UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K **CURRENT REPORT** Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the **Securities Exchange Act of 1934** Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): August 8, 2023 BuzzFeed, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) **Delaware** 001-39877 85-3022075 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (I.R.S. Employer File Number) Identification Number) incorporation or organization) 229 West 43rd Street New York, New York 10036 (Address of registrant's principal executive offices, and zip code) (646) 397-2039 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) Not applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	BZFD	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Redeemable warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of Class A Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share	BZFDW	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Emerging growth company X If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrator revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section	ant has elected not to use the ext	

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 8, 2023, BuzzFeed, Inc. (the "Company"), issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. The Company also announced that it would be holding a conference call on August 8, 2023 to discuss its financial results. A copy of the Press Release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information included under Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and the exhibits hereto are being furnished and 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 the liabilities of that section, nor shall it been deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 8, 2023, the Company posted supplemental investor materials on the Investors Relations section of its website, available at investors.buzzfeed.com. The Company announces material information to the public through filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the investor relations page on the Company's website, press releases, public conference calls and webcasts in order to achieve broad, non-exclusionary distribution of information to the public and for complying with its disclosure obligations under Regulation FD.

The information disclosed by the foregoing channels could be deemed to be material information. As such, the Company encourages investors, the media and others to follow the channels listed above and to review the information disclosed through such channels.

Any updates to the list of disclosure channels through which the Company announces information will be posted on the investor relations page on the Company's website.

The following Exhibits are filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release Dated August 8, 2023.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 8, 2023

BuzzFeed, Inc.

By: /s/ Jonah Peretti

Name: Jonah Peretti

Title: Chief Executive Officer

BuzzFeed, Inc. Announces Second Quarter 2023 Financial Results

Delivered Q2 Results in line with May outlook

NEW YORK – (August 8, 2023) – BuzzFeed, Inc. ("BuzzFeed" or the "Company") (Nasdaq: BZFD), a premier digital media company for the most diverse, most online, and most socially engaged generations the world has ever seen, today announced financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2023.

"The strategic and organizational changes we discussed at our Investor Day in May have been fully executed, putting our rich library of IP and scaled, owned-and-operated properties at the center of our operating model to create innovative, audience-driven content," said **Jonah Peretti, BuzzFeed Founder & CEO**.

Peretti continued, "In response to consolidation and share gains across the major platforms that continue to impact audience traffic to our content, we are laser focused on our strategy to drive traffic directly to our owned-and-operated properties. We have introduced new AI-assisted content formats to increase engagement and offer innovative advertising opportunities to our clients, rapidly expanded our creator network to participate in the rise of vertical video, and prioritized destination news content to grow our HuffPost front page audience."

Second Quarter 2023 Financial and Operational Highlights

- BuzzFeed delivered Q2 revenues of \$77.9 million, declining 27% compared to the second quarter of 2022
 - Advertising revenue declined 33% year-over-year to \$35.4 million
 - o Content revenue declined 22% year-over-year to \$31.5 million
 - **Commerce and other revenues** declined 17% year-over-year to \$11.0 million
- Net loss was \$27.8 million, compared to a net loss of \$23.6 million in the second quarter of 2022
- Adjusted EBITDA¹ loss was \$0.1 million, compared to Adjusted EBITDA of \$2.1 million in the second quarter of 2022
- **Time Spent** decreased 9% year-over-year to 96 million hours²
- BuzzFeed ended the period with cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$41 million

Third Quarter 2023 Financial Outlook

For the third quarter of 2023:

- We expect overall revenues in the range of \$73 to \$78 million
- We expect Adjusted EBITDA in the range of \$1 million in losses to \$4 million in profits

These statements are forward-looking and actual results may differ materially as a result of many factors. Refer to "Forward-Looking Statements" below for information on factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements.

Please see "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below for a description of how Adjusted EBITDA is calculated. While Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure, we have not provided guidance for the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure — net loss — due to the inherent difficulty in forecasting and quantifying certain amounts that are necessary to forecast such measure. Accordingly, a reconciliation of non-GAAP guidance for Adjusted EBITDA to the corresponding GAAP measure is not available.

Quarterly Conference Call

¹ Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. Please refer to "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below for a description of how it is calculated and the tables at the back of this earnings release for a reconciliation of our GAAP and non-GAAP results.

² Excludes Facebook; see below.

BuzzFeed's management team will hold a conference call to discuss our second quarter 2023 results today, August 8, at 5PM ET. The call will be available via webcast at investors.buzzfeed.com under the heading News and Events, and parties interested in participating must register in advance. Upon registration, all telephone participants will receive a confirmation email detailing how to join the conference call, including the dial-in number along with a unique PIN that can be used to access the call. While it is not required, it is recommended you join 10 minutes prior to the event start time. A replay of the call will be made at the same URL.

We have used, and intend to continue to use, the Investor Relations section of our website at investors.buzzfeed.com as a means of disclosing material nonpublic information and for complying with our disclosure obligations under Regulation FD.

Definitions

BuzzFeed reports revenues across three primary business lines: Advertising, Content and Commerce and other. The definition of "Time Spent" is also set forth below.

- Advertising revenues are primarily generated from advertisers for ads distributed against our editorial and news content, including display, preroll and mid-roll video products sold directly to brands and also programmatically. We distribute these ad products across our owned and operated sites as well as third-party platforms, primarily YouTube and Apple News.
- Content revenues are primarily generated from clients for custom assets, including both long-form and short-form content, from branded quizzes to Instagram takeovers to sponsored content and content licensing. Revenues for film and TV projects are also included here.
- **Commerce and other revenues** consist primarily of affiliate commissions earned on transactions initiated from our editorial shopping content. Revenues from our product licensing businesses are also included here. Additionally, we generate other revenues from the production of live and virtual events such as ComplexCon and ComplexLand.
- Time Spent captures the time audiences spend engaging with our content across our owned and operated sites, as well as YouTube and Apple News, as measured by Comscore. This metric excludes time spent with our content on platforms for which we have minimal advertising capabilities that contribute to our Advertising revenues, including Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat and Twitter. There are inherent challenges in measuring the total actual number of hours spent with our content across all platforms; however, we consider the data reported by Comscore to represent industry-standard estimates of the time actually spent on our largest distribution platforms with our most significant monetization opportunities. Effective January 1, 2023, we exclude time spent on Facebook from our measure of Time Spent as our monetization strategy is increasingly focused on advertising on our owned and operated properties, and Facebook now contributes an immaterial amount of advertising revenue. Time Spent on Facebook, as reported by Facebook, was approximately 15 million hours and 48 million hours for the three months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and 37 million hours and 120 million hours for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which is not included in Time Spent discussed above.

About BuzzFeed, Inc.

BuzzFeed, Inc. is home to the best of the Internet. Across pop culture, entertainment, shopping, food and news, our brands drive conversation and inspire what audiences watch, read, and buy now — and into the future. Born on the Internet in 2006, BuzzFeed is committed to making it better: providing trusted, quality, brand-safe news and entertainment to hundreds of millions of people; making content on the Internet more inclusive, empathetic, and creative; and inspiring our audience to live better lives.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are non-GAAP financial measures and represent key metrics used by management and our board of directors to measure the operational strength and performance of our business, to establish budgets, and to develop operational goals for managing our business. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net loss, excluding the impact of net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests, income tax (benefit) provision, interest expense, net, other expense, net, depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, change in fair value of warrant liabilities, change in fair value of derivative liability, restructuring costs, transaction-related costs, certain litigation costs, public company readiness costs, and other non-cash and non-recurring items

that management believes are not indicative of ongoing operations. Adjusted EBITDA margin is calculated by dividing Adjusted EBITDA by revenue for the same period.

We believe Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are relevant and useful information for investors because they allow investors to view performance in a manner similar to the method used by our management. There are limitations to the use of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin and our Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate non-GAAP financial measures differently than we do, limiting the usefulness of those measures for comparative purposes.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin should not be considered a substitute for measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. Reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable financial results as determined in accordance with GAAP are included at the end of this press release following the accompanying financial data.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which statements involve substantial risks and uncertainties. Our forwardlooking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding our management team's expectations, hopes, beliefs, intentions or strategies regarding the future. In addition, any statements that refer to projections, forecasts (including our outlook for Q3 and FY 2023) or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements. The words "affect," "anticipate," "believe," "can," "contemplate," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "intend," "may," "might," "plan," "possible," "potential," "predict," "project," "seek," "should," "target," "will," "would" and similar expressions may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking. Forward-looking statements may include, for example, statements about: (1) anticipated trends, growth rates, and challenges in our business and in the markets in which we operate; (2) demand for products and services and changes in traffic; (3) changes in the business and competitive environment in which we operate; (4) developments and projections relating to our competitors and the digital media industry; (5) the impact of national and local economic and other conditions and developments in technology, each of which could influence the levels (rate and volume) of our advertising, the growth of our business and the implementation of our strategic initiatives; (6) poor quality broadband infrastructure in certain markets; (7) technological developments including artificial intelligence; (8) our success in retaining or recruiting, or changes required in, officers, key employees or directors; (9) our business, operations and financial performance, including expectations with respect to our financial and business performance and the benefits of our restructuring, including financial projections and business metrics and any underlying assumptions thereunder and future business plans and initiatives and growth opportunities; (10) our future capital requirements and sources and uses of cash, including, but not limited to, our ability to obtain additional capital in the future, any impacts of bank failures or issues in the broader United States financial system, any restrictions imposed by our debt facilities, and any restrictions on our ability to access our cash and cash equivalents; (11) expectations regarding future acquisitions, partnerships or other relationships with third parties; (12) developments in the law and government regulation, including, but not limited to, revised foreign content and ownership regulations; (13) the anticipated impacts of current global supply chain disruptions, further escalation of tensions between Russia and Western countries and the related sanctions and geopolitical tensions, as well as further escalation of trade tensions between the United States and China; the inflationary environment; the tight labor market; the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and evolving strains of COVID-19; and other macroeconomic factors on our business and the actions we may take in the future in response thereto; and (14) our ability to maintain the listing of our Class A common stock and warrants on the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC.

The forward-looking statements contained in this press release are based on current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects on us. There can be no assurance that future developments affecting us will be those that we have anticipated. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties (some of which are beyond our control) or other assumptions that may cause actual results or performance to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those factors described under the sections entitled "Risk Factors" in the Company's annual and quarterly filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any of our assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in these forward-looking statements. There may be additional risks that we consider immaterial or which are unknown. It is not possible to predict or identify all such risks. We do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

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BUZZFEED, INC. Financial Highlights (Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

		Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months E			
	<u></u>	2023		2022	% Change		2023		2022	% Change
Advertising	\$	35,397	\$	53,224	(33)%	\$	69,645	\$	101,892	(32)%
Content		31,479		40,284	(22)%		53,097		72,563	(27)%
Commerce and other		11,025		13,252	(17)%		22,312		23,863	(6)%
Total revenue	\$	77,901	\$	106,760	(27)%	\$	145,054	\$	198,318	(27)%
Loss from operations	\$	(20,087)	\$	(24,888)	19 %	\$	(49,805)	\$	(60,186)	17 %
Net loss	\$	(27,836)	\$	(23,581)	(18)%	\$	(64,097)	\$	(68,147)	6 %
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	(137)	\$	2,093	(107)%	\$	(20,328)	\$	(14,671)	(39)%

BUZZFEED, INC. Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited, dollars and shares in thousands, except per share amounts)

	June 30, 2023		December 31, 2022
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 41,295	\$	55,774
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,747 as at June 30, 2023 and \$1,879 as at December 31, 2022)	70,855		116,460
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	22,244		26,373
Total current assets	134,394		198,607
Property and equipment, net	14,892		17,774
Right-of-use assets	56,537		66,581
Capitalized software costs, net	21,509		19,259
Intangible assets, net	113,737		121,329
Goodwill	91,632		91,632
Prepaid expenses and other assets	13,720		14,790
Total assets	\$ 446,421	\$	529,972
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 37,294	\$	29,329
Accrued expenses	16,024		26,357
Deferred revenue	6,355		8,836
Accrued compensation	19,960		31,052
Current lease liabilities	22,016		23,398
Other current liabilities	5,037		3,900
Total current liabilities	106,686		122,872
Noncurrent lease liabilities	49,036		59,315
Debt	155,979		152,253
Derivative liability	60		180
Warrant liabilities	593		395
Other liabilities	440		403
Total liabilities	312,794		335,418
Commitments and contingencies			
Stockholders' equity			
Class A Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 700,000 shares authorized; 136,615 and 126,387 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 202; and December 31, 2022, respectively	3 14		13
Class B Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 20,000 shares authorized; 6,676 and 6,678 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively	1		1
Class C Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 10,000 shares authorized; 0 and 6,478 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively	_		1
Additional paid-in capital	720,231		716,233
Accumulated deficit	(587,026))	(523,063)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,370)		(1,968)
Total BuzzFeed, Inc. stockholders' equity	130,850		191,217
Noncontrolling interests	2,777		3,337
Total stockholders' equity	133,627		194,554
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 446,421		529,972
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BUZZFEED, INC. Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited, dollars and shares in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months E	inded June 30,		
	2023		2022	2023		2022
Revenue	\$ 77,901	\$	106,760	\$ 145,054	\$	198,318
Costs and Expenses						
Cost of revenue, excluding depreciation and amortization	50,507		61,529	97,851		122,347
Sales and marketing	14,135		18,688	29,436		36,491
General and administrative	21,356		32,565	43,358		65,127
Research and development	3,960		10,253	7,779		17,445
Depreciation and amortization	8,030		8,613	16,435		17,094
Total costs and expenses	 97,988		131,648	194,859		258,504
Loss from operations	 (20,087)		(24,888)	(49,805)		(60,186)
Other expense, net	(3,675)		(3,440)	(3,055)		(2,578)
Interest expense, net	(5,631)		(5,032)	(11,049)		(9,821)
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	395		6,775	(198)		3,359
Change in fair value of derivative liability	1,125		4,800	120		3,225
Loss before income taxes	 (27,873)		(21,785)	(63,987)		(66,001)
Income tax (benefit) provision	(37)		1,796	110		2,146
Net loss	(27,836)		(23,581)	(64,097)		(68,147)
Net income attributable to the redeemable noncontrolling interest	_		_	_		164
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	_		184	(260)		348
Net loss attributable to BuzzFeed, Inc.	\$ (27,836)	\$	(23,765)	\$ (63,837)	\$	(68,659)
Net loss per Class A, Class B and Class C common share:						
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.20)	\$	(0.17)	\$ (0.45)	\$	(0.50)
Weighted average common shares outstanding:						
Basic and diluted	141,950		137,381	141,330		136,906

BUZZFEED, INC. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited, USD in thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2023	2022	
Operating activities:				
Net loss	\$	(64,097) \$	(68,147)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		16,435	17,094	
Unrealized (gain) loss on foreign currency		(809)	2,811	
Stock based compensation		3,379	15,224	
Change in fair value of warrants		198	(3,359)	
Change in fair value of derivative liability		(120)	(3,225)	
Amortization of debt discount and deferred issuance costs		2,915	2,527	
Deferred income tax		341	2,088	
Provision for doubtful accounts		(259)	554	
Loss (gain) on investment		3,590	(1,260)	
Gain on disposition of assets		(175)	_	
Non-cash lease expense		10,173	9,727	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		45,871	51,831	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets and prepaid expenses and other assets		1,653	(3,216)	
Accounts payable		9,889	(1,167)	
Accrued compensation		(11,102)	(7,242)	
Accrued expenses, other current liabilities and other liabilities		(11,302)	(7,733)	
Lease liabilities		(11,822)	(11,592)	
Deferred revenue		(2,488)	1,284	
Cash used in operating activities		(7,730)	(3,801)	
Investing activities:				
Capital expenditures		(471)	(2,828)	
Capitalization of internal-use software		(7,676)	(6,646)	
Proceeds from sale of asset		175	(0,040)	
Cash used in investing activities		(7,972)	(9,474)	
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Financing activities:				
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		29	360	
Payment for shares withheld for employee taxes		(220)	(1,635)	
Borrowings on Revolving Credit Facility		2,128	5,000	
Payments on Revolving Credit Facility		(1,317)	_	
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock in connection with at-the-market offering, net of issuance costs		765	_	
Deferred reverse recapitalization costs			(585)	
Cash provided by financing activities		1,385	3,140	
Effect of currency translation on cash and cash equivalents		(162)	(1,409)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(14,479)	(11,544)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		55,774	79,733	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	41,295 \$	68,189	

BUZZFEED, INC. Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP (Unaudited, USD in thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,					
	 2023		2022		2023		2022			
Net loss	\$ (27,836)	\$	(23,581)	\$	(64,097)	\$	(68,147)			
Income tax (benefit) provision	(37)		1,796		110		2,146			
Interest expense, net	5,631		5,032		11,049		9,821			
Other expense, net	3,675		3,440		3,055		2,578			
Depreciation and amortization	8,030		8,613		16,435		17,094			
Stock-based compensation	2,257		11,284		3,379		15,224			
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	(395)		(6,775)		198		(3,359)			
Change in fair value of derivative liability	(1,125)		(4,800)		(120)		(3,225)			
Restructuring ¹	9,663		3,476		9,663		5,319			
Transaction-related costs ²	_		2,177		_		5,132			
Certain litigation costs ³	_		1,224		_		1,224			
Public company readiness costs ⁴	_		207		_		1,522			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (137)	\$	2,093	\$	(20,328)	\$	(14,671)			
Adjusted EBITDA margin	(0.2)%		2.0 %		(14.0)%		(7.4)%			
Net loss as a percentage of revenue ⁵	(35.7)%		(22.1)%		(44.2)%		(34.4)%			

- (1) Refer to Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" within our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2023 for a discussion of the distinct restructuring activities during the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. We exclude restructuring expenses from our non-GAAP measures because we believe they do not reflect expected future operating expenses, they are not indicative of our core operating performance, and they are not meaningful in comparisons to our past operating performance.
- (2) Reflects transaction-related costs and other items which are either not representative of our underlying operations or are incremental costs that result from an actual or contemplated transaction and include professional fees, integration expenses, and certain costs related to integrating and converging IT systems.
- (3) Reflects costs related to litigation that are outside the ordinary course of our business. We believe it is useful to exclude such charges because we do not consider such amounts to be part of the ongoing operations of our business and because of the singular nature of the claims underlying the matter.
- (4) Reflects one-time initial set-up costs associated with the establishment of our public company structure and processes.
- (5) Net loss as a percentage of revenue is included as the most comparable GAAP measure to Adjusted EBITDA margin, which is a Non-GAAP measure.