologies. Once developed, we may choose to port or convert a game into separate versions for alternative devices with different

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technological requirements. As new devices and new mobile platforms or updates to platforms are continually being released, we may encounter problems in developing versions of our games for use on these alternative devices and we may need to devote significant resources to the creation, support and maintenance of such devices and platforms. If we are unable to successfully expand the platforms and devices on which our games are available, or if the versions of our games that we create for alternative platforms and devices are not compelling to our players, our business will suffer. For example, in September 2014, we released a new version of our poker offering that was intended to reimagine the game with an entirely new experience for mobile and replace the original game for mobile applications. Due to playability issues, some players playing on older devices reported that they were not having a smooth and seamless experience and that they preferred the classic design and play style of the original game. This resulted in us both having to address the issues impacting *Zynga Poker* so that it would offer a more optimal player experience and re-launch *Zynga Poker Classic*, which offers familiar gameplay that stays true to our traditional poker experience. To have more successful game launches in the future, we will need to hire and retain engineers with the expertise to develop games and game updates on mobile platforms, better anticipate technical and operational issues in connection with a launch so that they can be addressed prior to launch and stay true to our consumer-centric approach to decision making to offer optimal player experiences. If we are unsuccessful in any of these endeavors, or are otherwise unable to keep up with rapidly changing technology, to offer new games and game updates that appeal to our player base or to monetize our mobile games, our business will suffer.

If the use of mobile devices as game platforms and the proliferation of mobile devices generally do not increase, our business could be adversely affected.

We have shifted our business to focus on mobile first games over the last year. The number of people using mobile Internet-enabled devices has increased dramatically in the past few years and we expect that this trend will continue. However, the mobile market, particularly the market for mobile games is still emerging and it may not grow as we anticipate. Our future success is substantially dependent upon the continued growth of the market for mobile games. The mobile market may not continue to grow at historic rates and consumers may not continue to use mobile-Internet enabled devices as a platform for games. In addition, we do not currently offer our games on all mobile devices. If the mobile devices on which our games are available decline in popularity we could experience a decline in bookings and revenue. Any decline in the growth of the mobile market or in the use of mobile devices for games could harm our business.

We have a new business model and a short operating history, which make it difficult to evaluate our prospects and future financial results and may increase the risk that we will not be successful.

We began operations in April 2007, and became publicly listed in December 2011, and we have a short operating history and a new business model, which make it difficult to effectively assess our future prospects. Our business model is based on offering games that are free to play. To date, only a small portion of our players pay for our products. We cannot assure that any of our efforts will be successful or result in the development or timely launch of additional products, or ultimately produce any material revenue.

We may choose to exit the real money gaming market completely to focus on our core business and, if we elect to participate in this market, our efforts may not be successful.

In October 2012, we entered into an agreement with Bwin.Party Digital Entertainment plc (*bwin.party*) to develop, test and operate certain real money online poker and casino games in the United Kingdom. In the second quarter of 2013, we launched our first real money gaming (RMG) offerings, *ZyngaPlusPoker* and *ZyngaPlusCasino*, in the United Kingdom in connection with this agreement. We are evaluating our RMG products in the United Kingdom to determine whether or not they are on strategy and aligned with our near term market opportunities and priorities. We may decide these products and participation in regulated markets globally is consistent with near term market opportunities and priorities or we may decide to exit the market. We cannot provide assurance that our RMG products, or any products or partnerships we may launch in the future will be successful, or ultimately produce any material revenue.

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In 2013, we decided to withdraw our application from the Nevada Gaming Control Board and made the focused choice not to pursue a license for real money gaming in other U.S. jurisdictions at this time in order to focus our resources and priorities on what we believe is our biggest opportunity, free to play social games. Our decision may not result in the long-term benefits that we expect, in which case the success of our business and operating results could be harmed. In connection with our decision to refocus on our core free to play business, we are evaluating our participation in global RMG markets. If we elect to participate in global regulated markets, gaming laws may require us, each of our subsidiaries engaged in gaming operations, certain of our directors, officers and employees, and in some cases, our stockholders, to obtain licenses or findings of suitability from gaming authorities. Gaming authorities have very broad discretion in determining whether an applicant qualifies for a license or should be deemed suitable. If we are required to obtain a license to participate in a global RMG market, we cannot provide assurance that we will be able to obtain a license in a timely fashion or that we will be able to obtain a license at all.

In addition, regulatory and legislative developments, including excessive taxation, may prevent or significantly limit our ability, or the ability of any entity with which we may partner in the future, to enter into or succeed in RMG. Becoming familiar with and complying with these requirements will increase our costs and subject our business to greater scrutiny by regulators in many different jurisdictions. If our brand becomes associated with RMG we may lose current players, advertisers or partners or have difficulty attracting new players, advertisers or partners, which could adversely impact our business.

In addition, if we or our partners operate our RMG games in a negative manner, if players are less satisfied than expected with the games provided or if we or our partners fail to comply with regulatory requirements, our reputation could be adversely affected and we may not realize the anticipated benefits of this line of business or we may lose players and we may curtail our efforts in the RMG market.

Our international operations are subject to increased challenges and risks.

Continuing to expand our business to attract players in countries other than the United States is a critical element of our business strategy. An important part of targeting international markets is developing offerings that are localized and customized for the players in those markets. We have a limited operating history as a company outside of the United States. We expect to continue to expand our international operations in the future by expanding our offerings in new languages. Our ability to expand our business and to attract talented employees and players in an increasing number of international markets will require considerable management attention and resources and is subject to the particular challenges of supporting a rapidly growing business in an environment of multiple languages, cultures, customs, legal systems, alternative dispute systems, regulatory systems and commercial infrastructures. We have experienced difficulties in the past and have not been successful in all the countries we have entered. For example, we recently announced that we are closing our office in Beijing, China because its recent game launches and product localization initiatives are not meeting expectations. We may not be able to offer our games in certain countries. Expanding our international focus may subject us to risks that we have not faced before or increase risks that we currently face, including risks associated with:

recruiting and retaining talented and capable management and employees in foreign countries;

challenges caused by distance, language and cultural differences;

developing and customizing games and other offerings that appeal to the tastes and preferences of players in international markets;

competition from local game makers with intellectual property rights and significant market share in those markets and with a better understanding of player preferences;

utilizing, protecting, defending and enforcing our intellectual property rights;

negotiating agreements with local distribution platforms that are sufficiently economically beneficial to us and protective of our rights;

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the inability to extend proprietary rights in our brand, content or technology into new jurisdictions;

implementing alternative payment methods for virtual goods in a manner that complies with local laws and practices and protects us from fraud;

compliance with applicable foreign laws and regulations, including privacy laws and laws relating to content and consumer protection (For example, the United Kingdom's Office of Fair Trading issued new principles in January 2014 relating to in-app purchases in free-to-play games that are directed toward children 16 and under, which principles became effective in April 2014);

compliance with anti-bribery laws including without limitation, compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act;

credit risk and higher levels of payment fraud;

currency exchange rate fluctuations;

protectionist laws and business practices that favor local businesses in some countries;

double taxation of our international earnings and potentially adverse tax consequences due to changes in the tax laws of the United States or the foreign jurisdictions in which we operate;

political, economic and social instability;

higher costs associated with doing business internationally;

export or import regulations; and

trade and tariff restrictions.

If we are unable to manage the complexity of our global operations successfully, our business, financial condition and operating results could be adversely affected. Additionally, our ability to successfully gain market acceptance in any particular market is uncertain, and the distraction of our senior management team could harm our business.

Our existing and potential players may be attracted to competing forms of entertainment such as offline and traditional online games, television, movies and sports, as well as other entertainment options on the Internet.

Our players face a vast array of entertainment choices. Other forms of entertainment, such as offline, traditional online, personal computer and console games, television, movies, sports, RMG and the Internet, are much larger and more well-established markets and may be perceived by our players to offer greater variety, affordability, interactivity and enjoyment. These other forms of entertainment compete for the discretionary time and income of our players. If we are unable to sustain sufficient interest in our games in comparison to other forms of entertainment, including new forms of entertainment, our business model may no longer be viable.

Competition in our industry is intense and there are low barriers to entry.

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Our industry is highly competitive and we expect more companies to enter the sector and a wider range of social games to be introduced. Our competitors that develop games for networks, on both web and mobile, vary in size and include companies such as DeNA Co. Ltd. (Japan), Electronic Arts Inc., Gameloft SA, GREE International, Inc., Glu Mobile Inc., King.com Inc., Rovio Mobile Ltd., Supercell Inc., GungHo Online Entertainment, Inc., Kabam and The Walt Disney Company. In addition, online game developers and distributors who are primarily focused on specific international markets, such as Tencent Holdings Limited in Asia, and high-profile companies with significant online presences that to date have not developed social games, such as Facebook, Apple Inc., Google Inc. and Microsoft Corporation, may decide to develop social games. Some of these current and potential competitors have significant resources for developing or acquiring additional games, may be able to incorporate their own strong brands and assets into their games, have a more diversified set of

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revenue sources than we do and may be less severely affected by changes in consumer preferences, regulations or other developments that may impact our industry. In addition, we have limited experience in developing games for mobile and other platforms and our ability to succeed on those platforms is uncertain. We expect new game competitors to enter the market and existing competitors to allocate more resources to develop and market competing games and applications.

As there are relatively low barriers to entry to develop a mobile or online casual game, we expect new game competitors to enter the market and existing competitors to allocate more resources to develop and market competing games and applications. We also compete or will compete with a vast number of small companies and individuals who are able to create and launch games and other content for devices and platforms using relatively limited resources and with relatively limited start-up time or expertise. The proliferation of titles in these open developer channels makes it difficult for us to differentiate ourselves from other developers and to compete for players without substantially increasing our marketing expenses and development costs. Increasing competition could result in loss of players, loss of talent or loss of our ability to acquire new players in a cost-effective manner, all of which could harm our business.

Our revenue may be harmed by the proliferation of cheating programs and scam offers that seek to exploit our games and players affects the game-playing experience and may lead players to stop playing our games.

Unrelated third parties have developed, and may continue to develop, cheating programs that enable players to exploit vulnerabilities in our games, play them in an automated way or obtain unfair advantages over other players who do play fairly. These programs harm the experience of players who play fairly, may disrupt the virtual economies of our games and may reduce the demand for virtual items. In addition, unrelated third parties attempt to scam our players with fake offers for virtual goods or other game benefits. We devote significant resources to discover and disable these programs and activities, and if we are unable to do so quickly our operations may be disrupted, our reputation damaged and players may stop playing our games. This may lead to lost revenue from paying players, increased cost of developing technological measures to combat these programs and activities, legal claims relating to the diminution in value of our virtual currency and goods, and increased customer service costs needed to respond to dissatisfied players.

We may be required to record impairment related to our goodwill, intangible assets or other long-lived assets if our market capitalization declines below our net asset value or if our financial performance and/or condition deteriorates.

As of December 31, 2014, we had \$1.03 billion of goodwill, intangible assets and other long-lived assets. Our February 2014 acquisition of NaturalMotion increased our reported goodwill and intangible assets. If our market capitalization declines below our net asset value or if our financial performance and/or condition deteriorates, we may have to impair our goodwill, intangible assets or other long-lived assets, which could adversely impact our results of operations and financial position. For example, in the third quarter of 2012, we made the decision to discontinue the development of certain games associated with technology and other intangible assets previously acquired from OMGPOP, Inc. and we recorded an asset impairment charge of \$95.5 million. In addition, in the third quarter of 2013 we recorded an intangible asset impairment charge of \$10.2 million related to various prior acquisitions. For more information, see Note 6 Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Failure to protect or enforce our intellectual property rights or the costs involved in such enforcement could harm our business and operating results.

We regard the protection of our trade secrets, copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade dress, domain names, patents, and other product rights as critical to our success. We strive to protect our intellectual property rights by relying on federal, state and common law rights, as well as contractual restrictions. We enter into

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confidentiality and invention assignment agreements with our employees and contractors and confidentiality agreements with parties with whom we conduct business in order to limit access to, and disclosure and use of, our proprietary information. However, these contractual arrangements and the other steps we have taken to protect our intellectual property may not prevent the misappropriation of our proprietary information or deter independent development of similar technologies by others.

We pursue the registration of our copyrights, trademarks, service marks, domain names, and patents in the United States and in certain locations outside the United States. This process can be expensive and time-consuming, may not always be successful depending on local laws or other circumstances, and we also may choose not pursue registrations in every location depending on the nature of the project to which the intellectual property rights pertain. We may, over time, increase our investments in protecting our creative works through increased copyright filings and our brands through increased trademark and other filings. Likewise, we may, over time, increase our investment in protecting our innovations through increased patent filings that are expensive and time-consuming and may not result in issued patents that can be effectively enforced. The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (the Leahy-Smith Act) was adopted in September 2011. The Leahy-Smith Act includes a number of significant changes to United States patent law, including provisions that affect the way patent applications will be prosecuted, which could be detrimental to investors, and may also affect patent litigation. The Leahy-Smith Act and its implementation could increase the uncertainties and costs surrounding the prosecution of our patent applications and the enforcement or defense of our issued patents, all of which could harm our business.

Litigation may be necessary to enforce our intellectual property rights, protect our trade secrets or determine the validity and scope of proprietary rights claimed by others. For example, we historically have brought several actions to protect our Zynga Poker, Ville, and With Friends franchises against third-party uses of those intellectual property assets and brands. Any litigation of this nature, regardless of outcome or merit, could result in substantial costs, adverse publicity, or diversion of management and technical resources, any of which could adversely affect our business and operating results. If we fail to maintain, protect and enhance our intellectual property rights, our business and operating results may be harmed.

Our ability to acquire and maintain licenses to intellectual property, affects our revenue and profitability. Competition for these licenses may make them more expensive and increase our costs.

While most of the intellectual property we use is created by us, we have also acquired rights to proprietary intellectual property. We have also obtained rights to use intellectual property through licenses and service agreements with third parties. We use licensed intellectual property as a creative asset in certain games such as *Looney Tunes Dash!*, *NFL Showdown* and *Hit It Rich! Slots* and have built many of our games on proprietary source code, such as Unity. Proprietary licenses typically limit our use of intellectual property to specific uses and for specific time periods. Competition for licenses for creative assets is intense. If we are unable to maintain these licenses or obtain additional licenses on reasonable economic terms or with significant commercial value, our revenue and profitability may be adversely impacted. Competition for these licenses may also increase the advances, guarantees and royalties that we must pay to the licensor, which could significantly increase our costs and adversely affect our profitability.

Many of our games are built on propriety source code, such as Unity. If we are unable to renew licenses to proprietary source code underlying our games, or the terms and conditions of these licenses change at the time of renewal our business, operations and revenue could be negatively impacted. We rely on third parties, including Unity, to maintain versions of their proprietary engines that allow us to ship our games on multiple platforms. If a third party from whom we license source code discontinues support for one or more of these platforms, our business could be negatively impacted.

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We are, and may in the future be, subject to intellectual property disputes, which are costly to defend and could require us to pay significant damages and could limit our ability to use certain technologies in the future.

From time to time, we have faced, and we expect to face in the future, allegations that we have infringed the trademarks, copyrights, patents and other intellectual property rights of third parties, including from our competitors, non-practicing entities and former employers of our personnel. Patent and other intellectual property litigation may be protracted and expensive, and the results are difficult to predict. As the result of any court judgment or settlement, we may be obligated to cancel the launch of a new game, stop offering a game or certain features of a game in a particular geographic region or worldwide, pay royalties or significant settlement costs, purchase licenses or modify our games and features, or develop substitutes.

In addition, we use open source software in our games and expect to continue to use open source software in the future. From time to time, we may face claims from companies that incorporate open source software into their products, claiming ownership of, or demanding release of, the source code, the open source software and/or derivative works that were developed using such software, or otherwise seeking to enforce the terms of the applicable open source license. These claims could also result in litigation, require us to purchase a costly license or require us to devote additional research and development resources to change our games, any of which would have a negative effect on our business and operating results.

We are involved in legal proceedings that may result in adverse outcomes.

We may be involved in claims, suits, government investigations, and proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business, including actions with respect to intellectual property claims, privacy, data protection or law enforcement matters, tax matters, labor and employment claims, commercial claims, as well as stockholder derivative actions, class action lawsuits, and other matters. Such claims, suits, government investigations, and proceedings are inherently uncertain and their results cannot be predicted with certainty. Regardless of their outcomes, such legal proceedings can have an adverse impact on us because of legal costs, diversion of management and other personnel, and other factors. In addition, it is possible that a resolution of one or more such proceedings could result in liability, penalties, or sanctions, as well as judgments, consent decrees, or orders preventing us from offering certain features, functionalities, products, or services, or requiring a change in our business practices, products or technologies, which could in the future materially and adversely affect our business, operating results, and financial condition. See the section titled "Legal Matters" included in Note 12 "Commitments and Contingencies" in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Programming errors or flaws in our games could harm our reputation or decrease market acceptance of our games, which would harm our operating results.

Our games may contain errors, bugs, flaws or corrupted data, and these defects may only become apparent after their launch, particularly as we launch new games and rapidly release new features to existing games under tight time constraints. We believe that if our players have a negative experience with our games, they may be less inclined to continue or resume playing our games or recommend our games to other potential players. Undetected programming errors, game vulnerabilities that may be exploited by cheating programs and other forms of misappropriation, game defects and data corruption can disrupt our operations, adversely affect the game experience of our players by allowing players to gain unfair advantage, misappropriate virtual goods, harm our reputation, cause our players to stop playing our games, divert our resources and delay market acceptance of our games, any of which could result in legal liability to us or harm our operating results.

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Evolving regulations, industry standards and practices by platform providers concerning data privacy could prevent us from providing our games to our players, or require us to modify our games, thereby harming our business.

The regulatory framework for privacy issues worldwide is currently in flux and is likely to remain so for the foreseeable future. Practices regarding the collection, use, storage, transmission and security of personal information by companies operating over the Internet and mobile platforms are under increased public scrutiny, and civil claims alleging liability for the breach of data privacy have been asserted against us. The U.S. government, including the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Commerce, U.S. Congress, and various State Attorneys General are continuing to review the need for greater regulation for the collection of information concerning consumer behavior on the Internet, including regulation aimed at restricting certain targeted advertising practices. There is also increased attention being given to the collection of data from minors. For instance, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act requires companies to obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. In addition, the European Union has proposed reforms to its existing data protection legal framework, which may result in a greater compliance burden for companies with users in Europe. Various government and consumer agencies have also called for new regulation and changes in industry practices. For example, in February 2012, the California Attorney General announced a deal with Amazon, Apple, Google, Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft and Research in Motion to strengthen privacy protection for users that download third-party apps to smartphones and tablet devices. Additionally, in January 2014, the Federal Trade Commission announced a settlement with Apple related to in-app purchases made by minors.

We began operations in 2007. While our administrative and technical systems have developed rapidly, during our earlier history our practices relating to intellectual property, data privacy and security, and legal compliance may not have been as robust as they are now, and there may be unasserted claims arising from this period that we are not able to anticipate. In addition, our business, including our ability to operate and expand internationally, could be adversely affected if laws or regulations are adopted, interpreted, or implemented in a manner that is inconsistent with our current business practices and that require changes to these practices, the design of our website, games, features or our privacy policies. In particular, the success of our business has been, and we expect will continue to be, driven by our ability to responsibly use the data that our players share with us. Therefore, our business could be harmed by any significant change to applicable laws, regulations or industry practices or the requirements of platform providers regarding the use or disclosure of data our players choose to share with us, age verification, underage players or the manner in which the express or implied consent of consumers for such use and disclosure is obtained. Such changes may require us to modify our game features and advertising practices, possibly in a material manner, and may limit our ability to use the data that our players share with us.

We process, store and use personal information and other data, which subjects us to governmental regulation and other legal obligations related to privacy, information security, data protection, consumer protection and protection of minors and our actual or perceived failure to comply with such obligations could harm our business.

We receive, store and process personal information and other player data, and we enable our players to share their personal information with each other and with third parties, including on the Internet and mobile platforms. There are numerous federal, state and local laws around the world regarding privacy and the storing, sharing, use, processing, disclosure and protection of personal information and other player data on the Internet and mobile platforms, the scope of which are changing, subject to differing interpretations, and may be inconsistent between countries or conflict with other rules. We generally comply with industry standards and are subject to the terms of our own privacy policies and privacy-related obligations to third parties (including voluntary third-party certification bodies such as TRUSTe). We strive to comply with all applicable laws, policies, legal obligations and certain industry codes of conduct relating to privacy and data protection, to the extent reasonably attainable. However, it is possible that these obligations may be interpreted and applied in a manner that is inconsistent from

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one jurisdiction to another and may conflict with other rules or our practices. It is also possible that new laws, policies, legal obligations or industry codes of conduct may be passed, or existing laws, policies, legal obligations or industry codes of conduct may be interpreted in such a way that could prevent us from being able to offer services to citizens of a certain jurisdiction or may make it more costly or difficult for us to do so. For example, if a country enacted legislation that required data of their citizens gathered by online services to be held within the country, we may not be able to comply with such legislation or compliance could be so difficult or costly that we chose not to stop offering services to citizens of that country. Any failure or perceived failure by us to comply with our privacy policies, our privacy-related obligations to players or other third parties, or our privacy-related legal obligations, or any compromise of security that results in the unauthorized release or transfer of personally identifiable information or other player data, may result in governmental enforcement actions, litigation or public statements against us by consumer advocacy groups or others and could cause our players to lose trust in us, which could have an adverse effect on our business. Additionally, if third parties we work with, such as players, vendors or developers, violate applicable laws or our policies, such violations may also put our players' information at risk and could in turn have an adverse effect on our business.

In this area many states have passed laws requiring notification to players when there is a security breach for personal data, such as the 2002 amendment to California's Information Practices Act, or requiring the adoption of minimum information security standards that are often vaguely defined and difficult to practically implement. The costs of compliance with these laws may increase in the future as a result of changes in interpretation. Moreover, in the areas of privacy, information security, data protection, consumer protection and protection of minors, foreign laws and regulations are often more restrictive than those in the United States. In particular, the European Union and its member states traditionally have taken broader views as to types of data that are subject to data protection, and have imposed legal obligations on companies in this regard. Any failure on our part to comply with laws in these areas hacker may subject us to significant liabilities.

Our business is subject to a variety of other U.S. and foreign laws, many of which are unsettled and still developing and which could subject us to claims or otherwise harm our business.

We are subject to a variety of laws in the United States and abroad, including state and Federal laws regarding consumer protection, electronic marketing, protection of minors, data protection, competition, taxation, intellectual property, export and national security, that are continuously evolving and developing. The scope and interpretation of the laws that are or may be applicable to us are often uncertain and may be conflicting, particularly laws outside the United States. There is a risk that these laws may be interpreted in a manner that is not consistent with our current practices, and could have an adverse effect on our business. For example, laws relating to the liability of providers of online services for activities of their users and other third parties are currently being tested by a number of claims, including actions based on invasion of privacy and other torts, unfair competition, copyright and trademark infringement, and other theories based on the nature and content of the materials searched, the ads posted or the content provided by users. It is also likely that as our business grows and evolves and our games are played in a greater number of countries, we will become subject to laws and regulations in additional jurisdictions. We are potentially subject to a number of foreign and domestic laws and regulations that affect the offering of certain types of content, such as that which depicts violence, many of which are ambiguous, still evolving and could be interpreted in ways that could harm our business or expose us to liability. In addition, there are ongoing academic, political and regulatory discussions in the United States and other jurisdictions regarding whether social casino applications should be subject to a higher level or different type of regulation than other social game applications and, if so, what this regulation should include. If new casino-themed regulations are imposed certain of our casino-themed games, including *Zynga Poker*, *Zynga Poker Classic* and *Hit It Rich! Slots*, may become subject to the rules and regulations and expose us to civil and criminal penalties if we do not comply. Heightened regulation could increase the cost of running our casino games, make our games more difficult to access, decrease our user base or otherwise harm our business, bookings or revenue. Our business includes real money online poker and casino games offerings in the United Kingdom through an agreement with bwin.party. RMG is subject to stringent, complicated and rapidly changing licensing and regulatory requirements, both federally and in each state, as well as internationally. Although we

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are not planning to seek any direct licenses in Nevada or other jurisdictions in the U.S., our partnership with bwin.party in the United Kingdom continues as we evaluate its results.

It is difficult to predict how existing laws will be applied to our business and the new laws to which we may become subject. If we are not able to comply with these laws or regulations or if we become liable under these laws or regulations, we could be directly harmed, and we may be forced to implement new measures to reduce our exposure to this liability. This may require us to expend substantial resources or to modify our games, which would harm our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the increased attention focused upon liability issues as a result of lawsuits and legislative proposals could harm our reputation or otherwise impact the growth of our business. Any costs incurred as a result of this potential liability could harm our business and operating results.

It is possible that a number of laws and regulations may be adopted or construed to apply to us in the United States and elsewhere that could restrict the online and mobile industries, including player privacy, advertising, taxation, content suitability, copyright, distribution and antitrust. Furthermore, the growth and development of electronic commerce and virtual goods may prompt calls for more stringent consumer protection laws that may impose additional burdens on companies such as ours conducting business through the Internet and mobile devices. We anticipate that scrutiny and regulation of our industry will increase and we will be required to devote legal and other resources to addressing such regulation. For example, existing laws or new laws regarding the marketing of in-app purchases, labeling of free-to-play games, regulation of currency and banking institutions unclaimed property and money transmission may be interpreted to cover our games and the virtual currency, goods or payments that we receive. If that were to occur we may be required to seek licenses, authorizations or approvals from relevant regulators, the granting of which may be dependent on us meeting certain capital and other requirements and we may be subject to additional regulation and oversight, all of which could significantly increase our operating costs. Changes in current laws or regulations or the imposition of new laws and regulations in the United States or elsewhere regarding these activities may lessen the growth of social game services and impair our business. In addition, some concern has been expressed in Europe and in certain countries that social gaming should be regulated to protect consumers, in particular minors and persons susceptible to addiction to social games. This concern could lead to the adoption of legislation or regulations that may impose additional burdens upon us, prohibit the offering of our games to certain users or territories, increase our costs or require changes to our games.

Our prospects may suffer if our network is unsuccessful.

We aspire to expand our network to leverage our existing and new games to bring the best social playing experiences to our audience and further broaden to other games to ultimately create the best experience for play that includes mobile and web players. If our network fails to engage players or attract advertisers, we may fail to generate sufficient revenue or bookings to justify our investment in the development and operation of our network. We may also encounter technical and operational challenges operating a network.

We are subject to the terms of service of third party social networks and platforms such as Facebook, Apple and Google, where our games are distributed, which may limit our ability to operate or promote our network. For example, under the current terms of service with Facebook, we are limited in our ability to use a Facebook users friends list and Facebook's communication channels to promote our network. This may limit our ability to reach Facebook users from our network and may limit the number of players that use our network.

Companies and governmental agencies may restrict access to Facebook, our website, mobile applications or the Internet generally, which could lead to the loss or slower growth of our player base.

Our players generally need to access the Internet and in particular Facebook and our website to play our games. Companies and governmental agencies could block access to Facebook, our website, mobile applications or the Internet generally for a number of reasons such as security or confidentiality concerns or regulatory

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reasons, or they may adopt policies that prohibit employees from accessing Facebook, our website or other social platforms. For example, the government of the People's Republic of China has blocked access to Facebook in China. If companies or governmental entities block or limit such or otherwise adopt policies restricting players from playing our games, our business could be negatively impacted and could lead to the loss or slower growth of our player base.

Failure in pursuing or executing new business initiatives could have a material adverse impact on our business and future strategy.

Our strategy includes evaluating, considering and effectively executing new business initiatives, which can be difficult. Management may not properly ascertain or assess the risks of new initiatives, and subsequent events may alter the risks that were evaluated at the time we decided to execute any new initiative. Entering into any new initiatives can also divert our management's attention from other business issues and opportunities. Failure to effectively identify, pursue and execute new business initiatives, including RMG, may adversely affect our reputation, business, financial condition and results of operations. We believe RMG could have risks that are different than those associated with other new initiatives. In particular, RMG is subject to stringent, complicated and rapidly changing licensing and regulatory requirements. Regulatory and legislative developments, including excessive taxation, may prevent or significantly limit our ability, or the ability of any entity with which we may partner in the future, to enter into or succeed in RMG. Becoming familiar with and complying with these requirements will increase our costs and subject our business to greater scrutiny by regulators in many different jurisdictions. If our brand becomes associated with RMG we may lose current players, advertisers or partners or have difficulty attracting new players, advertisers or partners, which could adversely impact our business.

In addition, if we or our partners operate our RMG games in a negative manner, if players are less satisfied than expected with the games provided or if we or our partners fail to comply with regulatory requirements, our reputation could be adversely affected and we may not realize the anticipated benefits of this line of business or we may lose players and we may curtail our efforts in the RMG market.

If we fail to anticipate or successfully develop new games for new technologies, platforms and devices, the quality, timeliness and competitiveness of our games could suffer.

The games industry is characterized by rapid technological changes that can be difficult to anticipate. New technologies, including distribution platforms and gaming devices, such as consoles, connected TVs, or a combination of existing and new devices, may force us to adapt our current game development processes or adopt new processes. If consumers shift their time to platforms other than the mobile and social platforms where our games are currently distributed, the size of our audience could decline and our performance could be impacted. It may take significant time and resources to shift our focus to such technologies, platforms and devices, putting us at a competitive disadvantage. Alternatively, we may increase the resources employed in research and development to adapt to these new technologies, distribution platforms and devices, either to preserve our games or a game launch schedule or to keep up with our competition, which would increase our development expenses. We could also devote significant resources to developing games to work with such technologies, platforms or devices, and these new technologies, platforms or devices may not experience sustained, widespread consumer acceptance. The occurrence of any of these events could adversely affect the quality, timelines and competitiveness of our games, or cause us to incur significantly increased costs, which could harm our operation results.

Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates will affect our financial results, which we report in U.S. dollars.

As we continue to expand our international operations, such as our recent acquisition of NaturalMotion, a company domiciled in the U.K., we become more exposed to the effects of fluctuations in currency exchange rates. We incur expenses for employee compensation and other operating expenses at our non-U.S. locations in

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the local currency, and an increasing percentage of our international revenue is from players who pay us in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Fluctuations in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and those other currencies could result in the dollar equivalent of such expenses being higher and/or the dollar equivalent of such foreign-denominated revenue being lower than would be the case if exchange rates were stable. This could have a negative impact on our reported operating results.

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

Changes in tax laws or tax rulings could materially affect our financial position and results of operations. For example, the current U.S. administration and key members of Congress have made public statements indicating that tax reform is a priority. Certain changes to U.S. tax laws, including limitations on the ability to defer U.S. taxation on earnings outside of the United States until those earnings are repatriated to the United States, could affect the tax treatment of our foreign earnings. In addition, many countries in the European Union, as well as a number of other countries and organizations such as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, are actively considering changes to existing tax laws. Any changes in the taxation of our international business activities may impact our worldwide effective tax rate, our financial position and results of operations.

The intended tax efficiency of our corporate structure and intercompany arrangements depend on the application of the tax laws of various jurisdictions and on how we operate our business.

Our corporate structure and intercompany arrangements, including the manner in which we develop and use our intellectual property and the transfer pricing of our intercompany transactions, are intended to optimize business efficiency as well as reduce our worldwide effective tax rate. The application of the tax laws of various jurisdictions, including the United States and other jurisdictions in which we operate, to our international business activities is subject to interpretation and depends on our ability to operate our business in a manner consistent with our corporate structure and intercompany arrangements. The taxing authorities of the jurisdictions in which we operate may challenge our methodologies for valuing developed technology or for transfer pricing on intercompany arrangements. Our existing corporate structure and intercompany arrangements have been implemented in a manner we believe is in compliance with current prevailing tax laws. However, tax authorities in certain jurisdictions where we operate may make a determination that the manner in which we operate results in our business not achieving the intended tax consequences. This could increase our worldwide effective tax rate and impact our financial position and results of operations.

Our facilities are located near known earthquake fault zones, and the occurrence of an earthquake or other natural disaster could cause damage to our facilities and equipment, which could require us to curtail or cease operations.

Our principal offices and network operations centers are located in the San Francisco Bay Area, an area known for earthquakes, and are thus vulnerable to damage. We are also vulnerable to damage from other types of disasters, including power loss, fire, explosions, floods, communications failures, terrorist attacks and similar events. If any disaster were to occur, our ability to operate our business at our facilities could be impaired and we could incur significant losses, require substantial recovery time and experience significant expenditures in order to resume operations.

We are subject to contractual covenants which place certain limitations on how we manage our business.

We have not drawn down on our credit agreement (as defined herein), but if we do use this as a source of funds it may limit our ability to take various actions, including incur indebtedness, grant liens, merge with or consolidate with another entity, dispose of all or substantially all assets and pay dividends or make distributions.

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Accordingly, we may be restricted from taking actions that management believes would be desirable and in the best interests of us and our stockholders. Our Credit Agreement also requires us to maintain compliance with a capitalization ratio and maintain a minimum cash balance. A breach of any of the covenants contained in our Credit Agreement could result in an event of default under the agreement and would allow our lenders to pursue various remedies, including accelerating the repayment of any outstanding indebtedness.

We may require additional capital to meet our financial obligations and support business growth, and this capital might not be available on acceptable terms or at all.

We intend to continue to make significant investments to support our business growth and may require additional funds to respond to business challenges, including the need to develop new games and features or enhance our existing games, improve our operating infrastructure or acquire complementary businesses, personnel and technologies. Accordingly, we may need to engage in equity or debt financings to secure additional funds. If we raise additional funds through future issuances of equity or convertible debt securities, our existing stockholders could suffer significant dilution, and any new equity securities we issue could have rights, preferences and privileges superior to those of holders of our Class A common stock. Any debt financing that we secure in the future could involve restrictive covenants relating to our capital raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for us to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities, including potential acquisitions. We may not be able to obtain additional financing on terms favorable to us, if 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 support our business growth and to respond to business challenges could be significantly impaired, and our business may be harmed.

Risks Related to Our Class A Common Stock

The three class structure of our common stock has the effect of concentrating voting control with those stockholders who held our stock prior to our initial public offering, including our founder and our other executive officers, employees and directors and their affiliates; this limits our other stockholders' ability to influence corporate matters.

Our Class C common stock has 70 votes per share, our Class B common stock has seven votes per share and our Class A common stock has one vote per share. Mark Pincus, our Chairman, beneficially owned approximately 63% of the total voting power of our outstanding capital stock as of December 31, 2014. As a result, Mr. Pincus has significant influence over the management and affairs of the company and control over 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. Mr. Pincus may hold this voting power for the foreseeable future, subject to additional issuances of stock by the company or sales by Mr. Pincus. This concentrated voting control limits the ability of our other stockholders to influence corporate matters and could adversely affect the market price of our Class A common stock.

Future transfers or sales by holders of Class B common stock or Class C common stock will result in those shares converting to Class A common stock, which will have the effect, over time, of increasing the relative voting power of those stockholders who retain their existing shares of Class B or Class C common stock. In addition, as shares of Class B common stock are transferred or sold and converted to Class A common stock, the sole holder of Class C common stock, Mark Pincus, will have greater relative voting control to the extent he retains his existing shares of Class C common stock, and as a result he could in the future control a majority of our total voting power. Mark Pincus is entitled to vote his shares in his own interests and may do so.

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Certain provisions in our charter documents and under Delaware law could limit attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our board of directors or current management and limit the market price of our Class A common stock.

Provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws may have the effect of delaying or preventing changes in our board of directors or management. Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws include provisions that:

establish an advance notice procedure for stockholder proposals to be brought before an annual meeting, including proposed nominations of persons for election to our board of directors;

prohibit cumulative voting in the election of directors; and

reflect three classes of common stock, as discussed above.

These provisions may frustrate or prevent any attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management by making it more difficult for stockholders to replace members of our board of directors, which is responsible for appointing the members of our management. In addition, because we are incorporated in Delaware, we are governed by the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which generally prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any of a broad range of business combinations with any interested stockholder for a period of three years following the date on which the stockholder became an interested stockholder.

Our share price has been and will likely continue to be volatile.

The trading price of our Class A common stock has been, and is likely to continue to be, highly volatile and could be subject to wide fluctuations in response to various factors, some of which are beyond our control. Between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014, the stock price of our Class A common stock has ranged from \$2.20 to \$5.89. In addition to the factors discussed in these Risk Factors and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, factors that may cause volatility in our share price include:

changes in projected operational and financial results;

issuance of new or updated research or reports by securities analysts;

market rumors or press reports;

our announcement of significant transactions;

the use by investors or analysts of third-party data regarding our business that may not reflect our actual performance;

fluctuations in the valuation of companies perceived by investors to be comparable to us;

the activities, public announcements and financial performance of our commercial partners, such as Facebook, Apple and Google;

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fluctuations in the trading volume of our shares, or the size of our public float relative to the total number of shares of our Class A, Class B and Class C common stock that are issued and outstanding;

share price and volume fluctuations attributable to inconsistent trading volume levels of our shares; and

general economic and market conditions.

Furthermore, the stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market prices of equity securities of many companies. These fluctuations often have been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. These broad market and industry fluctuations, as well as general economic, political and market conditions such as recessions, interest rate changes or international currency fluctuations, may negatively impact the market price of our Class A common stock. In the past, companies that have experienced volatility in the market price of their stock have been subject to securities class action litigation. We have been the target of this type of litigation as described in

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the section titled "Legal Matters" included in Note 12 "Commitments and Contingencies" in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Securities litigation against us could result in substantial costs and divert our management's attention from other business concerns, which could harm our business.

There is no guarantee that we will do additional share repurchases in the future.

In October 2012, we announced that our board of directors authorized us to repurchase up to \$200.0 million of our Class A common stock. As of December 31, 2014, we had repurchased \$21.1 million of our Class A common stock. That repurchase plan expired on October 31, 2014. The timing and amount of any stock repurchases will be determined based on market conditions, share price and other factors. There is no guarantee that we will do additional share repurchase in the future. Repurchases of our Class A common stock in the open market or discontinuing repurchases could result in increased volatility or an adverse effect on our stock price.

Our Class A common stock price may be volatile due to third-party data regarding our games.

Third parties, such as AppData, AppAnnie and comScore publish daily data about us and other social game companies with respect to DAUs and MAUs, monthly revenue, time spent per user and other information concerning social game usage. These metrics can be volatile, particularly for specific games, and in many cases do not accurately reflect the actual levels of usage of our games across all platforms and may not correlate to our bookings or revenue from the sale of virtual goods. There is a possibility that third parties could change their methodologies for calculating these metrics in the future. To the extent that securities analysts or investors base their views of our business or prospects on such third-party data, the price of our Class A common stock may be volatile and may not reflect the performance of our business.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research about our business, or publish negative reports about our business, our share price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our Class A common stock, to some extent, depends on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about our business. We do not have any control over these analysts. If one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade our shares or lower their opinion of our shares, our share price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our company or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which could cause our share price or trading volume to decline.

Future sales or potential sales of our Class A common stock in the public market could cause our share price to decline.

If the existing holders of our Class B common stock particularly our directors and officers, sell a large number of shares, they could adversely affect the market price for our Class A common stock. Sales of substantial amounts of our Class A common stock in the public market, or the perception that these sales could occur, could cause the market price of our Class A common stock to decline. For example, in connection with the filing of our Registration Statement on Form S-3 in February 2014, covering the resale of shares issued to the security holders of NaturalMotion prior to our acquisition, we registered 28,178,201 shares of our Class A common stock, which were eligible to be resold immediately thereafter. In addition, in connection with the assumption of certain outstanding equity awards held by the employees of NaturalMotion prior to the acquisition, we filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8 covering up to 6,850,973 shares of our Class A common stock. These will vest in accordance with the terms of the replacement option awards granted at the time of the acquisition. As of February 11, 2015, 3,040,086 of these options had vested. We also issued 39.8 million shares of our Class A common stock in connection with the acquisition of NaturalMotion; certain of the shares issued to employees were subject to time based repurchase options. The repurchase option on 3,848,472 shares was released on or prior to February 11, 2015. In addition, we issued approximately 1.1 million shares of Class A common stock to employees in connection with our 2014 bonus program. These shares were issued out of the shares reserved under our 2011 Equity Incentive Plan.

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Certain holders of our Class B common stock are also entitled to rights with respect to the registration of such shares under the Securities Act pursuant to an investors' rights agreement. If these holders of our Class B common stock, by exercising their registration rights, sell a large number of shares, they could adversely affect the market price of our Class A common stock. If we file a registration statement for the purposes of selling additional shares to raise capital and are required to include shares held by these holders pursuant to the exercise of their registration rights, our ability to raise capital may be impaired. Sales of substantial amounts of our Class A common stock in the public market, following the release of lock-up agreements, the filing of additional registration statements, or otherwise, or the perception that these sales could occur, could cause the market price of our Class A common stock to decline.

If we are unable to implement and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting in the future, the accuracy and timeliness of our financial reporting may be adversely affected.

If we are unable to maintain adequate internal controls for financial reporting in the future, or if our auditors are unable to express an opinion as to the effectiveness of our internal controls as required pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, investor confidence in the accuracy of our financial reports may be impacted or the market price of our Class A common stock could be negatively impacted.

The requirements of being a public company may strain our resources, divert management's attention and affect our ability to attract and retain qualified board members.

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

As a result of disclosure of information in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and in our other public filings with the SEC as required of a public company, our business and financial condition have become more visible, which we believe may result in threatened or actual litigation, including by competitors and other third parties. If such claims are successful, our business and operating results could be harmed, and even if the claims do not result in litigation or are resolved in our favor, these claims, and the time and resources necessary to resolve them, could divert the resources of our management and harm our business and operating results.

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

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock and do not intend to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any determination to pay dividends in the future will be at the discretion of our board of directors. Accordingly, investors must rely on sales of their Class A common stock after price appreciation, which may never occur, as the only way to realize any future gains on their investments.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

We own our San Francisco, California corporate headquarters, an office building of approximately 660,000 square feet. We use approximately 360,000 square feet for our operations and lease most of the remainder to third-party, non-affiliated, tenants under leases that range in terms from month-to-month to terms through 2021. The San Francisco facility currently accommodates our principal executive, development, engineering, marketing, business development, human resources, finance, legal, information technology and administrative activities.

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We lease additional domestic office space in San Francisco, California; Carlsbad, California; Eugene, Oregon; Portland, Oregon; Austin, Texas; Allen, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; and Maitland, Florida. We lease office and data center space in California and Virginia. We lease offices for our foreign operations in: Toronto, Canada; Beijing, China; Bangalore, India; Dublin, Ireland; Oxford, England; Brighton, England; and London, England. These additional domestic and international facilities total approximately 210,000 square feet, excluding restructured properties.

We signed a lease for additional space in London, England in February 2015.

We believe that our existing facilities are sufficient for our current needs. We believe that suitable additional or substitute space will be available as needed to accommodate changes in our operations.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

For a description of our material legal proceedings, see the section titled "Legal Matters" included in Note 12 "Commitments and Contingencies" in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

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Our Class A common stock has been listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol ZNGA since December 16, 2011. Prior to that time, there was no public market for our stock. The following table sets forth for the indicated periods the high and low sales prices per share for our Class A common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

	High	Low
Fourth Quarter 2013	\$ 4.55	\$ 3.32
First Quarter 2014	\$ 5.89	\$ 3.31
Second Quarter 2014	\$ 4.66	\$ 2.73
Third Quarter 2014	\$ 3.28	\$ 2.70
Fourth Quarter 2014	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.20

Our Class B common stock and Class C common stock are not listed nor traded on any stock exchange, but are convertible into shares of our Class A common stock.

 Holders of Record

As of December 31, 2014, there were approximately 268 stockholders of record of our Class A common stock, and the closing price of our Class A common stock was \$2.66 per share as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. 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 stockholders represented by these record holders. As of December 31, 2014, there were approximately 660 stockholders of record of our Class B common stock, and Mr. Pincus, Chairman of our Board of Directors, remains the only holder of Class C common stock.

 Dividend Policy

We have never declared or paid any cash dividend on our common stock. We intend to retain any future earnings and do not expect to pay dividends in the foreseeable future.

 Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

On October 24, 2012, we announced that our Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program allowing us to repurchase up to \$200 million of our outstanding shares of Class A common stock. Repurchases under this program may take place in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions and may be made under a Rule 10b5-1 plan.

In 2012 we repurchased 5.0 million shares of our Class A common stock under this repurchase program at a weighted average price of \$2.36 per share for a total of \$11.8 million. In 2013 we repurchased 3.4 million shares of our Class A common stock under this repurchase program at a weighted average price of \$2.74 per share for a total of \$9.3 million. We did not repurchase any shares in 2014. The total amount repurchased under plan from inception was 8.4 million shares at an average price of \$2.51 per share for total of \$21.1 million. The program expired on October 31, 2014.

 Stock Performance Graph

This performance graph shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to liabilities under that section and shall not

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be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Zynga Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

The following graph compares, for the year ended December 31, 2014, the cumulative total stockholder return for Zynga's Class A common stock, the Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Index (the S&P 500 Index) and the NASDAQ 100. The measurement points in the graph below are December 16, 2011 (the first trading day of our Class A common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market) and the last trading day of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. The graph assumes that \$100 was invested on December 16, 2011 in the Class A common stock of Zynga Inc., the S&P 500 Index and the NASDAQ 100 Index and assumes reinvestment of any dividends. The stock price performance on the following graph is not necessarily indicative of future stock price performance.

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The following selected consolidated financial and other data should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes, which are included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 as well as the consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements that are included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The consolidated statement of operations data for the 12 months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, as well as the consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, are derived from audited consolidated financial statements that are not included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected in the future.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
	(in thousands, except per share, user and ABPU data)				
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:					
Revenue:					
Online game	\$ 537,619	\$ 759,572	\$ 1,144,252	\$ 1,065,648	\$ 574,632
Advertising and other	152,791	113,694	137,015	74,452	22,827
Total revenue	690,410	873,266	1,281,267	1,140,100	597,459
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of revenue	213,570	248,358	352,169	330,043	176,052
Research and development	396,553	413,001	645,648	727,018	149,519
Sales and marketing	157,364	104,403	181,924	234,199	114,165
General and administrative	167,664	162,918	189,004	254,456	32,251
Impairment of intangible assets		10,217	95,493		
Total costs and expenses	935,151	938,897	1,464,238	1,545,716	471,987
Income (loss) from operations	(244,741)	(65,631)	(182,971)	(405,616)	125,472
Interest income	3,266	4,148	4,749	1,680	1,222
Other income (expense), net	8,248	(3,386)	18,647	(2,206)	365
Income (loss) before income taxes	(233,227)	(64,869)	(159,575)	(406,142)	127,059
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(7,327)	(27,887)	49,873	(1,826)	36,464
Net income (loss)	\$ (225,900)	\$ (36,982)	\$ (209,448)	\$ (404,316)	\$ 90,595
Deemed dividend to a Series B-2 convertible preferred stockholder					4,590
Net income attributable to participating securities					58,110
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ (225,900)	\$ (36,982)	\$ (209,448)	\$ (404,316)	\$ 27,895
Net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders					
Basic	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.28)	\$ (1.40)	\$ 0.12
Diluted	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.28)	\$ (1.40)	\$ 0.11
Weighted average common shares used to compute net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders:					
Basic	874,509	799,794	741,177	288,599	223,881
Diluted	874,509	799,794	741,177	288,599	329,256
Other Financial and Operational Data:					
Bookings ⁽¹⁾	\$ 694,300	\$ 716,176	\$ 1,147,627	\$ 1,155,509	\$ 838,896
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽²⁾	\$ 39,932	\$ 46,549	\$ 213,233	\$ 303,274	\$ 392,738
Average DAUs (in millions) ⁽³⁾	27	37	63	57	56
Average MAUs (in millions) ⁽⁴⁾	118	171	302	233	217

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Average MUUs (in millions) ⁽⁵⁾	81	112	180	151	116
ABPU ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 0.071	\$ 0.053	\$ 0.050	\$ 0.055	\$ 0.041

- (1) See the section titled "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below for how we define and calculate bookings, a reconciliation between bookings and revenue, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure and a discussion about the limitations of bookings and adjusted EBITDA.
- (2) See the section titled "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below for how we define and calculate adjusted EBITDA, a reconciliation between adjusted EBITDA and net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure and a discussion about the limitations of bookings and adjusted EBITDA.

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- (3) DAUs is the number of individuals who played one of our games during a particular day, as recorded by our internal analytics systems. Average DAUs is the average of the DAUs for each day during the period reported. See the section titled *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* *Key Metrics* *Key Operating Metrics* *DAUs* for more information on how we define and calculate DAUs.
- (4) MAUs is the number of individuals who played a particular game during a 30-day-period, as recorded by our internal analytics systems. Average MAUs is the average of the MAUs at each month-end during the period reported. See the section titled *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* *Key Metrics* *Key Operating Metrics* *MAUs* for more information on how we define and calculate MAUs.
- (5) MUUs is the number of unique individuals who played any of our games on a particular platform during a 30-day period, as recorded by our internal analytics systems. Average MUUs is the average of the MUUs at each month-end during the period reported. MUUs exclude NaturalMotion as our systems are unable to distinguish whether a player of a NaturalMotion game is also a player of a Zynga game so we exclude NaturalMotion payers to avoid potential double counting of MUUs. See the section titled *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* *Key Metrics* *Key Operating Metrics* *MUUs* for more information on how we define and calculate MUUs.
- (6) ABPU is defined as (i) our total bookings in a given period, divided by (ii) the number of days in that period, divided by (iii) the average DAUs during the period. See the section titled *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* *Key Metrics* *Key Operating Metrics* *ABPU* for more information on how we define and calculate ABPU.

Stock-based expense included in the statements of operations data above was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Cost of revenue	\$ 4,623	\$ 468	\$ 12,116	\$ 17,660	\$ 2,128
Research and development	83,673	61,931	200,640	374,920	10,242
Sales and marketing	5,927	8,079	24,684	81,326	7,899
General and administrative	35,010	13,915	44,546	126,306	5,425
Total stock-based compensation	\$ 129,233	\$ 84,393	\$ 281,986	\$ 600,212	\$ 25,694

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:					
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 1,147,909	\$ 1,541,970	\$ 1,652,313	\$ 1,917,606	\$ 738,090
Property and equipment, net	297,919	348,793	466,074	246,740	74,959
Working capital	713,901	964,897	975,225	1,355,224	385,564
Total assets	2,348,793	2,279,085	2,576,320	2,516,646	1,112,572
Deferred revenue	193,805	189,915	347,005	480,645	465,236
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)	1,895,692	1,877,271	1,825,503	1,749,539	482,215

Non-GAAP Financial Measures**Bookings**

To provide investors with additional information about our financial results, we disclose within this Annual Report on Form 10-K, bookings, a non-GAAP financial measure. We have provided below a reconciliation between bookings and revenue, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

Bookings is a non-GAAP financial measure that is equal to revenue recognized during the period plus the change in deferred revenue during the period. We record the sale of virtual goods and mobile downloads as deferred revenue and then recognize that revenue over the estimated average payer life or as virtual goods are consumed. Advertising sales that consist of certain branded virtual goods and sponsorships are also deferred and recognized over the estimated average life of the branded virtual good, similar to online game revenue. For additional discussion of the estimated average life of durable virtual goods, see the section titled *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* *Revenue Recognition* elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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We use bookings to evaluate the results of our operations, generate future operating plans and assess the performance of our company. While we believe that this non-GAAP financial measure is useful in evaluating our business, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and is not meant as a substitute for revenue recognized in accordance with GAAP. In addition, other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate bookings differently or not at all, which reduces its usefulness as a comparative measure.

The following table is a reconciliation of revenue to bookings for each of the periods presented:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
	(in thousands)				
Reconciliation of Revenue to Bookings:					
Revenue	\$ 690,410	\$ 873,266	\$ 1,281,267	\$ 1,140,100	\$ 597,459
Change in deferred revenue	3,890	(157,090)	(133,640)	15,409	241,437
Bookings	\$ 694,300	\$ 716,176	\$ 1,147,627	\$ 1,155,509	\$ 838,896

Adjusted EBITDA

To provide investors with additional information about our financial results, we disclose within this Annual Report on Form 10-K adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure. We have provided below a reconciliation between adjusted EBITDA and net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

We have included adjusted EBITDA in this Annual Report on Form 10-K because it is a key measure we use to evaluate our financial and operating performance, generate future operating plans and make strategic decisions for the allocation of capital. Accordingly, we believe that adjusted EBITDA provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors. While we believe that this non-GAAP financial measure is useful in evaluating our business, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and is not meant as a substitute for the related financial information prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA:					
Net income (loss)	\$ (225,900)	\$ (36,982)	\$ (209,448)	\$ (404,316)	\$ 90,595
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(7,327)	(27,887)	49,873	(1,826)	36,464
Other income (expense), net	(8,248)	3,386	(18,647)	2,206	(365)
Interest income (expense), net	(3,266)	(4,148)	(4,749)	(1,680)	(1,222)
Gain (loss) from legal settlements	5,250		3,024	(2,145)	(39,346)
Depreciation and amortization	82,894	129,047	141,479	95,414	39,481
Stock-based expense	129,233	84,393	281,986	600,212	25,694
Impairment of intangible assets		10,217	95,493		
Contingent consideration fair value adjustment	32,700				
Acquisition-related transaction expenses	6,425	930			
Restructuring expense, net	24,281	44,683	7,862		
Change in deferred revenue	3,890	(157,090)	(133,640)	15,409	241,437
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 39,932	\$ 46,549	\$ 213,233	\$ 303,274	\$ 392,738

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Limitations of Bookings and Adjusted EBITDA

Some limitations of bookings and adjusted EBITDA are:

adjusted EBITDA does not include the impact of stock-based expense;

bookings and adjusted EBITDA do not reflect that we defer and recognize online game revenue and revenue from certain advertising transactions over the estimated average life of virtual goods or as virtual goods are consumed;

adjusted EBITDA does not reflect income tax expense;

adjusted EBITDA does not include other income (expense) net, which includes foreign exchange gains and losses and interest income;

adjusted EBITDA excludes depreciation and amortization and although these are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized may have to be replaced in the future;

adjusted EBITDA does not include the impairment of intangible assets previously acquired, contingent consideration fair value adjustments, and does not include acquisition-related transaction expenses or restructuring expense;

adjusted EBITDA does not include gains and losses associated with significant legal settlements; and

other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate bookings and adjusted EBITDA differently or not at all, which reduces their usefulness as a comparative measure.

Because of these limitations, you should consider bookings and adjusted EBITDA along with other financial performance measures, including revenue, net income (loss) and our other financial results presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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

You should read the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates and beliefs. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include those discussed below and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, particularly in Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors.

Overview

We are a leading social game developer with approximately 108 million average MAUs for the three months ended December 31, 2014. We have launched some of the most successful social games in the industry. Our games are accessible on Facebook and other social networks, mobile platforms and Zynga.com. Our games are generally available for free, and we generate revenue through the in-game sale of virtual goods, mobile game download fees and advertising services.

We are a pioneer and innovator of social games and a leader in making play a core activity on the Internet. Our objective is to become the worldwide leader in play by connecting the world through games.

Consistent with our free-to-play business model, compared to all players who play our games in any period, only a small portion of our players are payers. Because the opportunity for social interactions increases as the number of players increases, we believe that maintaining and growing our overall number of players, including the number of players who may not purchase virtual goods, is important to the success of our business. As a result, we believe that the number of players who choose to purchase virtual goods will continue to constitute a small portion of our overall players.

The games that constitute our top games vary over time but historically the top three revenue-generating games in any period contributed the majority of our revenue. Our top three games accounted for 60%, 54% and 55% of our online game revenue in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

During 2014 we continued to align our cost-structure with our key strategic initiatives. We reduced our headcount from 2,034, as of December 31, 2013, to 1,974, as of December 31, 2014, and we consolidated certain facilities and data centers. We continue to invest in game development, creating both new games and new features and content in existing games designed to engage our players on mobile devices and on the web.

On February 11, 2014, we completed the acquisition of 100% of the equity interests of NaturalMotion, NaturalMotion's shareholders and vested option holders received an aggregate of \$391 million in cash and 39.8 million shares of our Class A common stock. NaturalMotion possesses industry leading technology and tools and its proven simulation technologies have powered some of the biggest console games and blockbuster movies. Zynga's acquisition of NaturalMotion expanded our creative pipeline into two new consumer categories People Simulation and Racing and provided Zynga with cutting-edge technology and tools, including Euphoria, that we believe will help fast track Zynga's ability to deliver hit games.

How We Generate Revenue

We operate our games as live services that allow players to play for free. We generate revenue primarily from the in-game sale of virtual goods, advertising and mobile game download fees. Revenue growth will depend largely on our ability to attract and retain players and more effectively monetize our player base through the sale of virtual goods and advertising. We intend to do this through the launch of new games, enhancements to current games and expansion into new markets and distribution platforms.

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Online game. We provide our players with the opportunity to purchase virtual goods that enhance their game-playing experience. We believe players choose to pay for virtual goods for the same reasons they are willing to pay for other forms of entertainment they enjoy the additional playing time or added convenience, the ability to personalize their own game boards, the satisfaction of leveling up and the opportunity for sharing creative expressions. We believe players are more likely to purchase virtual goods when they are connected to and playing with their friends, whether those friends play for free or also purchase virtual goods. Players may also elect to pay a one-time download fee to obtain certain mobile games free of third-party advertisements.

2014 was the first year in which our business generated a higher percentage of bookings through mobile platforms than through the Facebook platform. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 we estimate that we generated 51% and 27% of our bookings, respectively, from mobile platforms while 43% and 69% of our bookings, respectively, were generated from the Facebook platform. Facebook is still the largest single distribution, marketing, promotion and payment platform for our games and we generate a significant portion of our revenue through the Facebook platform. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, we estimate that 51% and 75% of our revenue, respectively, was generated through the Facebook platform, while 44% and 24% of our revenue, respectively, was generated through mobile platforms. We have had to estimate this information because certain payment methods we accept and certain advertising networks do not allow us to determine the platform used.

For all payment transactions in our games under Facebook's local currency-based payments model, Facebook remits to us an amount equal to 70% of the price we requested to be charged to our players.

On platforms other than Facebook, players purchase our virtual goods through various widely accepted payment methods offered in the games, including PayPal, Apple iTunes accounts, Google Wallet, credit cards and direct wires.

Advertising and other. Advertising revenue primarily includes branded virtual goods and sponsorships, engagement ads and offers, mobile ads and display ads and other. We generally report our advertising revenue net of amounts due to advertising agencies and brokers. Other revenue includes software licensing and maintenance related to technology acquired in our acquisition of NaturalMotion as well as licensing of our brands.

Key Metrics

We regularly review a number of metrics, including the following key financial and operating metrics, to evaluate our business, measure our performance, identify trends in our business, prepare financial projections and make strategic decisions.

Key Financial Metrics

Bookings. Bookings (as defined in the section titled "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" included in Item 6. Selected Consolidated Financial and Other Data of this Annual Report on Form 10-K) is the fundamental top-line metric we use to manage our business, as we believe it is a useful indicator of the sales activity in a given period. Over the long term, the factors impacting our bookings and revenue are the same. However, in the short term, there are factors that may cause revenue to exceed or be less than bookings in any period.

We use bookings to evaluate the results of our operations, generate future operating plans and assess the performance of our company. While we believe that this non-GAAP financial measure is useful in evaluating our business, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and is not meant as a substitute for revenue recognized in accordance with U.S. GAAP. In addition, other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate bookings differently or not at all, which reduces its usefulness as a comparative measure.

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Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure that we calculate as net income (loss), adjusted for provision for / (benefit from) income taxes; other income (expense), net; interest income; gain (loss) from significant legal settlements; restructuring expense; depreciation and amortization; impairment of intangible assets; stock-based expense; contingent consideration fair value adjustments; acquisition-related transaction expenses, and change in deferred revenue. We believe that adjusted EBITDA provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors.

For a reconciliation of net income (loss) to adjusted EBITDA, see the section titled "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" included in Item 6. Selected Consolidated Financial and Other Data of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Key Operating Metrics

We manage our business by tracking several operating metrics: DAUs, which measure daily active users of our games, MAUs, which measure monthly active users of our games, MUUs, which measure monthly unique users of our games, MUPs, which measure monthly unique payers in our games, and ABPU, which measures our average daily bookings per average DAU, each of which is recorded by our internal analytics systems. The numbers for these operating metrics are calculated using internal company data based on tracking the activity of user accounts. We believe that the numbers are reasonable estimates of our user base for the applicable period of measurement; however, factors relating to user activity and systems may impact these numbers.

DAUs. We define DAUs as the number of individuals who played one of our games during a particular day. Under this metric, an individual who plays two different games on the same day is counted as two DAUs. Similarly, an individual who plays the same game on two different platforms or social networks (e.g., Facebook.com, iPad, Android Phone, iPhone, etc.) on the same day would be counted as two DAUs. Average DAUs for a particular period is the average of the DAUs for each day during that period. We use DAUs as a measure of audience engagement.

MAUs. We define MAUs as the number of individuals who played a particular game in the 30-day period ending with the measurement date. Under this metric, an individual who plays two different games in the same 30-day period is counted as two MAUs. Similarly, an individual who plays the same game on two different platforms or social networks (e.g., Facebook.com, Zynga.com, iPad, Android Phone, iPhone, etc.) in a 30-day period would be counted as two MAUs. Average MAUs for a particular period is the average of the MAUs at each month-end during that period. We use MAUs as a measure of total game audience size.

MUUs. We define MUUs as the number of unique individuals who played any of our games on a particular platform in the 30-day period ending with the measurement date. An individual who plays more than one of our games in a given 30-day period would be counted as a single MUU. However, because we cannot always distinguish unique individuals playing on multiple platforms, a player playing on two different platforms (e.g. web and mobile) in a given 30-day period may be counted as two MUUs. Because many of our players play more than one game in a given 30-day period, MUUs are always lower than MAUs in any given time period. Average MUUs for a particular period is the average of the MUUs at each month-end during that period. We use MUUs as a measure of total audience reach across our network of games.

MUPs. We define MUPs as the number of unique players who made a payment at least once during the applicable month through a payment method for which we can quantify the number of unique payers, including payers from certain mobile games. MUPs does not include payers who use certain payment methods for which we cannot quantify the number of unique payers. Because we cannot always distinguish unique individuals playing on two different social networks, an individual who makes a payment on two different social networks in a given 30-day period may be counted as two MUPs. MUPs are presented as an average of the three months in the applicable quarter. We use MUPs as a measure of the number of unique players who made payments across our network of games each month.

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ABPU. We define ABPU as our total bookings in a given period, divided by the number of days in that period, divided by, the average DAUs during the period. We believe that ABPU provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our results in the same manner as our management and board of directors. We use ABPU as a measure of overall monetization across all of our players through the sale of virtual goods and advertising.

Our business model for social games is designed so that, as there are more players that play our games, social interactions increase and the more valuable the games and our business become. All engaged players of our games help drive our bookings and, consequently, both online game revenue and advertising revenue. Virtual goods are purchased by players who are socializing with, competing against or collaborating with other players, most of whom do not buy virtual goods. Accordingly, we primarily focus on bookings, DAUs, MAUs, MUUs, MUPs and ABPU, which together we believe best reflect key audience metrics.

The table below shows average DAUs, MAUs, MUUs, MUPs and ABPU for the last eight quarters:

	Dec 31, 2014	Sep 30, 2014	For the Three Months Ended					
			Jun 30, 2014	Mar 31, 2014	Dec 31, 2013	Sep 30, 2013	Jun 30, 2013	Mar 31, 2013
			(users and payers in millions)					
Average DAUs	25	26	29	28	27	30	39	52
Average MAUs	108	112	130	123	112	133	187	253
Average MUUs ⁽¹⁾	71	77	89	86	80	97	123	150
Average MUPs ⁽¹⁾	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.5
ABPU	\$ 0.079	\$ 0.073	\$ 0.067	\$ 0.063	\$ 0.060	\$ 0.055	\$ 0.053	\$ 0.049

⁽¹⁾ MUUs and MUPs exclude NaturalMotion as our systems are unable to distinguish whether a player of a NaturalMotion game is also a player of a Zynga game so we exclude NaturalMotion payers to avoid potential double counting of MUUs and MUPs.

Average DAUs, MAUs and MUUs, grew during the first and second quarter of 2014 and declined in the third and fourth quarters of 2014 and when comparing the three months ended December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2013. Growth in average DAUs, MAUs and MUUs in the first and second quarters of 2014 was due to increases in mobile users from *FarmVille 2: Country Escape* and *Hit it Rich! Slots*, both launched on mobile platforms in the first half of 2014. Average DAUs and MAUs also increased due to the inclusion of NaturalMotion mobile users from *CSR Racing* and *Clumsy Ninja*. Declines in average DAUs, MAUs and MUUs in the third and fourth quarter of 2014 were due to declines in users for our existing games such as *FarmVille 2* and *Zynga Poker*. In addition, MUPs declined in the three months ended December 31, 2014 compared to the three months ended December 31, 2013, as payers in *FarmVille 2* and *Zynga Poker* contributed more MUPs in 2013 than in 2014. ABPU increased in each consecutive quarter in 2014 due to a faster decline in DAUs in those periods than the decline in bookings. Future growth in audience and engagement will depend on our ability to retain current players, attract new players, launch new games and expand into new market and distribution platforms.

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Although our management primarily focuses on the operating metrics above, we also monitor periodic trends in paying players of our games. The table below shows average monthly unique payer bookings, average MUPs and unique payer bookings per unique payer for the last eight quarters:

	For the Three Months Ended							
	Dec 31, 2014	Sep 30, 2014	Jun 30, 2014	Mar 31, 2014	Dec 31, 2013	Sep 30, 2013	Jun 30, 2013	Mar 31, 2013
Average monthly unique payer bookings (in thousands) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 41,323	\$ 43,739	\$ 44,844	\$ 39,073	\$ 37,432	\$ 39,535	\$ 50,657	\$ 64,028
Average MUPs (in millions) ⁽²⁾	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.5
Monthly unique payer bookings per MUP ⁽³⁾	\$ 37	\$ 33	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 28	\$ 25	\$ 26	\$ 26

- (1) Average monthly unique payer bookings represent the monthly average amount of bookings for the applicable quarter that we received through payment methods for which we can quantify the number of unique payers and excludes bookings from certain payment methods for which we cannot quantify the number of unique payers. Also excluded are bookings from advertising and NaturalMotion.
- (2) MUPs exclude NaturalMotion as our systems are unable to distinguish whether a player of a NaturalMotion game is also a player of a Zynga game so we exclude NaturalMotion payers to avoid potential double counting of MUPs.
- (3) Monthly unique payer bookings per MUP is calculated by dividing average monthly unique payer bookings by average MUPs. This calculation excludes NaturalMotion as we do not have MUP data for NaturalMotion.

Average monthly unique payer bookings grew during the first and second quarters of 2014 and when comparing the three months ended December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2013 and declined in the third and fourth quarters of 2014. Growth in average monthly unique payer bookings in the first and second quarter of 2014 and when comparing the three months ended December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2013 was due to the bookings contribution from *FarmVille 2: Country Escape* and *Hit it Rich! Slots*, both launched on mobile platforms in the first half of 2014. Declines in average monthly unique payer bookings in the third and fourth quarters of 2014 were due to the decline in bookings and users in our existing web and multiplatform games, such as *FarmVille 2* and *Zynga Poker*, which were not offset by new growth from game launches. Monthly unique payer bookings per MUP increased to \$37 in the fourth quarter of 2014 due to MUP decreasing faster than unique payer bookings for the period.

Although we monitor our unique payer metrics, we focus on monetization, including through in-game advertising, of all of our players and not just our payers. Accordingly, we strive to enhance content and our players' game experience to increase our bookings and ABPU, which is a measure of overall monetization across all of our players through the sale of virtual goods and advertising.

Recent Developments

Game Launches. We launched several new games in 2014, including *Hit it Rich! Slots*, *FarmVille 2: Country Escape*, *NFL Showdown*, *New Words with Friends*, *New Zynga Poker*, *Wizard of Oz Slots* and *Looney Tunes Dash!* on mobile and *New Words With Friends* on web.

Operating Results. Our operating results declined in 2014 as compared to 2013. Total bookings decreased by 3% and adjusted EBITDA decreased by 14% compared to 2013. These results primarily reflect the inability of new games to offset the declines in existing games. While we were able to drive efficiencies and decrease cash operating expenses by \$60.5 million, these decreases were offset by the decrease in bookings.

Mobile Growth. In 2014, we delivered an 80% increase in mobile bookings year over year and a 48% increase in mobile revenue year over year. This increase was driven by the launch of *FarmVille 2: Country Escape* and *Hit it Rich! Slots* on mobile platforms and the inclusion of NaturalMotion games in comparison to prior year as our players continued to play our games on their phones

and tablets.

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2014 Restructuring. In the first quarter of 2014, we implemented a restructuring plan that included a reduction in work force and the closure of certain office and datacenter facilities as part of an overall plan to reduce our long term cost structure. In total, we recorded restructuring charges of \$27.4 million as December 31, 2014 related to the 2014 plan.

Factors Affecting Our Performance

Platform agreements. Our games are primarily distributed, marketed and promoted through third parties, primarily Facebook, Apple's App store for iOS and the Google Play App Store for Android devices. Virtual goods for our games purchased through the payment processing systems of these platform providers. To date, we have generated a significant portion of our bookings, revenue and players through the Facebook platform and expect to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. We are generating an increasing portion of our bookings, revenue and players through the Apple App store and Google Play App Store and expect that this trend will continue as we launch more games for mobile devices. Facebook, Apple and Google generally have the discretion to change their platforms' terms of service and other policies with respect to us or other developers in their sole discretion, and those changes may be unfavorable to us.

Launch of new games and release of enhancements. Our bookings and revenue results have been driven by the launch of new mobile and web games and the release of fresh content and new features in existing games. Our future success depends on our ability to launch and monetize successful new hit titles on various platforms. Although the amount of revenue and bookings we generate from a new game or an enhancement to an existing game can vary significantly, we expect our revenue and bookings to be correlated to the success and timely launch of our new games and our success in releasing engaging content and features. In addition, revenue and bookings from many of our games tend to decline over time after reaching a peak of popularity and player usage. We often refer to the speed of this decline as the decay rate of a game. As a result of this decline in the revenue and bookings of our games, our business depends on our ability to consistently and timely launch new games that achieve significant popularity and have the potential to become franchise games.

Game monetization. We generate most of our bookings and revenue from the sale of virtual goods in our games. The degree to which our players choose to pay for virtual goods in our games is driven by our ability to create content and virtual goods that enhance the game-play experience. Our bookings, revenue and overall financial performance are affected by the number of players and the effectiveness of our monetization of players through the sale of virtual goods and advertising. For example ABPU increased from \$0.053 in the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 to \$0.071 in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 due to a higher decline in DAU of non-paying players (compared to paying players) who do not contribute to online game bookings, coupled with an increase in advertising and other revenue. In addition, mobile and international players have historically monetized at a lower level than web and U.S. players, respectively. The percentage of paying mobile and international players may increase or decrease based on a number of factors, including growth in mobile games as a percentage of total game audience and our overall international players, localization of content and the availability of payment options.

Investment in game development. In order to develop new games and enhance the content and features in our existing games, we must continue to invest in a significant amount of engineering and creative resources. These expenditures generally occur months in advance of the launch of a new game or the release of new content, and the resulting revenue may not equal or exceed our development costs.

Player acquisition costs. We utilize advertising and other forms of player acquisition and retention to grow and retain our player audience. These expenditures generally relate to the promotion of new game launches and ongoing performance-based programs to drive new player acquisition and lapsed player reactivation. Over time, these acquisition and retention-related programs may become either less effective or more costly, negatively impacting our operating results. Additionally, as our player base becomes more heavily concentrated on mobile platforms, our ability to drive traffic to our games through unpaid channels may become diminished, and the overall cost of marketing our games may increase.

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New market development. We are investing in new distribution channels, mobile platforms and international markets to expand our reach and grow our business. For example, we have continued to hire additional employees and acquire companies with experience developing mobile applications. Our ability to be successful will depend on our ability to develop a successful mobile network, obtain new players and retain existing players on new and existing social networks and attract advertisers.

In the first quarter of 2014, we completed the acquisition of NaturalMotion, the maker of *Clumsy Ninja* and *CSR Racing*. This allowed us to enter into two new consumer categories People Simulation and Racing and our future success is dependent upon our ability to leverage the games, workforce, and technology we acquired.

As we expand into new markets and distribution channels, we expect to incur headcount, marketing and other operating costs in advance of the associated bookings and revenue. Our financial performance will be impacted by our investment in these initiatives and their success.

Hiring and retaining key personnel. Our ability to compete and grow depends in large part on the efforts and talents of our employees. In 2014, in addition to employee attrition, we have also implemented, and continue to implement, certain cost reduction initiatives to better align our operating expenses with our revenue, including reducing our headcount and consolidating certain facilities. For example, in the first quarter of 2014, we implemented a restructuring plan that included a work force reduction. These cost reduction initiatives could negatively impact our ability to attract, hire and retain key employees which is critical to our ability to grow our business and execute on our business strategy.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth our results of operations for the periods presented as a percentage of revenue for those periods:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:			
Revenue	100%	100%	100%
Costs and expenses:			
Cost of revenue	31	28	27
Research and development	57	48	50
Sales and marketing	23	12	14
General and administrative	24	19	15
Impairment of intangible assets		1	7
Total costs and expenses	135	108	113
Income (loss) from operations	(35)	(8)	(13)
Interest income			
Other income (expense), net	1		1
Income (loss) before income taxes	(34)	(8)	(12)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(1)	(3)	4
Net income (loss)	(33)%	(5)%	(16)%

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	Year Ended December 31,			2013 to 2014 % Change	2012 to 2013 % Change
	2014	2013 (in thousands)	2012		
Revenue by type:					
Online game	\$ 537,619	\$ 759,572	\$ 1,144,252	(29)%	(34)%
Advertising and other	152,791	113,694	137,015	34%	(17)%
Total revenue	\$ 690,410	\$ 873,266	\$ 1,281,267	(21)%	(32)%

2014 Compared to 2013.

Total revenue decreased \$182.9 million in 2014 as a result of a decline in online game revenue offset by an increase in advertising and other revenue. Bookings decreased by \$21.9 million from 2013 to 2014 due to declines in existing games, declines in audience metrics and the lack of successful new launches to offset these declines. ABPU increased from \$0.053 in 2013 to \$0.071 in 2014, due to a faster decline in DAUs than the decline in bookings. DAUs decreased from 37 million in 2013 to 27 million in 2014 and MUPs decreased from 1.8 million in 2013 to 1.4 million in 2014.

Online game revenue decreased \$222.0 million in 2014 as compared to the same period of the prior year. This decrease is primarily attributable to decreases in revenue from *FarmVille*, *ChefVille*, *CastleVille*, *Zynga Poker*, *CityVille* and *FrontierVille* in the amounts of \$87.7 million, \$37.1 million, \$36.6 million, \$35.5 million, \$23.7 million and \$13.7 million, respectively. The decreases in online game revenue from these games were due to overall decay rate in bookings and audience metrics. The decrease in online game revenue was partially offset by an increase in online game revenue of \$47.1 million from *Hit it Rich! Slots*. All other games accounted for the remaining net decrease of \$34.8 million.

International revenue as a percentage of total revenue was 38% and 40% in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In 2014, *FarmVille 2* and *Zynga Poker* were our top two revenue-generating games and comprised 28% and 23%, respectively, of our online game revenue for the period. No other game generated more than 10% of online game revenue during the year.

Consumable virtual goods accounted for 38% and 29% of online game revenue 2014 and 2013, respectively. Durable virtual goods accounted for 62% and 71% of online game revenue in 2014 and 2013, respectively. The estimated weighted-average life of durable virtual goods was 12 months in 2014 and 2013. Changes in our estimated average life of durable virtual goods during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 for various games resulted in a decrease in revenue, income from continuing operations and net income of \$1.2 million, which is the result of adjusting the remaining recognition period of deferred revenue generated in prior periods at the time of a change in estimate. These changes in estimates did not impact our reported earnings per share for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014. For 2013, changes in our estimated average life of durable virtual goods resulted in an increase in revenue, income from continuing operations and net income of \$12.3 million. These changes in estimates resulted in a \$0.01 increase in our reported earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Advertising and other revenue increased \$39.1 million from 2013 to 2014, due to a \$39.3 million increase in in-game display ads as a result of better optimization on mobile platforms and a \$7.6 million increase in licensing revenue driven by the final licensing payment from a strategic partner, offset by a \$5.6 million decrease in in-game sponsorships and a \$2.2 million decrease in in-game offers, engagement ads, and other advertising revenue.

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Total revenue decreased \$408.0 million in 2013 as a result of a decline in both online game and advertising revenue. Bookings decreased by \$431.5 million from 2012 to 2013 due to declines in existing games and the lack of successful new launches to offset these declines. ABPU increased from \$0.050 in 2012 to \$0.053 in 2013, while DAUs decreased from 63 million in 2012 to 37 million in 2013 and MUPs decreased from 3.4 million in 2012 to 1.8 million in 2013.

Online game revenue decreased \$384.7 million in 2013 as compared to the same period of the prior year. This decrease is primarily attributable to decreases in revenue from *FarmVille*, *CityVille*, *FrontierVille*, *CastleVille* and *Zynga Poker* in the amounts of \$152.1 million, \$112.6 million, \$60.4 million, \$59.4 million and \$54.7 million, respectively. The decreases in online game revenue from *FarmVille*, *CityVille*, *FrontierVille*, *Zynga Poker* and *CastleVille* were due to overall decay rate in bookings and audience metrics in these games. The decreases in online game revenue were partially offset by increases in online game revenue of \$118.0 million and \$32.9 million from *FarmVille 2* and *ChefVille*, respectively, which were the result of the launch of these games in September 2012 and August 2012, respectively. All other games accounted for the remaining net decrease of \$96.4 million.

International revenue as a percentage of total revenue was 40% and 41% in 2013 and 2012, respectively.

In 2013, *Zynga Poker*, *FarmVille 2* and *FarmVille* were our top three revenue-generating games and comprised 21%, 17%, and 16%, respectively, of our online game revenue for the period. No other game generated more than 10% of online game revenue during the year.

Consumable virtual goods accounted for 29% and 30% of online game revenue 2013 and 2012, respectively. Durable virtual goods accounted for 71% and 70% of online game revenue in 2013 and 2012, respectively. The estimated weighted-average life of durable virtual goods was 12 months in 2013 and 2012. Changes in our estimated average life of durable virtual goods during the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 for various games resulted in an increase in revenue, income from continuing operations and net income of \$12.3 million, which is the result of adjusting the remaining recognition period of deferred revenue generated in prior periods at the time of a change in estimate. These changes in estimates resulted in a \$0.01 increase in our reported earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2013. For 2012, changes in our estimated average life of durable virtual goods resulted in an increase in revenue, income from continuing operations and net income of \$14.1 million. These changes in estimates resulted in a \$0.01 increase in our reported earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Advertising revenue decreased \$23.3 million from 2012 to 2013, due to a \$14.1 million decrease in in-game sponsorships, a \$6.0 million decrease in in-game offers, engagement ads and other advertising revenue and a \$3.4 million decrease in licensing revenue, offset by an increase of \$0.2 million from in-game display ads. These declines may be attributed to declines in our DAUs in 2013.

Cost of revenue

	Year Ended December 31,			2013 to 2014 % Change	2012 to 2013 % Change
	2014	2013 (in thousands)	2012		
Cost of revenue	\$ 213,570	\$ 248,358	\$ 352,169	(14)%	(29)%

2014 Compared to 2013. Cost of revenue decreased \$34.8 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 as compared to the same period of the prior year. The decrease was primarily attributable to a \$38.1 million decrease in depreciation expense due to the consolidation of data center facilities and the related disposition of certain data center assets in prior periods, a \$23.1 million decrease in hosting and data center costs due to lower

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data usage, an \$11.7 million decrease in third party customer service expense which is in line with the discontinuance of certain games and a \$5.1 million decrease in headcount-related expense, offset by a \$36.8 million increase in payment processing fees from mobile payment processors due to an increase in mobile bookings and a \$6.3 million increase in royalty expense for licensed intellectual property.

2013 Compared to 2012. Cost of revenue decreased \$103.8 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the same period of the prior year. The decrease was primarily attributable to a decrease of \$47.0 million in third party hosting expense due to increased usage of our own datacenters, a decrease of \$24.6 million in third party customer service expense which is in line with the decline in DAUs and the discontinuance of certain games, a decrease of \$11.6 million in stock-based expense primarily due to forfeiture credits resulting from employee attrition, a decrease of \$9.3 million in depreciation and amortization expense and a decrease of \$7.9 million in payment processing fees.

Research and development

	Year Ended December 31,			2013 to 2014	2012 to 2013
	2014	2013	2012	% Change	% Change
Research and development	\$ 396,553	\$ 413,001	\$ 645,648	(4)%	(36)%

2014 Compared to 2013. Research and development expenses decreased \$16.4 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 as compared to the same period of the prior year. The decrease was primarily attributable to a \$46.4 million decrease in headcount-related expenses, \$13.7 million decrease in restructuring expense and a \$13.7 million decrease in allocated facilities and overhead costs, offset by \$32.7 million of expense recorded in 2014 to reflect the change in estimated fair value of the contingent consideration liability for Spooky Cool Labs and a \$21.7 million increase in stock-based expense primarily due to higher forfeiture credits in the prior year and additional grants in 2014 as a result of the NaturalMotion acquisition in February 2014.

2013 Compared to 2012. Research and development expenses decreased \$232.6 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the same period of the prior year. The decrease was primarily attributable to a \$138.7 million decrease in stock-based expense primarily due to forfeiture credits resulting from employee attrition and an \$87.0 million decrease in headcount-related expenses.

Sales and marketing

	Year Ended December 31,			2013 to 2014	2012 to 2013
	2014	2013	2012	% Change	% Change
Sales and marketing	\$ 157,364	\$ 104,403	\$ 181,924	51%	(43)%

2014 Compared to 2013. Sales and marketing expenses increased \$53.0 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 as compared to the same period of the prior year. The increase was primarily attributable to a \$57.8 million increase in marketing expense due to higher mobile player acquisition costs and consumer marketing costs from the launch of *FarmVille 2: Country Escape* and *Hit it Rich! Slots*, offset by a \$3.1 million decrease in headcount-related expenses and a \$2.2 million decrease in stock-based expense primarily due to forfeiture credits resulting from employee attrition.

2013 Compared to 2012. Sales and marketing expenses decreased \$77.5 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the same period of the prior year. The decrease was primarily attributable to a \$41.6 million decrease in player acquisition costs which declined along with our overall spending during 2013 due to declines in bookings and DAUs, a \$16.6 million decrease in stock-based expense primarily due to forfeiture credits resulting from employee attrition, a \$9.0 million decrease in headcount related expenses, and \$4.3 million decrease in third party consulting service expense.

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	Year Ended December 31,			2013 to 2014	2012 to 2013
	2014	2013	2012	% Change	% Change
General and administrative	\$ 167,664	\$ 162,918	\$ 189,004	3%	(14)%

2014 Compared to 2013. General and administrative expenses increased \$4.7 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 as compared to the same period of the prior year. The increase was primarily attributable to a \$21.1 million increase in stock-based expense and a \$16.5 million increase due to a lower amount of facilities and overhead costs allocated out, partially offset by a \$14.0 million decrease in headcount-related expense, a \$9.8 million decrease in depreciation expense and a \$7.1 million decrease in restructuring expense.

2013 Compared to 2012. General and administrative expenses decreased \$26.1 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the same period of the prior year. The decrease was primarily attributable to a \$30.6 million decrease in stock-based expense primarily due to forfeiture credits resulting from employee attrition, an \$11.0 million decrease in headcount-related expenses, offset by a \$17.6 million increase in restructuring expense.

Interest income

	Year Ended December 31,			2013 to 2014	2012 to 2013
	2014	2013	2012	% Change	% Change
Interest income	\$ 3,266	\$ 4,148	\$ 4,749	(21)%	(13)%

2014 Compared to 2013. Interest income decreased \$0.9 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014. The decrease was primarily attributed to lower marketable security balances in 2014 compared to 2013.

2013 Compared to 2012. Interest income decreased \$0.6 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2013. The decrease was primarily attributed to lower marketable security balances in 2013 compared to 2012.

Other income (expense), net

	Year Ended December 31,			2013 to 2014	2012 to 2013
	2014	2013	2012	% Change	% Change
Other income (expense), net	\$ 8,248	\$ (3,386)	\$ 18,647	NM	NM

2014 Compared to 2013. Other income (expense), net increased \$11.6 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 as compared to the same period of the prior year. The increase was primarily attributable to a \$5.2 million decrease in interest expense which includes the \$2.4 million expense in connection with the termination of our interest rate swap agreement and repayment of our loan in the second quarter of 2013, a \$4.6 million increase of other income related to the sale of an equity investment in the fourth quarter of 2014 and a \$2.3 million increase in net sublease rental income.

2013 Compared to 2012. Other income (expense), net decreased \$22.0 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the same period of the prior year. The decrease was primarily attributable to a \$19.9 million net gain recognized from the termination of our lease and purchase of our corporate headquarters in 2012. In addition, we recorded a \$2.4 million loss in the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 as a result of the termination of our interest rate swap.

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	Year Ended December 31,			2013 to 2014 % Change	2012 to 2013 % Change
	2014	2013 (in thousands)	2012		
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	\$ (7,327)	\$ (27,887)	\$ 49,873	NM	NM

2014 Compared to 2013. The benefit from income taxes decreased by \$20.6 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 compared to the same period of the prior year. This decrease was attributable primarily to the incremental benefit of \$5.0 million recorded in the first quarter of 2013 related to the recognition of Federal research and development tax credits and the net benefit related to changes in the estimated jurisdictional mix of earnings between the two periods of \$15.6 million.

2013 Compared to 2012. The provision for income taxes decreased by \$77.8 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the same period of the prior year. This decrease was attributable primarily to a benefit of \$12.4 million recorded in the first quarter of 2013 related to the reinstatement of the federal research and development tax credit retroactive to January 1, 2012, a benefit of \$16.3 million recorded in the second quarter related to changes in the estimated jurisdictional mix of earnings, and tax expense of \$85.0 million related to the cost of fully implementing our international structure in the fourth quarter of 2012, partially offset by the \$39.1 million tax impact of the impairment charges recorded in the third quarter of 2012.

Table of Contents**Quarterly Results of Operations Data**

The following tables set forth our unaudited quarterly consolidated statements of operations data in dollars and as a percentage of revenue for each of the eight quarters ended December 31, 2014 (certain items may not reconcile due to rounding). We also present other financial and operations data, and a reconciliation of revenue to bookings and net income (loss) to adjusted EBITDA, for the same periods. We have prepared the quarterly consolidated statements of operations data on a basis consistent with the audited consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, the financial information reflects all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of this data. This information should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The results of historical periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for a full year or any future period.

	For the Three Months Ended							
	Dec 31, 2014	Sep 30, 2014	Jun 30, 2014	Mar 31, 2014	Dec 31, 2013	Sep 30, 2013	Jun 30, 2013	Mar 31, 2013
(in thousands, except per share data)								
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:								
Online game	\$ 135,011	\$ 139,372	\$ 130,966	\$ 132,270	\$ 152,310	\$ 174,370	\$ 203,326	\$ 229,566
Advertising and other	57,536	37,239	22,266	35,750	24,052	28,210	27,409	34,023
Total Revenue	192,547	176,611	153,232	168,020	176,362	202,580	230,735	263,589
Costs and expenses:								
Cost of revenue	55,492	53,286	51,288	53,504	58,876	59,011	61,077	69,394
Research and development	105,134	100,113	93,722	97,584	78,475	81,023	124,322	129,181
Sales and marketing	41,898	44,005	41,608	29,853	24,763	21,170	31,163	27,307
General and administrative	38,961	38,536	32,831	57,336	41,725	34,012	44,541	42,640
Impairment of intangible assets						10,217		
Total costs and expenses	241,485	235,940	219,449	238,277	203,839	205,433	261,103	268,522
Income (loss) from operations	(48,938)	(59,329)	(66,217)	(70,257)	(27,477)	(2,853)	(30,368)	(4,933)
Net income (loss)	\$ (45,126)	\$ (57,058)	\$ (62,533)	\$ (61,183)	\$ (25,242)	\$ (68)	\$ (15,805)	\$ 4,133
Earnings per share basic	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.01

	For the Three Months Ended							
	Dec 31, 2014	Sep 30, 2014	Jun 30, 2014	Mar 31, 2014	Dec 31, 2013	Sep 30, 2013	Jun 30, 2013	Mar 31, 2013
(as a percentage of revenue)								
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:								
Revenue	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Costs and expenses:								
Cost of revenue	29	30	33	32	33	29	26	26
Research and development	54	57	61	58	45	40	54	49
Sales and marketing	22	25	27	18	14	10	14	10
General and administrative	20	22	21	34	24	17	19	17
Impairment of intangible assets						5		
Total costs and expenses	125	134	142	142	116	101	113	102
Income (loss) from operations	(25)	(34)	(42)	(42)	(16)	(1)	(13)	(2)
Net income (loss)	(23%)	(34%)	(39%)	(36%)	(14%)		(7%)	2%

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	For the Three Months Ended							
	Dec 31, 2014	Sep 30, 2014	Jun 30, 2014	Mar 31, 2014	Dec 31, 2013	Sep 30, 2013	Jun 30, 2013	Mar 31, 2013
(dollars in thousands, except ABPU data)								
Other Financial and Operations Data:								
Bookings	\$ 182,352	\$ 175,488	\$ 175,102	\$ 161,358	\$ 146,677	\$ 152,106	\$ 187,578	\$ 229,815
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 9,432	\$ 2,163	\$ 14,491	\$ 13,846	\$ 2,603	\$ 6,901	\$ 8,310	\$ 28,735
Average DAUs (in millions)	25	26	29	28	27	30	39	52
Average MAUs (in millions)	108	112	130	123	112	133	187	253
Average MUUs (in millions)	71	77	89	86	80	97	123	150
Average MUPs (in millions)	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.5
ABPU	\$ 0.079	\$ 0.073	\$ 0.067	\$ 0.063	\$ 0.060	\$ 0.055	\$ 0.053	\$ 0.049

	For the Three Months Ended							
	Dec 31, 2014	Sep 30, 2014	Jun 30, 2014	Mar 31, 2014	Dec 31, 2013	Sep 30, 2013	Jun 30, 2013	Mar 31, 2013
(in thousands)								
Reconciliation of Revenue to Bookings:								
Revenue	\$ 192,547	\$ 176,611	\$ 153,232	\$ 168,020	\$ 176,362	\$ 202,580	\$ 230,735	\$ 263,589
Change in deferred revenue	(10,195)	(1,123)	21,870	(6,662)	(29,685)	(50,474)	(43,157)	(33,774)
Bookings	\$ 182,352	\$ 175,488	\$ 175,102	\$ 161,358	\$ 146,677	\$ 152,106	\$ 187,578	\$ 229,815

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA:								
Net income (loss)	\$ (45,126)	\$ (57,058)	\$ (62,533)	\$ (61,183)	\$ (25,242)	\$ (68)	\$ (15,805)	\$ 4,133
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	2,547	(783)	(2,012)	(7,079)	(241)	(891)	(17,989)	(8,766)
Other income (expense), net	(5,580)	(647)	(896)	(1,125)	(1,079)	(929)	4,531	863
Interest income	(779)	(841)	(776)	(870)	(915)	(965)	(1,105)	(1,163)
Restructuring expense	(3,391)	287	(2,270)	29,655	7,366	6,769	25,089	5,459
Gain (loss) from legal settlements	5,250							
Depreciation and amortization	18,341	19,283	19,926	25,344	32,142	33,986	30,858	32,061
Impairment of intangible assets						10,217		
Contingent consideration fair value adjustment	12,600	6,750	12,070	1,280	930			
Acquisition-related transaction expenses			265	6,160				
Stock-based expense	35,765	36,295	28,847	28,326	19,327	9,256	25,888	29,922
Change in deferred revenue	(10,195)	(1,123)	21,870	(6,662)	(29,685)	(50,474)	(43,157)	(33,774)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 9,432	\$ 2,163	\$ 14,491	\$ 13,846	\$ 2,603	\$ 6,901	\$ 8,310	\$ 28,735

Liquidity and Capital Resources

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
(in thousands)			
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Data:			
Acquisition of property and equipment	\$ (9,201)	\$ (7,813)	\$ (98,054)
Depreciation and amortization	82,894	129,047	141,479
Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (4,511)	\$ 28,674	\$ 195,767
Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities	(344,159)	147,476	(1,496,934)
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities	15,119	(95,818)	104,818

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As of December 31, 2014, we had cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities of approximately \$1.15 billion, which consisted of cash, money market funds, U.S. government and government agency debt securities and corporate debt securities. For the full year ended December 31, 2014, we made capital expenditures of \$9.2 million, which included hardware and software to support business operations.

In October 2012, our board of directors authorized a \$200 million stock repurchase program. We initiated purchases under this program in December 2012. In 2012 and 2013 we repurchased an aggregate of 5.0 million shares and 3.4 million shares of our Class A common stock under this repurchase program at a weighted average price of \$2.36 per share and \$2.74 per share for a total of \$11.8 million and \$9.3 million, respectively. We did not repurchase any shares in 2014. The total amount repurchased under the plan was \$21.1 million. The program expired on October 31, 2014.

Operating Activities

After our net loss of \$225.9 million is adjusted to exclude non-cash items, operating activities used \$4.5 million of cash during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014. Significant non-cash items included stock-based expense of \$129.2 million and depreciation and amortization of \$82.9 million. Depreciation and amortization decreased by \$46.2 million as compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 as a result of fixed assets that were fully depreciated and disposed of and intangible assets that were fully amortized in 2014. Stock-based expense increased by \$44.8 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 as compared to the same period of the prior year primarily due to grants related to the NaturalMotion acquisition. Net cash provided by operating activities declined \$33.2 million when compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2013, the decline was primarily due to changes in our operating assets and liabilities in the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, including changes of \$24.6 million and \$5.4 million in other liabilities and income tax receivable, respectively, partially offset by changes of \$16.5 million and \$6.4 million in accounts receivable and accounts payable, respectively.

After our net loss of \$37.0 million is adjusted to exclude non-cash items, operating activities provided \$28.7 million of cash during the twelve months ended December 31, 2013. Significant non-cash items included depreciation and amortization of \$129.0 million, stock-based expense of \$84.4 million, accretion and amortization on marketable securities of \$17.6 million and impairment of intangible assets of \$10.2 million. Depreciation and amortization decreased by \$12.5 million as compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2012 as a result of fixed assets that were fully depreciated and disposed of and intangible assets that were fully amortized or impaired in 2013. Stock-based expense decreased by \$197.6 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the same period of the prior year primarily due to increased forfeiture credits resulting from employee attrition in 2013. Net cash provided by operating activities declined \$165.0 million primarily due to changes in our operating assets and liabilities in the twelve months ended December 31, 2013, including a \$157.1 million decline in deferred revenue offset by increases in accounts receivable and other assets.

After our net loss of \$209.5 million is adjusted to exclude non-cash items, operating activities provided \$195.8 million of cash during the twelve months ended December 31, 2012. Significant non-cash items included stock-based expense of \$282.0 million, depreciation and amortization of \$141.5 million and impairment of intangible assets of \$95.5 million. Stock-based expense was composed primarily of employee ZSU and stock option expense and decreased by \$318.2 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2012 as compared to the same period of the prior year due to expense related to ZSU s in 2011 as a result of our IPO. Depreciation and amortization increased by \$46.1 million as compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2011 as a result of our continued investment in property and equipment, including the purchase of our corporate headquarters building, and business acquisitions. Changes in our operating assets and liabilities used \$67.8 million of cash in the twelve months ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to a decrease in deferred revenue offset by increases in accounts receivable, other assets and other liabilities. Changes in operating assets and liabilities provided \$77.4 million of cash during the twelve months ended December 31, 2011, primarily due to increases in other liabilities, deferred revenue and accounts payable offset by a decrease in income tax receivable.

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Investing Activities

Investing activities used \$344.2 million during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014. The primary outflows of cash associated with investing activities was the business acquisition of NaturalMotion for which \$391.0 was paid in cash. The primary cash inflows were \$47.7 million for the sales and maturities of marketable securities, net of purchases. Capital expenditures were \$9.2 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, which mainly related to the investment in hardware and software to support business operations. We expect capital expenditures of approximately \$10 million in 2015.

Investing activities resulted in a cash inflow of \$147.5 million during the twelve months ended December 31, 2013. The primary inflows of cash associated with investing activities were \$169.9 million for the sales and maturities of marketable securities, net of purchases. Capital expenditures were \$7.8 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2013, which mainly related to the investment in our data centers and other hardware and software to maintain our datacenter infrastructure.

Investing activities resulted in a cash outflow of \$1.5 billion during the twelve months ended December 31, 2012. The primary uses of cash associated with investing activities were \$954 million for the purchase of marketable securities, net of sales and maturities; \$233.7 million for the purchase of our corporate headquarters building and \$205.5 million, net of cash acquired, for business acquisitions. Excluding the purchase of our corporate headquarters building, capital expenditures were \$98.1 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2012, which mainly related to the continued investment in our data centers and other hardware and software to support our growth.

Financing Activities

Financing activities provided approximately \$15.1 million during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, the primary inflow of cash was \$16.4 million of cash receipts from exercises of employee stock options and employee stock purchase plan.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2013, the primary outflow of cash associated with financing activities was \$100.0 million for the repayment of debt and \$11.2 million of excess tax costs from stock-based awards. We also had a cash inflow of \$18.2 million for cash received from the exercise of employee stock options and warrants.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2012, our primary financing activity was \$99.8 million in proceeds from a term loan, net of issuance costs, entered into on June 29, 2012. We also had cash out flows of \$26.3 million for tax payments made in connection with the vesting of stock awards and cash received from the exercise of employee stock options and warrants of \$17.0 million.

Credit Facility

In June 2013, we amended and restated our existing revolving credit agreement which we originally executed in July 2011, reducing our maximum available credit from \$1.0 billion to \$200 million, and extending the term of our amended agreement to expire in June of 2018. The interest rate for the credit facility is determined based on a formula using certain market rates, as described in the amended credit agreement. Additionally, our minimum quarterly commitment fee was reduced from \$0.6 million per quarter to \$0.1 million per quarter based on the portion of the credit facility that is not drawn down. The agreement requires us to comply with certain covenants, including maintaining a minimum capitalization ratio, and maintaining a minimum cash balance. As of December 31, 2014, we have not drawn down any amounts under the credit facility and are in compliance with these covenants.

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We did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements in 2014, 2013 and 2012.

Lease Obligations

We have entered into operating leases for facilities, including data center space. As of December 31, 2014, future minimum lease payments related to these leases are as follows (in thousands):

Year ending December 31:	
2015	\$ 28,058
2016	22,753
2017	13,046
2018	11,785
2019 and thereafter	33,964
	\$ 109,606

We do not have any material capital lease obligations, and all of our property, equipment and software has been purchased with cash.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in our consolidated financial statements and related notes. Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report. We have identified below our critical accounting policies and estimates that we believe require the greatest amount of judgment. These estimates and judgments have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. The accounting policies that reflect our more significant estimates and judgments and that we believe are the most critical to fully understand and evaluate our reported financial results include the following:

Revenue recognition

Income taxes

Business combinations

Stock-based expense

Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets

Impairment of long-lived assets

Revenue Recognition

We derive revenue from the sale of virtual goods associated with our online games and the sale of advertising.

Online Game

We operate our games as live services that allow players to play for free. Within these games, players can purchase virtual currency to obtain virtual goods to enhance their game-playing experience. Players can pay for our virtual currency using Facebook local currency payments when playing our games through the Facebook platform. On platforms other than Facebook, players purchase our virtual currency and/or virtual goods through

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various widely accepted payment methods offered in the games, including PayPal, Apple iTunes accounts, Google Wallet, credit cards and direct wires. We also sell existing inventory of game cards that are initially recorded as a customer deposit liability which is included in other current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet, net of fees retained by retailers and distributors. Upon redemption of a game card in one of our games and delivery of the purchased virtual currency to the player, these amounts are reclassified to deferred revenue. Advance payments from customers that are non-refundable and relate to non-cancellable contracts that specify our obligations are recorded to deferred revenue. All other advance payments that do not meet these criteria are recorded as customer deposits.

We recognize revenue when all of the following conditions are satisfied: there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement; the service has been provided to the player; the collection of our fees is reasonably assured; and the amount of fees to be paid by the player is fixed or determinable. For purposes of determining when the service has been provided to the player, we have determined that an implied obligation exists to the paying player to continue displaying the purchased virtual goods within the online game over their estimated life or until they are consumed. Accordingly, we categorize our virtual goods as either consumable or durable. The proceeds from the sale of virtual goods are initially recorded in deferred revenue. Consumable virtual goods represent goods that can be consumed by a specific player action. Common characteristics of consumable goods may include virtual goods that are no longer displayed on the player's game board after a short period of time, do not provide the player any continuing benefit following consumption or often times enable a player to perform an in-game action immediately. For the sale of consumable virtual goods, we recognize revenue as the goods are consumed, which approximates one month. Durable virtual goods represent virtual goods that are accessible to the player over an extended period of time. We recognize revenue from the sale of durable virtual goods ratably over the estimated average playing period of paying players for the applicable game, which represents our best estimate of the average life of durable virtual goods. If we do not have the ability to differentiate revenue attributable to durable virtual goods from consumable virtual goods for a specific game we recognize revenue on the sale of durable and consumable virtual goods for that game ratably over the estimated average period that paying players typically play that game.

Prior to October 1, 2009, we did not have the data to determine the consumption dates for our consumable virtual goods or to differentiate revenue attributable to durable virtual goods from consumable virtual goods. Beginning in October 2009, we had sufficient data to separately account for consumable and durable virtual goods in one of our games, thus allowing us to recognize revenue related to consumable goods upon consumption. Since January 2010, we have had this data for substantially all of our web games, thus allowing us to recognize revenue related to consumable goods upon consumption for our web-based games. However, for our standalone mobile games, we do not have the requisite data to separately account for consumable and durable virtual goods and have therefore recorded mobile revenue ratably over the estimated average payer life. We expect that in future periods there will be changes in the mix of durable and consumable virtual goods sold, reduced virtual good sales in some existing games, changes in estimates in average paying payer life and/or changes in our ability to make such estimates. When such changes occur, and in particular if more of our revenue in any period is derived from goods for which revenue is recognized over the estimated average playing period, or that period increases on average, the amount of revenue that we recognize in a future period may be reduced, perhaps significantly.

On a quarterly basis, we determine the estimated average playing period for paying players by game beginning at the time of a payer's first purchase in that game and ending on a date when that paying player is no longer playing the game. To determine when paying players are no longer playing a given game, we analyze monthly cohorts of paying players for that game who made their first in-game payment between six and 18 months prior to the beginning of each quarter and determine whether each player within the cohort is an active or inactive player as of the date of our analysis. To determine which players are inactive, we analyze the dates that each paying player last logged into that game. We determine a paying player to be inactive once they have reached a period of inactivity for which it is probable (defined as at least 80%) that a player will not return to a specific game. For the payers deemed inactive as of our analysis date we analyze the dates they last logged into

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that game to determine the rate at which inactive players stopped playing. Based on these dates we then project a date at which all paying players for each monthly cohort are expected to cease playing our games. We then average the time periods from first purchase date and the date the last player is expected to cease playing the game for each of the monthly cohorts to determine the total playing period for that game. To determine the estimated average playing period we then divide this total playing period by two. The use of this average approach is supported by our observations that paying players typically become inactive at a relatively consistent rate for our games. If future data indicates paying players do not become inactive at a relatively consistent rate, we will modify our calculations accordingly. When a new game is launched and only a limited period of paying player data is available for our analysis, then we also consider other factors, such as the estimated average playing period for other recently launched games with similar characteristics, to determine the estimated average playing period.

Future usage patterns may differ from historical usage patterns and therefore the estimated average playing periods may change in the future. We assess the estimated average playing period for paying players and the estimated average life of our virtual goods quarterly. Changes in our estimated average life of durable virtual goods during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 for various games resulted in a decrease in revenue, income from continuing operations and net income of \$1.2 million, which is the result of adjusting the remaining recognition period of deferred revenue generated in prior periods at the time of a change in estimate. These changes in estimates did not impact our reported earnings per share for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014.

From July 2010 through the third quarter of 2013, Facebook's proprietary virtual currency, Facebook Credits, was the primary in-game payment method for our games played on the Facebook platform. Under the terms of our agreement with Facebook, Facebook set the price our players pay for Facebook Credits and collected the funds from the sale of Facebook Credits. Facebook's stated face value of a Facebook Credit was \$0.10. For each Facebook Credit purchased by our players and redeemed in our games, Facebook remitted to us \$0.07, which is the amount we recognized as revenue. Accordingly, we recognized revenue net of the amounts retained by Facebook related to Facebook Credits transactions because we did not set the pricing of Facebook Credits sold to the players of our games on Facebook. In July 2013, Facebook began to transition payments made on the Facebook platform from Facebook Credits to Facebook's local currency-based payments program. This transition was completed in the fourth quarter of 2013. Under the terms of our agreement, Facebook remits to us 70% of the price we request to be charged to the game player for each transaction. We recognize revenue net of the amounts retained by Facebook related to Facebook local currency-based payments because Facebook may choose to alter our recommended price, for example by offering a discount or other incentives to players playing on their platform. Additionally, we do not receive information from Facebook indicating the amount of such discounts offered to our paying players or regarding the actual cash paid by our players to Facebook. Accordingly, we are unable to determine the gross amount paid by our players to Facebook.

For revenue earned through certain mobile platforms, including Apple iOS and Google Android, we recognize online game revenue based on the gross amount paid by the player because we are the primary obligor and we have the contractual right to determine the price to be paid by the player. We record the related platform and payment processing fees as cost of revenue in the period incurred.

We estimate chargebacks from our third-party web and mobile payment processors to account for potential future chargebacks based on historical data and record such amounts as a reduction of revenue.

Advertising

We have contractual relationships with agencies, advertising brokers and certain advertisers for advertisements within our games. We generally report our advertising revenue net of amounts retained by advertising networks, agencies, and brokers because we are not the primary obligor in our arrangements, we do not set the pricing, and we do not establish or maintain the relationship with the advertiser. Certain advertising arrangements that are directly between us and end advertisers are recognized gross equal to the price paid to us by the end advertiser since we are the primary obligor and we determine the price.

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We recognize advertising revenue for branded virtual goods and sponsorships, engagement advertisements and offers, mobile advertisements and other advertisements as advertisements are delivered to customers as long as evidence of the arrangement exists (executed contract), the price is fixed or determinable, and we have assessed collectability as reasonably assured. Certain branded in-game sponsorships that involve virtual goods are deferred and recognized over the estimated life of the branded virtual good or as consumed, similar to online game revenue. Price is determined to be fixed and determinable when there is a fixed price in the applicable evidence of the arrangement, which may include a master contract, insertion order, or a third party statement of activity. For branded virtual goods and sponsorships, we determine the delivery criteria has been met based on delivery information primarily from third parties. For engagement advertisements and offers, mobile advertisements, and other advertisements, delivery occurs when the advertisement has been displayed or the offer has been completed by the customer, as evidenced by third party verification reports supporting the number of advertisements displayed or offers completed.

Income Taxes

We account for income taxes using an asset and liability approach, which requires the recognition of taxes payable or refundable for the current year and deferred tax liabilities and assets for the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in our financial statements or tax returns. The measurement of current and deferred tax assets and liabilities is based on provisions of enacted tax laws; the effects of future changes in tax laws or rates are not anticipated. If necessary, the measurement of deferred tax assets is reduced by the amount of any tax benefits that are not expected to be realized based on available evidence. We account for uncertain tax positions by reporting a liability for unrecognized tax benefits resulting from uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. We recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits in provision for income taxes.

In June 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ratified Accounting Standards Update 2013-11, *Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists* which concludes an unrecognized tax benefit should be presented as a reduction of a deferred tax asset when settlement in this manner is available under the tax law. We adopted this amendment in the first quarter of 2014, which resulted in a reduction of non-current liabilities of \$33.3 million.

Business Combinations

In line with our growth strategy, we have completed acquisitions to expand our social games and mobile offerings, obtain employee talent, and expand into new markets. We account for acquisitions of entities that include inputs and processes and have the ability to create outputs as business combinations. We allocate the purchase price of the acquisition, which includes the estimated acquisition date fair value of contingent consideration, to the tangible assets, liabilities and identifiable intangible assets acquired based on their estimated fair values. The excess of the purchase price over those fair values is recorded as goodwill. Determining the fair value of such items requires judgment, including estimating future cash flows or estimating the cost to recreate an acquired asset. If actual results are lower than estimates, we could be required to record impairment charges in the future. Acquired intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives. Intangible assets with indefinite lives are not amortized but rather tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if circumstances exist which indicate an impairment may exist.

Acquisition-related expenses and restructuring costs are expensed as incurred. During the one-year period beginning with the acquisition date, we may record certain purchase accounting adjustments related to the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed against goodwill. After the final determination of the fair value of assets acquired or liabilities assumed, any subsequent adjustments are recorded to our consolidated statements of operations. We record changes in the fair value of contingent consideration liabilities within operating expenses in our consolidated statement of operations each reporting period.

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Stock-Based Expense

Prior to our IPO in December 2011, we granted ZSUs to our employees that generally vest upon the satisfaction of both a service-based condition of up to four years and a liquidity condition, the latter of which was satisfied in connection with our IPO in December 2011. Because the liquidity condition was not satisfied until our IPO, in prior periods, we had not recorded any expense relating to the granting of our ZSUs. In the fourth quarter of 2011, after the IPO, we recognized \$510 million of stock-based expense associated with ZSUs that vested in connection with our IPO. This expense is in addition to the stock-based expense we recognize related to outstanding equity awards other than ZSUs as well as expenses related to ZSUs or other equity awards that may be granted in the future.

For ZSUs granted prior to the IPO, and for awards subject to performance conditions, we recognize stock-based expense based on grant date fair value using the accelerated attribution method in which compensation cost for each vesting tranche in an award is recognized ratably from the service inception date to the vesting date for that tranche. For ZSUs granted after the IPO, which are only subject to a service condition, we recognize stock-based expense based on grant date fair value on a ratable basis over the requisite service period for the entire award.

We estimate the fair value of stock options using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This model requires the use of the following assumptions: expected volatility of our Class A common stock, which is based on our peer group in the industry in which we do business; expected life of the option award, which we elected to calculate using the simplified method; expected dividend yield, which is 0%, as we have not paid and do not anticipate paying dividends on our common stock; and the risk-free interest rate, which is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant with maturities equal to the grant's expected life. Option grants generally vest over four years, with 25% vesting after one year and the remainder vesting monthly thereafter over 36 months. The options have a contractual term of 10 years. If any of the assumptions used in the Black-Scholes model changes significantly, stock-based expense for future awards may differ materially compared with the awards granted previously. We record stock-based expense for stock options on a ratable basis over the vesting term.

For stock options issued to non-employees, including consultants, we record expense related to stock options equal to the fair value of the options calculated using the Black-Scholes model over the service performance period. The fair value of options granted to non-employees is remeasured over the vesting period and recognized as an expense over the period the services are received.

Stock-based expense is recorded net of estimated forfeitures so that expense is recorded for only those stock-based awards that we expect to vest. We estimate forfeitures based on our historical forfeiture of equity awards adjusted to reflect future changes in facts and circumstances, if any. We will revise our estimated forfeiture rate if actual forfeitures differ from our initial estimates.

Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets

Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are carried at cost and are evaluated annually for impairment, or more frequently if circumstances exist that indicate that impairment may exist. When conducting our annual goodwill impairment assessment, we perform a quantitative evaluation of whether goodwill is impaired using the two-step impairment test. The first step is comparing the fair value of our reporting unit to its carrying value. We consider our consolidated entity to be our single reporting unit for this analysis. If step one indicates that impairment potentially exists, the second step is performed to measure the amount of impairment, if any. We record the amount by which the carrying value of the goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, if any, as impairment.

For our annual impairment analysis performed in the fourth quarter of 2014, our estimates of fair value were based on the market approach, which estimated the fair value of our reporting unit based on the company's market capitalization. The result of the impairment analysis showed that the estimated fair value of the Company exceeded its carrying value. Accordingly, we concluded goodwill was not impaired.

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Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets, including other intangible assets (excluding indefinite-lived intangible assets), are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate an asset's carrying value may not be recoverable. If such circumstances are present, we assess the recoverability of the long-lived assets by comparing the carrying value to the undiscounted future cash flows associated with the related assets. If the future net undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying value of the assets, the assets are considered impaired and an expense, equal to the amount required to reduce the carrying value of the assets to the estimated fair value, using a discounted future cash flow approach, is recorded in the consolidated statements of operations. Significant judgment is required to estimate the amount and timing of future cash flows and the relative risk of achieving those cash flows.

Assumptions and estimates about future values and remaining useful lives are complex and often subjective. They can be affected by a variety of factors, including external factors such as industry and economic trends, and internal factors such as changes in our business strategy and our internal forecasts. For example, if our future operating results do not meet current forecasts or if we experience a continued decline in our market capitalization, we may be required to record future impairment charges for goodwill and/or acquired intangible assets. Impairment charges could materially decrease our future net income and result in lower asset values on our balance sheet.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

For information with respect to recent accounting pronouncements and the impact of these pronouncements on our consolidated financial statements, see Note 1 – Overview and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

Interest Rate Fluctuation Risk

Our cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities consist of cash, money market funds, U.S. government debt securities and corporate debt securities. The primary objective of our investment activities is to preserve principal, ensure liquidity and maximize income without significantly increasing risk. Our available-for-sale investments consist of U.S. government and corporate debt securities which may be subject to market risk due to changes in prevailing interest rates that may cause the fair values of our investments to fluctuate. Based on a sensitivity analysis, we have determined that a hypothetical 100 basis points increase in interest rates would have resulted in a decrease in the fair values of our investments of approximately \$6.4 million as of December 31, 2014. Such losses would only be realized if we sold the investments prior to maturity.

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

We have foreign currency risks related to our revenue and operating expenses incurred outside the United States and denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the entities in which they are recorded. Accordingly, we are subject to fluctuations due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, particularly changes in the Euro, Chinese Yuan, Japanese Yen, British Pound, Canadian Dollar, Australian Dollar and Indian Rupee. The volatility of exchange rates depends on many factors that we cannot forecast with reliable accuracy. Although we have experienced and will continue to experience fluctuations in our net income (loss) as a result of transaction gains (losses) related to revaluing certain cash balances, trade accounts receivable, trade accounts payable, current liabilities and intercompany balances that are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, we believe such a change would not have a material impact on our results of operations.

Inflation Risk

We do not believe that inflation has had a material effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. If our costs were to become subject to significant inflationary pressures, we may not be able to fully offset such higher costs through price increases. Our inability or failure to do so could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Zynga Inc.

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The supplementary financial information required by this Item 8 is included in Item 7 under the caption Quarterly Results of Operations Data, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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Report of Ernst & Young, LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of Zynga Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Zynga Inc. as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, 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, 2014. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Zynga Inc. at December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Zynga Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, 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, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

San Francisco, CA

February 24, 2015

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Report of Ernst & Young, LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of Zynga Inc.

We have audited Zynga Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, 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). Zynga Inc.'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 conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). 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.

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.

As indicated in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, management's assessment of and conclusion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting did not include the internal controls of NaturalMotion, Inc., which is included in the 2014 consolidated financial statements of Zynga Inc. and constituted less than 2% of net and total assets as of December 31, 2014 and less than 4% of revenues for the year then ended. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of Zynga Inc. also did not include an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting of NaturalMotion, Inc.

In our opinion, Zynga Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the 2014 consolidated financial statements of Zynga Inc. and our report dated February 24, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

San Francisco, CA

February 24, 2015

Table of Contents**Zynga Inc.****Consolidated Balance Sheets***(In thousands, except par value)*

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 131,303	\$ 465,523
Marketable securities	785,221	659,973
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$0 at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013,	89,611	65,667
Income tax receivable	3,304	6,943
Deferred tax assets	2,765	16,293
Restricted cash	48,047	3,493
Other current assets	22,688	23,507
Total current assets	1,082,939	1,241,399
Long-term marketable securities	231,385	416,474
Goodwill	650,778	227,989
Other intangible assets, net	66,861	18,282
Property and equipment, net	297,919	348,793
Other long-term assets	18,911	26,148
Total assets	\$ 2,348,793	\$ 2,279,085
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 14,965	\$ 20,973
Other current liabilities	164,150	68,866
Deferred revenue	189,923	186,663
Total current liabilities	369,038	276,502
Deferred revenue	3,882	3,252
Deferred tax liabilities	5,323	
Other non-current liabilities	74,858	122,060
Total liabilities	453,101	401,814
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$.00000625 par value, and additional paid in capital - authorized shares: 2,020,517; shares outstanding: 905,860 shares (Class A, 770,658, Class B, 114,685, Class C, 20,517) as of December 31, 2014 and 832,309 (Class A, 685,554, Class B, 126,238, Class C, 20,517) as of December 31, 2013	3,096,982	2,823,743
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(29,175)	(1,046)
Accumulated deficit	(1,172,115)	(945,426)
Total stockholders' equity	1,895,692	1,877,271
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,348,793	\$ 2,279,085

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**Zynga Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Operations***(In thousands, except per share data)*

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Revenue:			
Online game	\$ 537,619	\$ 759,572	\$ 1,144,252
Advertising and other	152,791	113,694	137,015
Total revenue	690,410	873,266	1,281,267
Costs and expenses:			
Cost of revenue	213,570	248,358	352,169
Research and development	396,553	413,001	645,648
Sales and marketing	157,364	104,403	181,924
General and administrative	167,664	162,918	189,004
Impairment of intangible assets		10,217	95,493
Total costs and expenses	935,151	938,897	1,464,238
Income (loss) from operations	(244,741)	(65,631)	(182,971)
Interest income	3,266	4,148	4,749
Other income (expense), net	8,248	(3,386)	18,647
Income (loss) before income taxes	(233,227)	(64,869)	(159,575)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(7,327)	(27,887)	49,873
Net income (loss)	\$ (225,900)	\$ (36,982)	\$ (209,448)
Net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders			
Basic	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.28)
Diluted	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.28)
Weighted average common shares used to compute net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders:			
Basic	874,509	799,794	741,177
Diluted	874,509	799,794	741,177

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**Zynga Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)***(In thousands)*

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Net income (loss)	\$ (225,900)	\$ (36,982)	\$ (209,448)
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Change in foreign currency translation adjustment	(27,522)	(1,586)	(126)
Net change on unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale investments, net of tax	(607)	(436)	740
Net change on unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments		2,423	(2,423)
Other comprehensive income (loss):	(28,129)	401	(1,809)
Comprehensive income (loss):	\$ (254,029)	\$ (36,581)	\$ (211,257)

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**Zynga Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity***(In thousands)*

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Treasury Stock	OCI	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Total Stockholders Equity
	Shares	Amount					
Balances at December 31, 2011	721,592	\$ 4	\$ 2,426,164	\$ (282,897)	\$ 362	\$ (394,094)	\$ 1,749,539
Exercise of stock options	42,285	1	21,446				21,447
Vesting of ZSUs, net	25,649		(25,807)	(460)			(26,267)
Issuance of common stock in connection with business acquisitions	3,208		194				194
Cancellation of unvested restricted common stock	(9,814)						
Stock-based expense	1,291		281,986				281,986
Vesting of common stock following the early exercise of options			614				614
Repurchase of common stock	(4,962)			(11,756)			(11,756)
Tax benefit from stock-based expense			21,003				21,003
Net loss						(209,448)	(209,448)
Other comprehensive loss					(1,809)		(1,809)
Balances at December 31, 2012	779,249	\$ 5	\$ 2,725,600	\$ (295,113)	\$ (1,447)	\$ (603,542)	\$ 1,825,503
Exercise of stock options, warrants, and ESPP	34,020		26,115				26,115
Vesting of ZSUs, net	22,914		(901)	(486)			(1,387)
Issuance of common stock in connection with business acquisitions							
Cancellation of unvested restricted common stock	(502)						
Stock-based expense			84,393				84,393
Vesting of common stock following the early exercise of options			363				363
Retirement of treasury stock, net of repurchases	(3,372)			295,599		(304,902)	(9,303)
Tax benefit from stock-based expense			(11,832)				(11,832)
Net loss						(36,982)	(36,982)
Other comprehensive income					401		401
Balances at December 31, 2013	832,309	\$ 5	\$ 2,823,738	\$	\$ (1,046)	\$ (945,426)	\$ 1,877,271
Balances at December 31, 2013	832,309	\$ 5	\$ 2,823,738	\$	\$ (1,046)	\$ (945,426)	\$ 1,877,271
Exercise of stock options, warrants, and ESPP	11,461		16,421				16,421
Vesting of ZSUs, net	22,582		(429)	(789)			(1,218)
Issuance of common stock in connection with business acquisitions	39,754		131,158				131,158
Cancellation of unvested restricted common stock	(200)						
Stock-based expense			126,856				126,856
Vesting of common stock following the early exercise of options			341				341
Retirement of treasury stock, net of repurchases	(46)			789		(789)	
Tax benefit from stock-based expense			(1,108)				(1,108)
Net loss						(225,900)	(225,900)
Other comprehensive income					(28,129)		(28,129)
Balances at December 31, 2014	905,860	\$ 5	\$ 3,096,977	\$	\$ (29,175)	\$ (1,172,115)	\$ 1,895,692

Table of Contents**Zynga Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows***(In thousands)*

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Operating activities:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (225,900)	\$ (36,982)	\$ (209,448)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	82,894	129,047	141,479
Stock-based expense	129,233	84,393	281,986
(Gain) loss from sales of investments, assets and other, net	(1,610)	8,147	563
Net gain on termination of lease and purchase of building			(19,886)
Tax benefits (costs) from stock-based awards	(86)	(11,244)	21,652
Excess tax benefits (costs) from stock-based awards	86	11,244	(21,652)
Accretion and amortization on marketable securities	10,061	17,575	17,223
Deferred income taxes	(10,982)	(18,766)	(43,841)
Impairment of intangible assets		10,217	95,493
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable, net	(16,489)	40,806	34,338
Income tax receivable	5,433	(1,336)	12,976
Other assets	971	3,932	19,908
Accounts payable	(6,393)	(2,325)	(21,312)
Deferred revenue	3,643	(157,090)	(133,640)
Other liabilities	24,628	(48,944)	19,928
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(4,511)	28,674	195,767
Investing activities:			
Purchases of marketable securities	(758,509)	(1,074,919)	(1,826,137)
Sales and maturities of marketable securities	806,232	1,244,841	871,744
Purchase of corporate headquarters building			(233,700)
Acquisition of property and equipment	(9,201)	(7,813)	(98,054)
Business acquisition, net of cash acquired	(392,411)	(18,054)	(205,510)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	5,059	3,057	
Equity method investment			(10,000)
Restricted cash		227	6,979
Other investing activities, net	4,671	137	(2,256)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(344,159)	147,476	(1,496,934)
Financing activities:			
Proceeds from debt, net of issuance costs			99,780
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards	(1,216)	(1,387)	(26,307)
Repurchases of common stock		(9,302)	(11,756)
Proceeds from employee stock purchase plan and exercise of stock options	16,421	26,115	21,449
Excess tax benefits from stock-based awards	(86)	(11,244)	21,652
Repayment of debt		(100,000)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	15,119	(95,818)	104,818
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(669)	(758)	(45)

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Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(334,220)	79,574	(1,196,394)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	465,523	385,949	1,582,343
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 131,303	\$ 465,523	\$ 385,949

See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Overview and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization and Description of Business

Zynga Inc. (Zynga, we or the Company) develops, markets, and operates social games as live services played over the Internet and on social networking sites and mobile platforms. We generate revenue through the in-game sale of virtual goods and through advertising. Our operations are headquartered in San Francisco, California, and we have several operating locations in the U.S. as well as various international office locations in North America, Asia and Europe.

We completed our initial public offering in December 2011 and our Class A common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol ZNGA.

Basis of Presentation and Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are presented in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP). The consolidated financial statements include the operations of us and our wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. Significant estimates and assumptions reflected in the financial statements include, but are not limited to, the estimated lives of virtual goods that we use for revenue recognition, useful lives of property and equipment and intangible assets, accrued liabilities, income taxes, accounting for business combinations, stock-based expense and evaluation of goodwill, intangible assets, and long-lived assets for impairment. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

Segments

We have one operating segment with one business activity, developing and monetizing social games. Our Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM), our Chief Executive Officer, manages our operations on a consolidated basis for purposes of allocating resources. When evaluating performance and allocating resources, the CODM reviews financial information presented on a consolidated basis, accompanied by disaggregated bookings information for our games.

Revenue Recognition

We derive revenue from the sale of virtual goods associated with our online games and the sale of advertising.

Online Game

We operate our games as live services that allow players to play for free. Within these games, players can purchase virtual currency to obtain virtual goods to enhance their game-playing experience. Players can pay for our virtual currency using Facebook local currency payments when playing our games through the Facebook platform. On platforms other than Facebook, players purchase our virtual currency and/or virtual goods through various widely accepted payment methods offered in the games, including PayPal, Apple iTunes accounts,

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Google Wallet, credit cards and direct wires. We also sell existing inventory of game cards that are initially recorded as a customer deposit liability which is included in other current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet, net of fees retained by retailers and distributors. Upon redemption of a game card in one of our games and delivery of the purchased virtual currency to the player, these amounts are reclassified to deferred revenue. Advance payments from customers that are non-refundable and relate to non-cancellable contracts that specify our obligations are recorded to deferred revenue. All other advance payments that do not meet these criteria are recorded as customer deposits.

We recognize revenue when all of the following conditions are satisfied: there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement; the service has been provided to the player; the collection of our fees is reasonably assured; and the amount of fees to be paid by the player is fixed or determinable. For purposes of determining when the service has been provided to the player, we have determined that an implied obligation exists to the paying player to continue displaying the purchased virtual goods within the online game over their estimated life or until they are consumed. Accordingly, we categorize our virtual goods as either consumable or durable. The proceeds from the sale of virtual goods are initially recorded in deferred revenue. Consumable virtual goods represent goods that can be consumed by a specific player action. Common characteristics of consumable goods may include virtual goods that are no longer displayed on the player's game board after a short period of time, do not provide the player any continuing benefit following consumption or often times enable a player to perform an in-game action immediately. For the sale of consumable virtual goods, we recognize revenue as the goods are consumed, which approximates one month. Durable virtual goods represent virtual goods that are accessible to the player over an extended period of time. We recognize revenue from the sale of durable virtual goods ratably over the estimated average playing period of paying players for the applicable game, which represents our best estimate of the average life of durable virtual goods. If we do not have the ability to differentiate revenue attributable to durable virtual goods from consumable virtual goods for a specific game we recognize revenue on the sale of durable and consumable virtual goods for that game ratably over the estimated average period that paying players typically play that game.

Prior to October 1, 2009, we did not have the data to determine the consumption dates for our consumable virtual goods or to differentiate revenue attributable to durable virtual goods from consumable virtual goods. Beginning in October 2009, we had sufficient data to separately account for consumable and durable virtual goods in one of our games, thus allowing us to recognize revenue related to consumable goods upon consumption. Since January 2010, we have had this data for substantially all of our web games, thus allowing us to recognize revenue related to consumable goods upon consumption for our web-based games. However, for our standalone mobile games, we do not have the requisite data to separately account for consumable and durable virtual goods and have therefore recorded mobile revenue ratably over the estimated average payer life. We expect that in future periods there will be changes in the mix of durable and consumable virtual goods sold, reduced virtual good sales in some existing games, changes in estimates in average paying payer life and/or changes in our ability to make such estimates. When such changes occur, and in particular if more of our revenue in any period is derived from goods for which revenue is recognized over the estimated average playing period, or that period increases on average, the amount of revenue that we recognize in a future period may be reduced, perhaps significantly.

On a quarterly basis, we determine the estimated average playing period for paying players by game beginning at the time of a payer's first purchase in that game and ending on a date when that paying player is no longer playing the game. To determine when paying players are no longer playing a given game, we analyze monthly cohorts of paying players for that game who made their first in-game payment between six and 18 months prior to the beginning of each quarter and determine whether each player within the cohort is an active or inactive player as of the date of our analysis. To determine which players are inactive, we analyze the dates that each paying player last logged into that game. We determine a paying player to be inactive once they have reached a period of inactivity for which it is probable (defined as at least 80%) that a player will not return to a specific game. For the payers deemed inactive as of our analysis date we analyze the dates they last logged into that game to determine the rate at which inactive players stopped playing. Based on these dates we then project a

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date at which all paying players for each monthly cohort are expected to cease playing our games. We then average the time periods from first purchase date and the date the last player is expected to cease playing the game for each of the monthly cohorts to determine the total playing period for that game. To determine the estimated average playing period we then divide this total playing period by two. The use of this average approach is supported by our observations that paying players typically become inactive at a relatively consistent rate for our games. If future data indicates paying players do not become inactive at a relatively consistent rate, we will modify our calculations accordingly. When a new game is launched and only a limited period of paying player data is available for our analysis, then we also consider other factors, such as the estimated average playing period for other recently launched games with similar characteristics, to determine the estimated average playing period.

Future usage patterns may differ from historical usage patterns and therefore the estimated average playing periods may change in the future. We assess the estimated average playing period for paying players and the estimated average life of our virtual goods quarterly. Changes in our estimated average life of durable virtual goods during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 for various games resulted in a decrease in revenue, income from continuing operations and net income of \$1.2 million, which is the result of adjusting the remaining recognition period of deferred revenue generated in prior periods at the time of a change in estimate. These changes in estimates did not impact our reported earnings per share for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014.

From July 2010 through the third quarter of 2013, Facebook's proprietary virtual currency, Facebook Credits, was the primary in-game payment method for our games played on the Facebook platform. Under the terms of our agreement with Facebook, Facebook set the price our players pay for Facebook Credits and collected the funds from the sale of Facebook Credits. Facebook's stated face value of a Facebook Credit was \$0.10. For each Facebook Credit purchased by our players and redeemed in our games, Facebook remitted to us \$0.07, which is the amount we recognized as revenue. Accordingly, we recognized revenue net of the amounts retained by Facebook related to Facebook Credits transactions because we did not set the pricing of Facebook Credits sold to the players of our games on Facebook. In July 2013, Facebook began to transition payments made on the Facebook platform from Facebook Credits to Facebook's local currency-based payments program. This transition was completed in the fourth quarter of 2013. Under the terms of our agreement, Facebook remits to us 70% of the price we request to be charged to the game player for each transaction. We recognize revenue net of the amounts retained by Facebook related to Facebook local currency-based payments because Facebook may choose to alter our recommended price, for example by offering a discount or other incentives to players playing on their platform. Additionally, we do not receive information from Facebook indicating the amount of such discounts offered to our paying players or regarding the actual cash paid by our players to Facebook. Accordingly, we are unable to determine the gross amount paid by our players to Facebook.

For revenue earned through certain mobile platforms, including Apple iOS and Google Android, we recognize online game revenue based on the gross amount paid by the player because we are the primary obligor and we have the contractual right to determine the price to be paid by the player. We record the related platform and payment processing fees as cost of revenue in the period incurred.

We estimate chargebacks from our third-party web and mobile payment processors to account for potential future chargebacks based on historical data and record such amounts as a reduction of revenue.

Advertising

We have contractual relationships with agencies, advertising brokers and certain advertisers for advertisements within our games. We generally report our advertising revenue net of amounts retained by advertising networks, agencies, and brokers because we are not the primary obligor in our arrangements, we do not set the pricing, and we do not establish or maintain the relationship with the advertiser. Certain advertising arrangements that are directly between us and end advertisers are recognized gross equal to the price paid to us by the end advertiser since we are the primary obligor and we determine the price.

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We recognize advertising revenue for branded virtual goods and sponsorships, engagement advertisements and offers, mobile advertisements and other advertisements as advertisements are delivered to customers as long as evidence of the arrangement exists (executed contract), the price is fixed or determinable, and we have assessed collectability as reasonably assured. Certain branded in-game sponsorships that involve virtual goods are deferred and recognized over the estimated life of the branded virtual good or as consumed, similar to online game revenue. Price is determined to be fixed and determinable when there is a fixed price in the applicable evidence of the arrangement, which may include a master contract, insertion order, or a third party statement of activity. For branded virtual goods and sponsorships, we determine the delivery criteria has been met based on delivery information primarily from third parties. For engagement advertisements and offers, mobile advertisements, and other advertisements, delivery occurs when the advertisement has been displayed or the offer has been completed by the customer, as evidenced by third party verification reports supporting the number of advertisements displayed or offers completed.

Multiple-element Arrangements

We allocate arrangement consideration in multiple-deliverable revenue arrangements at the inception of an arrangement to all deliverables based on the relative selling price method, generally based on our best estimate of selling price. We offer certain promotions to customers from time to time that include the sale of in-game virtual currency via the sale of a game card and also other deliverables such as a limited edition in-game virtual good.

Cost of Revenue

Amounts recorded as cost of revenue relate to direct expenses incurred in order to generate online game revenue. Such costs are recorded as incurred. Our cost of revenue consists primarily of hosting and data center costs related to operating our games, including depreciation, consulting costs primarily related to third-party provisioning of customer support services, payment processing fees, licensing fees, salaries, benefits and stock-based expense for our customer support and infrastructure teams. Cost of revenue also includes amortization expense related to purchased technology of \$21.4 million, \$11.3 million and \$38.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, money market funds, commercial paper, corporate bonds, municipal securities, and U.S. government-issued obligations with maturities of 90 days or less from the date of purchase.

Marketable Securities and Non-Marketable Securities

Marketable securities consist of U.S. government-issued obligations, municipal securities and corporate debt securities. Management determines the appropriate classification of marketable securities at the time of purchase and evaluates such determination at each balance sheet date. The fair value of marketable securities is determined as the exit price in the principal market in which we would transact. Based on our intentions regarding our marketable securities, all marketable securities are classified as available-for-sale and are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses recorded as a separate component of other comprehensive income, net of income taxes. Realized gains and losses are determined using the specific-identification method and are reflected as a component of other income (expense), net in the consolidated statements of operations when they are realized. When we determine that a decline in fair value is other than temporary, the cost basis of the individual security is written down to the fair value as a new cost basis and the amount of the write-down is accounted for as a realized loss in other income (expense), net. The new cost basis will not be adjusted for subsequent recoveries in fair value. Determination of whether declines in fair value are other than temporary requires judgment regarding the amount and timing of recovery. No such impairments of marketable securities have been recorded in 2014.

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For non-marketable securities in which we exercise significant influence on the equity to which these non-marketable securities relate, we apply the equity method of accounting. Our non-marketable securities are subject to periodic impairment reviews.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash consists of collateral for facility operating lease agreements and funds held in escrow in accordance with the terms of certain of our business acquisition agreements.

Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable are recorded and carried at the original invoiced amount less an allowance for any potential uncollectible amounts. We review accounts receivable regularly and make estimates for the allowance for doubtful accounts when there is doubt as to our ability to collect individual balances. In evaluating our ability to collect outstanding receivable balances, we consider many factors, including the age of the balance, the customer's payment history and current creditworthiness, and current economic trends. Bad debts are written off after all collection efforts have ceased. We do not require collateral from our customers.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the estimated useful lives of the improvements or the lease term.

Business Combinations

We account for acquisitions of entities that include inputs and processes and have the ability to create outputs as business combinations. We allocate the purchase price of the acquisition, which includes the estimated acquisition date fair value of contingent consideration to the tangible assets, liabilities, and identifiable intangible assets acquired based on their estimated fair values. The excess of the purchase price over those fair values is recorded as goodwill. Acquisition-related expenses and restructuring costs are expensed as incurred. During the measurement period, we record adjustments to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed with the corresponding offset to goodwill. After the measurement period, which could be up to one year after the transaction date, subsequent adjustments are recorded to our consolidated statements of operations. We record changes in the fair value of contingent consideration liabilities within operating expenses in our consolidated statement of operations each reporting period.

Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets

Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are carried at cost and are evaluated annually for impairment, or more frequently if circumstances exist that indicate that impairment may exist. When conducting our annual goodwill impairment assessment, we perform a quantitative evaluation of whether goodwill is impaired using the two-step impairment test. The first step is comparing the fair value of our reporting unit to its carrying value. We consider the enterprise to be the reporting unit for this analysis. If step one indicates that impairment potentially exists, the second step is performed to measure the amount of impairment, if any. We record the amount by which the carrying value of the goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, if any, as impairment.

We test recoverability of indefinite-lived intangible assets using a qualitative approach on whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of the intangible asset exceeds its carrying value. If the asset is considered to be impaired, the amount of any impairment is measured as the difference between the carrying value and the fair value of the impaired asset.

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Other Intangible Assets

Other intangible assets are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is recorded over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 12 to 60 months.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets, including other intangible assets (excluding indefinite-lived intangible assets), are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate an asset's carrying value may not be recoverable. If such circumstances are present, we assess the recoverability of the long-lived assets by comparing the carrying value to the undiscounted future cash flows associated with the related assets. If the future net undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying value of the assets, the assets are considered impaired and an expense, equal to the amount required to reduce the carrying value of the assets to the estimated fair value, is recorded as impairment of intangible assets in the consolidated statements of operations. Significant judgment is required to estimate the amount and timing of future cash flows and the relative risk of achieving those cash flows.

Assumptions and estimates about future values and remaining useful lives are complex and often subjective. They can be affected by a variety of factors, including external factors such as industry and economic trends, and internal factors such as changes in our business strategy and our internal forecasts. For example, if our future operating results do not meet current forecasts, we may be required to record future impairment charges for acquired intangible assets. Impairment charges could materially decrease our future net income and result in lower asset values on our balance sheet. There were no impairment charges in 2014. In 2013, we recorded a \$10.2 million impairment charge related to certain games associated with intangible assets previously acquired through various business combinations. In 2012, we recorded a \$95.5 million impairment charge related to OMGPOP intangibles.

Stock-Based Expense

Prior to our IPO in December 2011, we granted ZSUs to our employees that generally vest upon the satisfaction of both a service-based condition of up to four years and a liquidity condition, the latter of which was satisfied in connection with our IPO in December 2011. Because the liquidity condition was not satisfied until our IPO, in prior periods, we had not recorded any expense relating to the granting of our ZSUs. In the fourth quarter of 2011, after the IPO, we recognized \$510 million of stock-based expense associated with ZSUs that vested in connection with our IPO. This expense is in addition to the stock-based expense we recognize related to outstanding equity awards other than ZSUs as well as expenses related to ZSUs or other equity awards that may be granted in the future.

For ZSUs granted prior to the IPO, and for awards subject to performance conditions, we recognize stock-based expense based on grant date fair value using the accelerated attribution method in which compensation cost for each vesting tranche in an award is recognized ratably from the service inception date to the vesting date for that tranche. For ZSUs granted after the IPO, which are only subject to a service condition, we recognize stock-based expense based on grant date fair value on a ratable basis over the requisite service period for the entire award.

We estimate the fair value of stock options using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This model requires the use of the following assumptions: expected volatility of our Class A common stock, which is based on our peer group in the industry in which we do business; expected life of the option award, which we elected to calculate using the simplified method; expected dividend yield, which is 0%, as we have not paid and do not anticipate paying dividends on our common stock; and the risk-free interest rate, which is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant with maturities equal to the grant's expected life. Option grants generally vest over four years, with 25% vesting after one year and the remainder vesting monthly thereafter over

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36 months. The options have a contractual term of 10 years. If any of the assumptions used in the Black-Scholes model changes significantly, stock-based expense for future awards may differ materially compared with the awards granted previously. We record stock-based expense for stock options on a ratable basis over the vesting term.

For stock options issued to non-employees, including consultants, we record expense related to stock options equal to the fair value of the options calculated using the Black-Scholes model over the service performance period. The fair value of options granted to non-employees is remeasured over the vesting period and recognized as an expense over the period the services are received.

Stock-based expense is recorded net of estimated forfeitures so that expense is recorded for only those stock-based awards that we expect to vest. We estimate forfeitures based on our historical forfeiture of equity awards adjusted to reflect future changes in facts and circumstances, if any. We will revise our estimated forfeiture rate if actual forfeitures differ from our initial estimates.

Income Taxes

We account for income taxes using an asset and liability approach, which requires the recognition of taxes payable or refundable for the current year and deferred tax liabilities and assets for the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in our financial statements or tax returns. The measurement of current and deferred tax assets and liabilities is based on provisions of enacted tax laws; the effects of future changes in tax laws or rates are not anticipated. If necessary, the measurement of deferred tax assets is reduced by the amount of any tax benefits that are not expected to be realized based on available evidence. We account for uncertain tax positions by reporting a liability for unrecognized tax benefits resulting from uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. We recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense.

The Company has presented certain items in the income tax footnote net of their respective offsetting items in an effort to provide additional clarity and transparency as to the primary drivers of the income tax provision. The comparative information for prior periods has been adjusted to reflect the impact of this change.

Foreign Currency Transactions

Generally, the functional currency of our international subsidiaries is the U.S. dollar. For these subsidiaries, foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities are remeasured into U.S. dollars at current exchange rates and foreign currency denominated nonmonetary assets and liabilities are remeasured into U.S. dollars at historical exchange rates. Gains or losses from foreign currency remeasurement and settlements are included in other income (expense), net in the consolidated statements of operations. For foreign subsidiaries where the functional currency is the local currency, we use the period-end exchange rates to translate assets and liabilities, and the average exchange rates to translate revenues and expenses into U.S. dollars. We record translation gains and losses in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) as a component of stockholders' equity.

Concentration of Credit Risk and Significant Customers

Financial instruments, which potentially expose us to concentrations of credit risk, consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term marketable securities, and accounts receivable. Substantially all of our cash, cash equivalents and short-term marketable securities are maintained with two financial institutions with high credit standings. We perform periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of these institutions.

Accounts receivable are unsecured and represent amounts due to us based on contractual obligations where a signed and executed contract or click-through agreement exists. In cases where we are aware of circumstances

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that may impair a specific customer's ability to meet its financial obligations, we record a specific allowance as a reduction to the accounts receivable balance to reduce it to its net realizable value.

Facebook is a significant distribution, marketing, promotion and payment platform for our social games. A significant portion of our 2014, 2013 and 2012 revenue was generated from players who accessed our games through Facebook. As of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, 22% and 41% of our accounts receivable, respectively, were amounts owed to us by Facebook. Additionally, as of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, 23% and 15% of our accounts receivable, respectively, were amounts owed to us by Apple.

Advertising Expense

Costs for advertising are expensed as incurred. Advertising costs, which are included in sales and marketing expense, primarily consisting of player acquisition costs, totaled \$101.7 million, \$60.6 million and \$102.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ratified Accounting Standards Update 2013-11, *Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists* which concludes an unrecognized tax benefit should be presented as a reduction of a deferred tax asset when settlement in this manner is available under the tax law. We adopted this amendment in the first quarter of 2014, which resulted in a reduction of non-current liabilities of \$33.3 million.

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which requires revenue to be recognized when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration that is expected to be received for those goods or services. ASU 2014-09 supersedes the existing revenue recognition guidance in *Revenue Recognition (Topic 605)* and is effective in the first quarter of 2017. Early adoption is not permitted. We are currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2014-09 on our consolidated financial statements.

2. Cash and Investments

Cash and investments consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash	\$ 89,708	\$ 116,102
Money market funds	41,595	349,421
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 131,303	\$ 465,523
Marketable securities:		
U.S. government and government agency debt securities	\$ 404,982	\$ 333,741
Corporate debt securities	611,624	731,324
Municipal securities		11,382
Total	\$ 1,016,606	\$ 1,076,447

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The following tables summarize our amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and fair value of our available-for-sale investments in marketable securities (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	December 31, 2014		Aggregate Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
U.S. government and government agency debt securities	\$ 405,049	\$ 68	\$ (135)	\$ 404,982
Corporate debt securities	611,950	39	(365)	611,624
Municipal securities				
Total	\$ 1,016,999	\$ 107	\$ (500)	\$ 1,016,606

	Amortized Cost	December 31, 2013		Aggregate Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
U.S. government and government agency debt securities	\$ 333,632	\$ 160	\$ (51)	\$ 333,741
Corporate debt securities	731,225	356	(257)	731,324
Municipal securities	11,376	6		11,382
Total	\$ 1,076,233	\$ 522	\$ (308)	\$ 1,076,447

The estimated fair value of available-for-sale marketable securities, classified by their contractual maturities was as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Due within one year	\$ 785,221	\$ 659,973
After one year through three years	231,385	416,474
Total	\$ 1,016,606	\$ 1,076,447

Changes in market interest rates and bond yields cause certain of our investments to fall below their cost basis, resulting in unrealized losses on marketable securities. As of December 31, 2014, we had unrealized losses of \$0.5 million related to marketable securities that had a fair value of \$621.5 million. As of December 31, 2013, we had unrealized losses of \$0.3 million related to marketable securities that had a fair value of \$240.9 million. None of these securities were in a material continuous unrealized loss position for more than 12 months.

	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Fair Value	Unrealized loss	Fair Value	Unrealized loss
U.S. government and government agency debt securities	\$ 222,723	\$ (135)	\$ 98,787	\$ (51)
Corporate debt securities	398,777	(365)	142,071	(257)
Total	\$ 621,500	\$ (500)	\$ 240,858	\$ (308)

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we did not consider any of our marketable securities to be other-than-temporarily impaired. When evaluating our investments for other-than-temporary impairment, we review factors such as the length of time and extent to which fair value has been below its cost basis, the financial condition of the issuer, our ability and intent to hold the security to maturity and whether it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the investment before recovery of its cost basis.

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Cash equivalents and short-term and long-term marketable securities, consisting of money market funds, U.S. government and government agency debt securities, municipal securities and corporate debt securities, are carried at fair value, which is defined as an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between knowledgeable and willing market participants.

Contingent consideration represents the estimated fair value of the additional variable consideration payable in connection with our acquisition of Spooky Cool Labs LLC that is contingent upon the achievement of certain performance milestones. The amount payable is contingent upon the achievement of certain performance milestones for each of the twelve month periods ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015. Under the terms of the agreement, the maximum amount that could be earned and payable by us is \$100 million. As of December 31, 2014, based on our updated assessment of Spooky Cool's expected performance, the maximum amount currently achievable and payable by us is \$60 million.

We initially estimated the acquisition date fair value of the contingent consideration payable using probability-weighted discounted cash flow models, and applied a discount rate that appropriately captured a market participant's view of the risk associated with the obligations. We update this analysis each quarter based on our updated cash flow projections, discount rates and probability assumptions. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the acquisition-related contingent consideration payable are forecasted future cash flows and the timing of those cash flows. Significant changes in actual and forecasted future cash flows may result in significant charges or benefits to our future operating expenses. During the periods ending December 31, 2014 and 2013 we recorded the change in estimated fair value of the contingent consideration liability as an expense of approximately \$32.7 million and \$1.0 million, respectively within research and development expense in our consolidated statements of operations.

Fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based on assumptions that knowledgeable and willing market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of the Company's debt instruments and all other financial instruments, all of which have counterparties with high credit ratings, were valued based on quoted market prices or model driven valuations using significant inputs derived from or corroborated by observable market data. We use a three-tier value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

Level 1 Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 Includes inputs, other than Level 1 inputs, that are directly or indirectly observable in the marketplace.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity.

The composition of our financial assets and liabilities among the three Levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2014			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets:				
Money market funds ⁽¹⁾	\$ 41,595	\$	\$	\$ 41,595
U.S. government and government agency debt securities		404,982		404,982
Corporate debt securities		611,624		611,624
Total	\$ 41,595	\$ 1,016,606	\$	\$ 1,058,201
Liabilities				
Contingent consideration	\$	\$	\$ 44,420	\$ 44,420

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