

# Q4 & Financial Year 2018 Earnings Slides

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  evaluating our operating results, as they permit investors to view our core business performance using the same metrics that
  management uses.
- Our use of these non-GAAP measures has limitations as an analytical tool, and investors should not consider these measures in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Instead, you should consider these measures alongside GAAP-based financial performance measures, net income (loss), various cash flow metrics, and our other GAAP financial results. See the appendix to this presentation for additional information regarding our use of non-GAAP financial measures.

## **Key Q4 Highlights**



TV & Cross-Platform revenue for Q4 increased 30%+ Year-over-Year



**Syndicated Digital decline slowed** to 1% sequentially



**Expanded currency deals** with major Local TV station groups signed in Q4

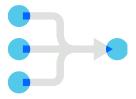


**Continued control of operating expenses,** allowing for reallocated investment to strategic initiatives



Strong Q4 for Analytics & Optimization, **up 15% YoY** 

## Key Areas of Planned Investment in 2019





- From many platforms to a single interoperable, cloud-based platform
- Reallocates resources from operations to product development & innovation
- Transformation underway, progressing toward cost reductions in 2020



# Accelerated Product Roadmap to Support Retention & Growth

- TV & Cross-Platform innovation, with particular focus on Advanced TV
- Progression of CCR as flagship crossplatform ad ratings solution
- Digital product enhancements to help premium publishers navigate change



### Reimagined Go-to-Market Approach & New Leadership

- Strategic focus on buy-side awareness
   & education (agencies and marketers)
- Alignment of Client Success, Sales, & Sales Operations under new leadership
- Integrated product & brand marketing teams under new global leadership



# 3 Key Industry Drivers Inform Our Business Strategy for 2019



DIGITAL MEDIA DISRUPTION

MARKETING ACCOUNTABILITY

Our strategy is to be the **trusted currency** for planning, transacting & evaluating media across platforms.

# The Industry is Moving Toward an Advanced TV Environment, Generating Demand for a Modern Currency Alternative

### **PROGRAM LINEAR**

Households viewing the same show are served the same ad with transactions based on Age & Gender

### **AUDIENCE LINEAR**

HHs viewing same show are served the same ad with transactions based on Advanced Audiences.

### **ADVANCED TV**

HHs viewing same show are served different ads with transactions based on Advanced Audiences.

- Set-Top Box Addressable
- OTT/Connected TV

IMPROVED TARGETING CAPABILITIES

Linear TV Market

Advanced TV / Digital Video Market



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## Comscore Gained Momentum Among Major Station Groups in Q4



Expanded groupwide deal; sole currency in most markets



**Expanded groupwide deal;** sole currency in most markets



Expanded groupwide deal



**Expanded groupwide deal,** includes
Telemundo-Owned

**EXPANDED DEALS SIGNED IN Q418** 

# NBCUniversal Uses Comscore Data to Power Its First-Ever Outcomes-Based Campaign

### NBCU Sells Its First Ever TV Ad Campaign Based On Business Outcomes

by Ryan Joe // Friday, February 8th, 2019 - 8:30 am

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NBCU did something it had never done before: transacted on a TV advertising campaign based on business outcomes.

The campaign for the STXfilms movie "The Upside" was guaranteed based on ticket sales and, secondarily, show time searches, the broadcast giant said Friday. Comscore will measure viewership data and tie it to ticket sales from Fandango, in which NBCU has majority ownership. (NBCU said it would still be able to measure these outcomes without Fandango data.)



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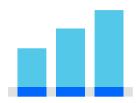
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# Syndicated Digital Solutions are Evolving to Strengthen Position as a Growth Ally for Premium Publishers & Advertisers



# Holistic measurement across distributed platforms

Continued expansion of distributed platform coverage to account for multi-platform consumer behavior



# New features & partnerships to increase relevance

Strategic product enhancements to integrate Comscore into new workflows and emerging formats



# Customer-centric pricing & product strategy

New approach starts with customer need state and empowers more strategic partnerships

## Key Operating Results – Fourth Quarter 2018

#### **Three Months Ended December 31**

	2018 (unaudited)	2017 (unaudited)	Quarter-over- Quarter Growth %
Revenues	\$109.3M	\$102.9M	6.2%
Revenue – Ratings & Planning	\$74.8M	\$71.6M	4.4%
Revenue - Analytics & Optimization	\$23.9M	\$20.8M	14.9%
Revenue - Movies Reporting & Analytics	\$10.6M	\$10.5M	-
Cost of Sales	\$52.0M	\$50.2M	3.6%
Gross Margin	\$57.3M	\$52.7M	8.7%
Gross Margin %	52.4%	51.2%	+ 234 bps
Net Loss (GAAP)	(\$27.2M)	(\$71.9M)	62.2%
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$6.3M	(\$8.1M)	177.1%

### **Key Drivers**

- Strong TV & Cross-Platform growth
- Increased demand for custom marketing analytics & Activation
- Record contract values sold
- Higher fulfillment costs led to higher COGS
- Higher revenue across products and lower expenses from cost initiatives drove improved adjusted EBITDA



# Key Operating Results - Full Year 2018

#### **Years Ended December 31**

	2018 (unaudited)	2017 (unaudited)	Year-over-Year Growth %
Revenues	\$419.5M	\$403.5M	3.9%
Revenue - Ratings & Planning	\$285.4M	\$278.1M	2.6%
Revenue - Analytics & Optimization	\$92.4M	\$86.8M	6.5%
Revenue - Movies Reporting & Analytics	\$41.7M	\$38.7M	7.8%
Cost of Sales	\$200.2M	\$193.6M	3.4%
Gross Margin	\$219.3M	\$209.9M	4.4%
Gross Margin %	52.3%	52.0%	+ 0.5 bps
Net Loss (GAAP)	(\$159.3M)	(\$281.4M)	43.4%
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$16.4M	(\$18.7M)	187.6%

### **2019 Financial Forecast**

Reaffirming guidance from Investor Day in November 2018

Revenue	<ul> <li>Mid-single digit revenue growth</li> <li>Excludes \$2 million one-time revenue increase in Q4 2018</li> </ul>		
Gross Margin	Slight improvement over 2018		
Non-GAAP Operating Expense*	• Flat relative to 2018		
Adjusted EBITDA Margin*	<ul><li>Improve throughout the year</li><li>Mid-single digits for the year</li></ul>		
Operating Cash	<ul> <li>Positive later in the year</li> <li>Neutral for the full year</li> <li>May be impacted by SEC legal costs and interest rate reset</li> </ul>		
Capital Expenditures	• \$20 million to \$30 million annually		



# Appendix: Non-GAAP Financial Measures

# Key Operating Results – Fourth Quarter 2018

#### **Three Months Ended December 31**

	2018 (unaudited)	2017 (unaudited)
Net loss (GAAP)	(\$27.2M)	(\$71.9M)
Income tax benefit	(\$0.2M)	(\$6.9M)
Interest expense, net	\$4.8M	\$0.1M
Depreciation	\$4.3M	\$5.1M
Amortization of intangible assets	\$8.2M	\$9.2M
EBITDA	(\$10.2M)	(\$64.5M)
Adjustments:		
Stock-based and expected awards compensation expense	\$6.0M	\$18.9M
Investigation and audit related	\$0.9M	\$26.9M
Settlement of litigation, net	_	\$0.1M
Restructuring costs	\$6.7M	\$10.5M
Other expense (income), net	\$2.9M	(\$0.1M)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$6.3M	(\$8.1M)

# Key Operating Results - Full Year 2018

#### **Years Ended December 31**

	2018 (unaudited)	2017 (unaudited)
Net loss (GAAP)	(\$159.3M)	(\$281.4M)
Income tax provision (benefit)	\$3.7M	(\$2.7M)
Interest expense, net	\$16.5M	\$0.7M
Depreciation	\$17.3M	\$23.3M
Amortization of intangible assets	\$32.9M	\$34.8M
EBITDA	(\$89.0M)	(\$225.3M)
Adjustments:		
Stock-based and expected awards compensation expense	\$37.2M	\$34.3M
Investigation and audit related	\$38.3M	\$83.4M
Settlement of litigation, net	\$5.3M	\$82.5M
Restructuring costs	\$11.8M	\$10.5M
Other expense (income), net	\$12.8M	(\$4.1M)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$16.4M	(\$18.7M)

## Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin

- EBITDA is defined as GAAP net income (loss) plus or minus interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization of intangible assets. We define adjusted EBITDA as EBITDA plus or minus stock-based compensation expense as well as other items and amounts that we view as not indicative of our core operating performance, specifically:
  - Charges for matters relating to the Audit Committee investigation described in our 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K, including litigation and investigation-related costs, costs associated with tax projects, prior-year audits, consulting and other professional fees, other legal proceedings specified in our senior secured convertible notes;
  - Settlement of certain litigation;
  - Restructuring costs; and
  - Non-cash changes in the fair value of financing derivatives and investments in equity securities.
- We define adjusted EBITDA margin as adjusted EBITDA divided by revenue.
- We do not provide GAAP net income (loss) on a forward-looking basis because we are unable to predict with reasonable certainty our future stock-based compensation expense, investigation, audit-related and litigation expense, fair value adjustments for financing derivatives, and any unusual gains and losses without unreasonable effort. These items are uncertain, depend on various factors, and could be material to results computed in accordance with GAAP. For this reason, we are unable without unreasonable effort to provide a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, GAAP net income (loss), on a forward-looking basis.

### Non-GAAP Operating Expense

- We define non-GAAP operating expense as cost of revenues, selling and marketing, research and development, and general and administrative expense (each as reported on a GAAP basis) plus or minus stock-based compensation expense.
- We do not provide GAAP cost of revenues, selling and marketing, research and development, and general and administrative expense on a forward-looking basis because we are unable to predict with reasonable certainty our future stock-based compensation expense without unreasonable effort. Stock-based compensation expense is uncertain, depends on various factors, and could be material to results computed in accordance with GAAP. For this reason, we are unable without unreasonable effort to provide a reconciliation of non-GAAP operating expense to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure on a forward-looking basis.