Upstart

Q1 2023 Earnings

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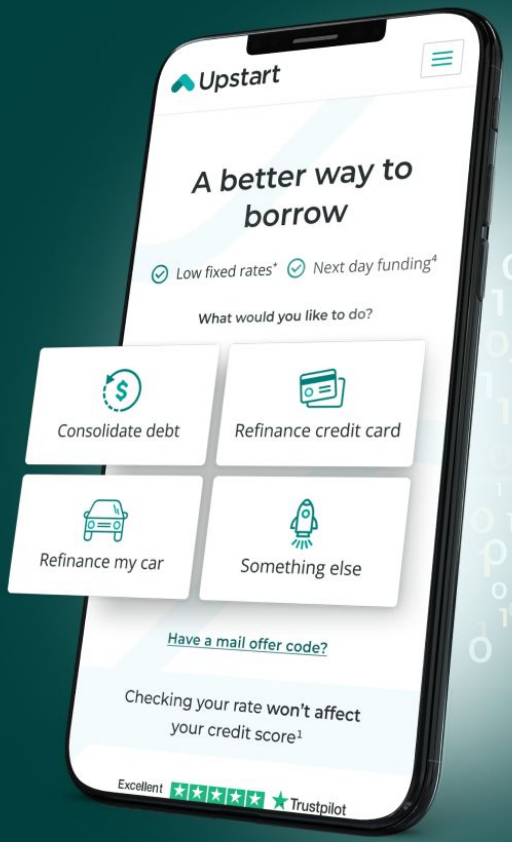
Upstart is the leading AI lending marketplace

2.6M+[1]	$32B+[1]	99[2]
Customers	Originations	Banks

We connect millions of consumers to 99 banks and credit unions who leverage Upstart's artificial intelligence (AI) models and cloud applications to deliver superior credit products.

With Upstart AI, lenders can approve more borrowers at lower loss rates across races, ages and genders, while simultaneously delivering the exceptional digital-first experience customers demand.



1 as of 3/31/2023
2 as of 5/9/23

Q1'23 Summary

Revenue	Income from Operations	Contribution Profit Margin	Net Income	Adjusted EBITDA
$102.9M	($131.8M)	58%	($129.3M)	($31.1M)
-67% y/y	from $34.8M in prior year	vs 47% in prior year	From $32.7M in prior year	From $65.6.M in prior year

Highlights

$2B+
In long-term funding over the next 12 months

84%[1]
Of loans fully automated

23
New AI models launched including largest accuracy improvement to date

New OEM partners, Acura & Mercedes, reaching 9 total digital retail provider OEM partnerships

99[2]
Lending partners, up from 50 a year ago

1 In Q1 2023
2 as of 5/9/23

Key Investment Areas

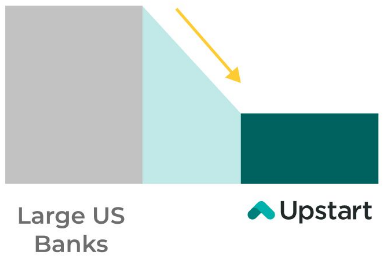
1. Best rates for all
2. More efficient borrowing and lending
3. Expanding our footprint

Best rates for all

AI provides superior risk separation, leading to higher approvals and lower APRs

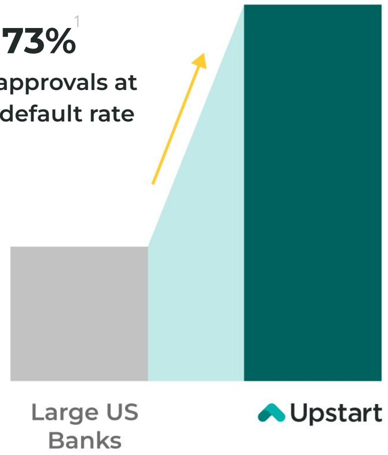
53%[1]

fewer defaults at same approval rate



173%[1]

more approvals at same default rate



Upstart's model is **significantly more accurate** than traditional lending models; allowing lenders to **approve more applicants** at **lower loss rates**.[1]

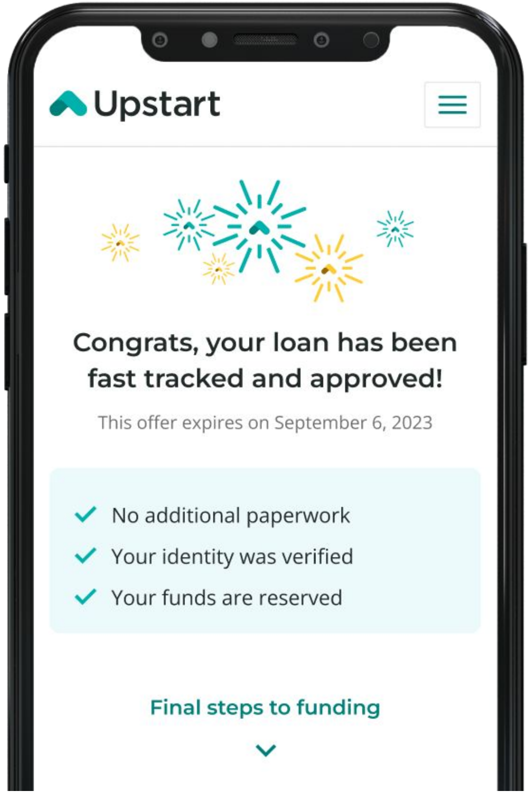
Upstart models **train on over 100 billion cells** of performance data with an average of **90,000 new loan repayments added each business day**

23 model upgrades delivered in Q1, including the largest single accuracy improvement measured in Upstart history for small dollar loans

1 In an internal study, Upstart evaluated the performance of our personal loan underwriting model as compared to the underwriting criteria used by a traditional bank. The results presented are based on loans originated on Upstart's platform with at least one payment due prior to June 22, 2022.

More efficient borrowing and lending

Enabled by better AI and more sophisticated risk models



83 — Net promoter score
Borrowers love Upstart with 40K+ rating us 'Excellent' on Trustpilot[1]

84% — of loans are instantly approved and fully automated[2]

70% — of borrowers apply through a mobile phone[3]

1 as of 3/31/23. To determine Net Promoter Score (NPS) score, Upstart used a third-party service to administer surveys to personal loan applicants immediately following an applicant's acceptance of a loan on Upstart's platform.
2 in Q1 2023
3 in fiscal year 2022

Expanding our footprint

Product, borrower, and funding diversification can drive growth and provide greater resilience through market cycles

$2B+

in long-term capital agreements over the next 12 months

99[1]

lending partners, up from 50 a year ago, and 10 at IPO

39[1]

dealerships now offering Upstart powered loans

HELOC

Upstart plans to enter the home lending market later this year

1 as of 5/9/23

Consumer and Credit Trends

UMI and consumer trends

Macroeconomic risk peaked in October 2022 and has leveled since

March UMI

1.49 [2]

-2% Q|Q

UMI has decreased m/m

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March consumer trends

5.1% **Personal savings rate*** vs 4.4% in December [1]

6.5% **CPI (Inflation)*** vs 6.6% in December [1]

62.6% **Labor force participation rate*** vs 62.3% in December [1]

*Statistics as of March

The Upstart Macro Index (UMI) estimates the impact of the macroeconomy on credit losses for Upstart-powered unsecured personal loans. UMI is expressed as a multiple of defaults relative to a static baseline due to macroeconomic changes. For example, a UMI of 1.25 for a given month suggests that the macro caused default rates to be 25% higher than the long-run average.

1 https://fred.stlouisfed.org/
2 Upstart internal measured data as of 5/2/23

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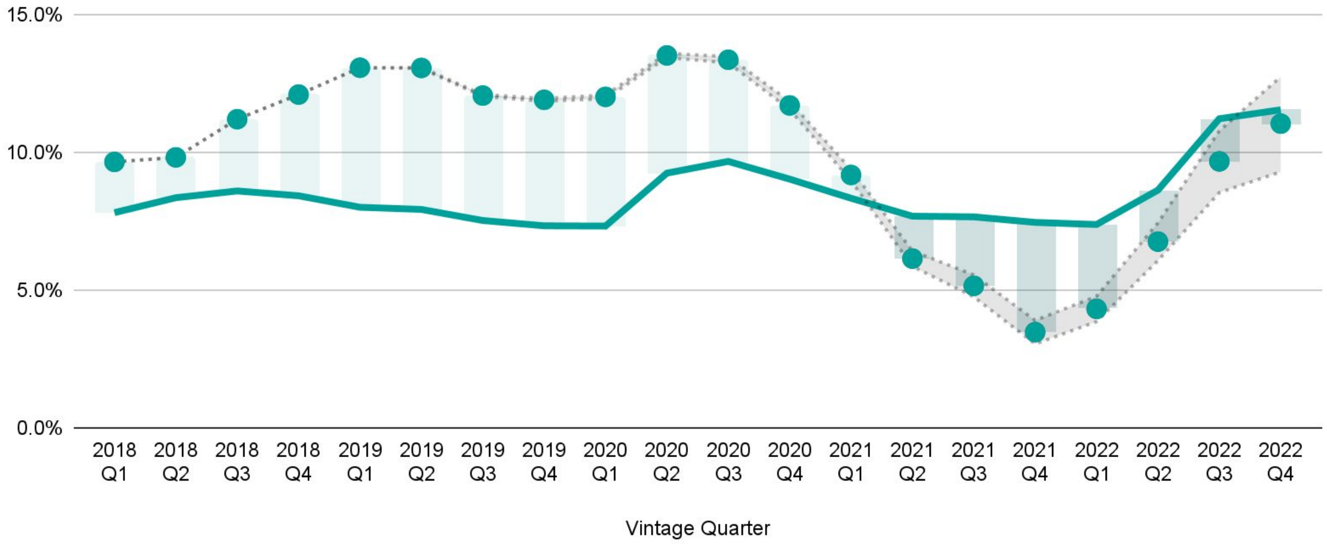
Upstart loan performance

Most recent vintages are now expected to deliver 11%+ gross returns[1]



Expected gross realized returns have increased from 3.5% in Q4'21 to **11.0% for Q4'22**[1]

If an investor invested equally in all Upstart cohorts, they would now expect a **9.9% gross annualized return** against a blended target of 8.4%[2]

- Target cash flows
- Expected cash flows
- Over/under performance
- Upside/downside range

1 Upstart internal performance data as of April 28, 2023. "upside", "baseline" and "downside" percentages are based on Upstart's own internal estimates of the returns observed on each vintage to date.
2 Gross annualized return per Upstart internal calculation including assumption of future cash flows based on most recent performance data.

Impact and Scale

Upstart's impact

Dedicated to expanding access to credit for all

"Money is a fundamental ingredient of life, and unless you're in the few percent of Americans with significant wealth, the *price of borrowing affects you every day*. Through all of history, affordable credit has been central to unlocking mobility and opportunity." - Dave Girouard

Closing the racial wealth gap

In 2021 the Upstart model approved:

43% **more Black borrowers** than a traditional model at 24% lower APRs [1]

46% **more Hispanic borrowers** than a traditional model at 25% lower APRs [1]

Fair and responsible use of AI

More Than Fair

Founding member of **MoreThanFair**

Developed state of the art **fairness testing** with oversight from the relevant federal regulator

Partnering to reach the underserved

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1 As of December 31, 2021, and based on a comparison between the Upstart model and a traditional credit-score only model. The APR calculation compares the two models based on the average APR offered to borrowers up to the same approval rate. The hypothetical credit-score only model used in Upstart's analysis was developed in connection with the CFPB No Action Letter access-to-credit testing program and was built from a traditional credit score only model trained on Upstart platform data. APR for the scorecard was averaged for each given traditional credit score grouping.

Upstart risk separation

Significantly better at differentiating risk than credit scores

Annualized default rates[1]

Upstart Risk Grades

Credit Score	A+	B	C	D	E-	Average
700 or Above	1.0%	2.9%	5.4%	7.8%	12.2%	**4.2%**
680 to 699	1.1%	2.8%	5.2%	7.1%	12.0%	**5.5%**
660 to 679	1.7%	3.3%	5.6%	7.7%	12.8%	**7.2%**
640 to 659	2.6%	3.9%	5.9%	8.5%	14.6%	**9.2%**
639 or Below	4.7%	5.5%	7.5%	10.3%	20.1%	**15.1%**
Average	**1.3%**	**3.4%**	**5.9%**	**8.5%**	**16.2%**	

~4x more defaults between highest and lowest credit score

~12x more defaults between highest and lowest Upstart risk grade

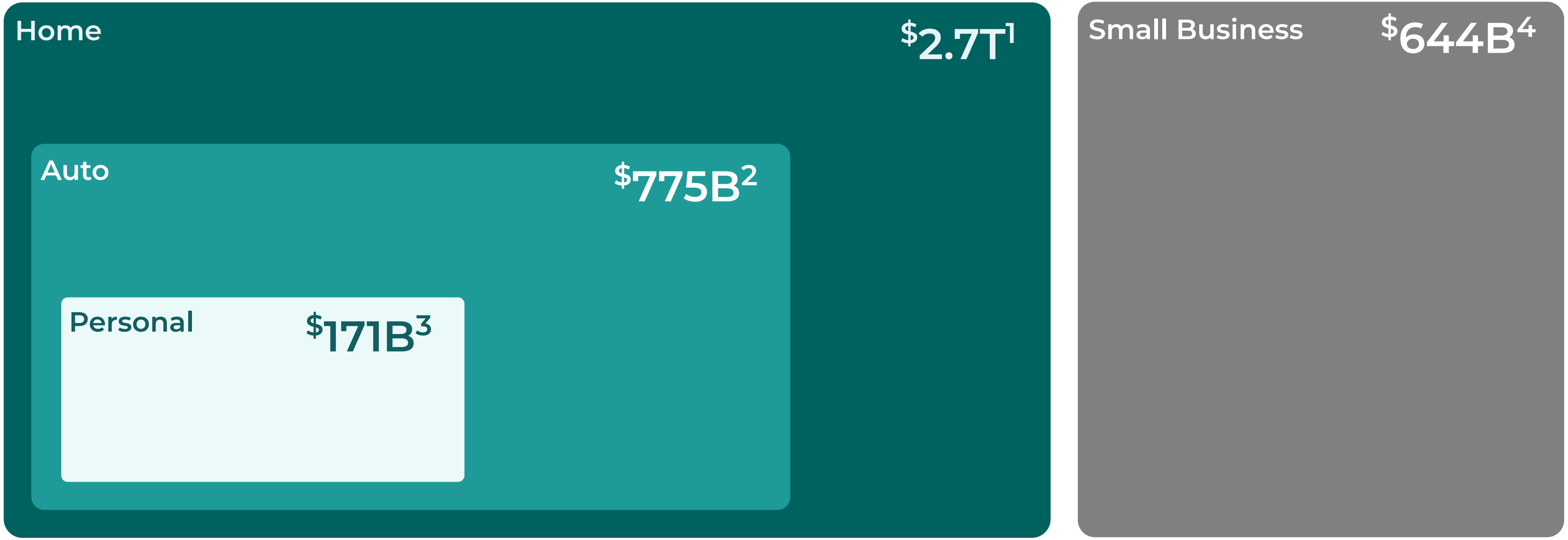
Upstart's risk grades predict a steadily increasing default rate from left to right as the borrowers get riskier.

Looking down any column, there's **significantly less difference** between default rates, regardless of credit score.

1 Upstart internal performance data as of April 27, 2023. Consists of all originations made 2018-Q1 to 2022-Q4 "vintages."

Upstart's marketplace

Total addressable market of $4T in annual loan originations



1 Total mortgage originations using data provided by TransUnion for Q4 2021 – Q3 2022
2 Total auto loans using data provided by TransUnion for Q4 2021 – Q3 2022
3 Total unsecured personal loans using data provided by TransUnion for Q4 2021 – Q3 2022
4 Total small business loans using data provided by the Office of Advocacy U.S. Small Business Administration, September 2020, for 2019 fiscal year

Financial Summary

Q1'23 summary P&L and non-GAAP metrics

(in millions, except ratios and per share data)

	Q1'23	Q4'22	Q|Q	Q1'22	Y|Y
Revenue	**$102.9**	$146.9	(30%)	$310.1	(67%)
Revenue from Fees	**$117.1**	$155.6	(25%)	$314.0	(63%)
Income (Loss) from Operations	**($131.8)**	($58.5)	n/a	$34.8	n/a
Net Income (Loss)	**($129.3)**	($55.3)	n/a	$32.7	n/a
Adjusted Net Income (Loss)	**($38.7)**	($20.9)	n/a	$58.6	n/a
Earnings (Loss) Per Share (Diluted)	**($1.58)**	($0.67)	n/a	$0.34	n/a
Adjusted Earnings (Loss) Per Share (Diluted)	**($0.47)**	($0.25)	n/a	$0.61	n/a
Contribution Profit	**$67.6**	$82.0	(13%)	$147.8	(52%)
Contribution Margin	**58%**	53%	505bps	47%	1,064bps
Operating Expenses	**$234.8**	$205.4	14%	$275.3	(15%)
Adjusted EBITDA	**($31.1)**	($16.6)	n/a	$62.6	n/a

Balance Sheet items and key operating metrics

(in millions, except Transaction Volume (number of loans), % fully automated, ratios and conversion rate)

	Q1'23	Q4'22	Q1'22
Cash and Restricted Cash	**$451.9**	$532.5	$1,012.6
Loans, Notes, and Residuals	**$987.3**	$1,016.6	$604.4
Total Assets	**$1,821.7**	$1,936.1	$1,987.6
Total Liabilities	**$1,194.5**	$1,263.6	$1,111.1
Transaction Volume, Number of Loans	**84,084**	154,478	465,537
Transaction Volume, Dollars	**$997**	$1,542	$4,535
% Fully Automated	**84%**	82%	74%
Conversion Rate	**8%**	11%	21%

Loans Held on Balance sheet

Fair Value (in millions, except ratios)

	Q1'23	Q4'22	Q1'22
Testing and Evaluation (R&D)[1]	**$493**	$492	$445
Auto	***$401***	*$398*	*$230*
Other	***$92***	*$94*	*$215*
Core Personal	**$489**	$518	$153
Total	**$982**	**$1,010**	**$598**

1. "R&D Loans" are loans that were originated on our platform that we hold on our balance sheet for research and development purposes, including to test and evaluate the accuracy of our AI models for these loans. R&D Loans are primarily our auto refinance and auto retail loan products, personal loan products held by new categories of borrowers, and other new unsecured loan products. R&D Loans are not yet part of our established capital markets programs or other loan funding programs with institutional investors.

Lending by Product

(in millions, except number of loans and ratios)

Personal Unsecured	Q1'23	Q4'22	Q|Q	Q1'22	Y|Y
Number of Loans	82,070	152,120	(46%)	454,483	(82%)
Transaction Dollars	$952	$1,485	(36%)	$4,319	(78%)

Auto Secured	Q1'23	Q4'22	Q|Q	Q1'22	Y|Y
Number of Loans	2,014	2,358	(15%)	11,054	(82%)
Transaction Dollars	$45	$57	(20%)	$217	(79%)

Outlook

	Q2'23
Revenue	approximately $135 million
Revenue From Fees	*approximately $130 million*
Net Interest Income (Loss)	*approximately $5 million*
Contribution Margin	*approximately* 60%
Net Income (Loss)	*approximately* ($40) million
Non-GAAP Adjusted Net Income (Loss)[1]	*approximately* ($7) million
Adjusted EBITDA[1]	*approximately* $0 million
Diluted weighted average share count	*approximately* 83.1 million shares

1. See Disclaimer and Statement Regarding Use of Non-GAAP Measures and Appendix for reconciliation to GAAP financial measures.

Financial Appendix

Financial Statements

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	December 31, 2022	March 31, 2023
Assets		
Cash	$ 422,411	$ 386,942
Restricted cash	110,056	64,917
Loans (at fair value)	1,010,421	982,229
Property, equipment, and software, net	44,168	46,977
Operating lease right of use assets	86,335	83,382
Non-marketable equity securities	41,250	41,250
Goodwill	67,062	67,062
Intangible assets, net	15,631	14,562
Other assets (includes $42,648 and $44,096 at fair value as of December 31, 2022 and March 31, 2023, respectively)	138,720	134,399
Total assets	$ 1,936,054	$ 1,821,720
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 18,715	$ 6,553
Payable to investors	90,777	41,047
Borrowings	986,394	1,000,871
Accrued expenses and other liabilities (includes $8,820 and $7,591 at fair value as of December 31, 2022 and March 31, 2023, respectively)	66,946	46,991
Operating lease liabilities	100,787	99,050
Total liabilities	1,263,619	1,194,512
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, $0.0001 par value; 700,000,000 shares authorized; 81,259,676 and 82,600,748, shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2022 and March 31, 2023, respectively	8	8
Additional paid-in capital	714,871	798,898
Accumulated deficit	(42,444)	(171,698)
Total stockholders' equity	672,435	627,208
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 1,936,054	$ 1,821,720

Financial Statements

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2023
Revenue:		
Revenue from fees, net	$ 313,982	$ 117,141
Interest income and fair value adjustments, net:		
Interest income	15,134	45,315
Interest expense	(959)	(7,132)
Fair value and other adjustments	(18,021)	(52,397)
Total interest income and fair value adjustments, net	(3,846)	(14,214)
Total revenue	310,136	102,927
Total operating expenses:		
Sales and marketing	133,449	31,438
Customer operations	48,407	40,590
Engineering and product development	49,991	110,071
General, administrative, and other	43,456	52,663
Total operating expenses	275,303	234,762
Income (loss) from operations	34,833	(131,835)
Other income (expense), net	(2,122)	2,597
Net income (loss) before income taxes	32,711	(129,238)
Provision for income taxes	19	16
Net income (loss)	$ 32,692	$ (129,254)
Net income (loss) per share, basic	$ 0.39	$ (1.58)
Net income (loss) per share, diluted	$ 0.34	$ (1.58)
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding used in computing net income (loss) per share, basic	84,230,445	81,911,433
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding used in computing net income (loss) per share, diluted	95,457,776	81,911,433

Financial Statements

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	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2023
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income (loss)	$ 32,692	$ (129,254)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:		
Change in fair value of financial instruments	18,356	59,046
Stock-based compensation	25,050	74,109
Gain on loan servicing arrangement, net	(8,705)	(3,613)
Depreciation and amortization	2,781	6,441
Non-cash interest expense	776	766
Other	-	(974)
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Purchase of loans held-for-sale	(3,457,784)	(510,003)
Proceeds from sale of loans held-for-sale	3,065,358	449,339
Principal payments received for loans held-for-sale	20,328	57,949
Other assets	7,287	306
Operating lease liability and right-of-use asset	2,584	1,216
Accounts payable	3,371	(12,170)
Payable to investors	32,204	(49,730)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(11,093)	(19,155)
Net cash used in operating activities	(266,795)	(73,727)

Financial Statements

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Year Ended March 31,	
	2022	2023
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of loans held-for-investment	—	(46,382)
Principal payments received for loans held-for-investment	9,397	24,422
Principal payments received for notes receivable and repayments of residual certificates	2,067	1,566
Purchase of non-marketable equity securities	(1,000)	—
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,629)	(1,111)
Capitalized software costs	(3,658)	(4,347)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	5,177	(25,852)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	80,004	60,673
Repayments of borrowings	(6,990)	(46,962)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	4,431	5,728
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	5,626	1,537
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards	—	(5)
Net cash provided by financing activities	83,071	20,971
Change in cash and restricted cash	(178,547)	(80,608)
Cash and restricted cash		
Cash and restricted cash at beginning of period	1,191,241	532,467
Cash and restricted cash at end of period	$ 1,012,694	$ 451,859

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Reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures

(in thousands, except ratios)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2023
Revenue from fees, net	$ 313,982	$ 117,141
Income (loss) from operations	34,833	(131,835)
Operating Margin	11 %	(113) %
Sales and marketing, net of borrower acquisition costs(1)	$ 9,635	$ 11,726
Customer operations, net of borrower verification and servicing costs(2)	6,080	10,784
Engineering and product development	49,991	110,071
General, administrative, and other	43,456	52,663
Interest income and fair value adjustments, net	3,846	14,214
Contribution Profit	$ 147,841	$ 67,623
Contribution Margin	47 %	58 %

(1) Borrower acquisition costs were $123.8 million and $19.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2023, respectively. Borrower acquisition costs consist of our sales and marketing expenses adjusted to exclude costs not directly attributable to attracting a new borrower, such as payroll-related expenses for our business development and marketing teams, as well as other operational, brand awareness and marketing activities. These costs do not include reorganization expenses associated with the January 2023 Plan.

(2) Borrower verification and servicing costs were $42.3 million and $29.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2023, respectively. Borrower verification and servicing costs consist of payroll and other personnel-related expenses for personnel engaged in loan onboarding, verification and servicing, as well as servicing system costs. It excludes payroll and personnel-related expenses and stock-based compensation for certain members of our customer operations team whose work is not directly attributable to onboarding and servicing loans.

Reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures
(in thousands, except ratios)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2023
Total revenue	$ 310,136	$ 102,927
Net income (loss)	32,692	(129,254)
Net Income (Loss) Margin	11 %	(126) %
Adjusted to exclude the following:		
Stock-based compensation and certain payroll tax expenses(1)	$ 25,929	$ 75,026
Depreciation and amortization	2,781	6,441
Reorganization expenses	—	15,536
Expense on convertible notes	1,169	1,174
Provision for income taxes	19	16
Adjusted EBITDA	$ 62,590	$ (31,061)
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	20 %	(30) %

(1) Payroll tax expenses include the employer payroll tax-related expense on employee stock transactions, as the amount is dependent on our stock price and other factors that are beyond our control and do not correlate to the operation of our business.

Reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures

(in thousands, except ratios, and per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2023
Net income (loss)	$ 32,692	$ (129,254)
Adjusted to exclude the following:		
Stock-based compensation and certain payroll tax expenses[1]	25,929	75,026
Reorganization expenses	—	15,536
Adjusted Net Income (loss)	$ 58,621	$ (38,692)
Net income (loss) per share:		
Basic	$ 0.39	$ (1.58)
Diluted	$ 0.34	$ (1.58)
Adjusted Net Income (Loss) per Share:		
Basic	$ 0.70	$ (0.47)
Diluted	$ 0.61	$ (0.47)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	84,230,445	81,911,433
Diluted	95,457,776	81,911,433

(1) Payroll tax expenses include the employer payroll tax-related expense on employee stock transactions, as the amount is dependent on our stock price and other factors that are beyond our control and do not correlate to the operation of our business.

Key Operating Metrics

We review a number of operating metrics, including transaction volume, $; transaction volume, number of loans; conversion rate; and percentage of loans fully automated, to evaluate our business, measure our performance, identify trends affecting our business, formulate business plans, and make strategic decisions.

We define Transaction Volume, Dollars as the total principal of loans transacted on our platform between a borrower and the originating bank during the period presented. We define Transaction Volume, Number of Loans as the number of loans facilitated on our platform between a borrower and the originating bank during the period presented. We believe these metrics are good proxies for our overall scale and reach as a platform.

We define Conversion Rate as the number of loans transacted in a period divided by the number of rate inquiries received that we estimate to be legitimate, which we record when a borrower requests a loan offer on our platform. We track this metric to understand the impact of improvements to the efficiency of our borrower funnel on our overall growth.

We define Percentage of Loans Fully Automated as the total number of loans in a given period originated end-to-end (from initial rate request to final funding) with no human involvement divided by Transaction Volume, Number of Loans in the same period.

Non-GAAP Financial Metrics

About Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to our results determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"), we believe the non-GAAP measures of contribution profit, contribution margin, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, adjusted net income (loss), and adjusted net income (loss) per share are useful in evaluating our operating performance. Certain of these non-GAAP measures exclude stock-based compensation, expense on convertible notes, depreciation, amortization, and other non-operating expenses. We exclude stock-based compensation, expense on convertible notes, and other non-operating expenses because they are non-cash in nature and exclude in order to facilitate comparisons to other companies' results.

We believe non-GAAP information is useful in evaluating the operating results, ongoing operations, and for internal planning and forecasting purposes. We also believe that non-GAAP financial measures provide consistency and comparability with past financial performance and assist investors with comparing Upstart to other companies some of which use similar non-GAAP financial measures to supplement their GAAP results. We believe non-GAAP financial measures are presented for supplemental informational purposes only and should not be considered a substitute for financial information presented in accordance with GAAP and may be different from similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies.

Key limitations of our non-GAAP financial measures include:

- Contribution Profit is not a GAAP financial measure of, nor does it imply, profitability. Even if our revenue exceeds variable expenses over time, we may not be able to achieve or maintain profitability, and the relationship of revenue to variable expenses is not necessarily indicative of future performance;
- Contribution Profit does not reflect all of our variable expenses and involves some judgment and discretion around what costs vary directly with loan volume. Other companies that present contribution profit calculate it differently and, therefore, similarly titled measures presented by other companies may not be directly comparable to ours;
- Although depreciation expense is a non-cash charge, the assets being depreciated may have to be replaced in the future, and Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect cash capital expenditure requirements for such replacements or for new capital expenditure requirements;
- Adjusted EBITDA excludes stock-based compensation expense, certain employer payroll taxes on employee stock transactions, and reorganization expenses. Stock-based compensation expense has been, and will continue to be for the foreseeable future, a significant recurring expense for our business and an important part of our compensation strategy. The amount of employer payroll tax-related expense on employee stock transactions is dependent on our stock price and other factors that are beyond our control and which may not correlate to the operation of the business;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect: (1) changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs; (2) interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our debt, which reduces cash available to us; or (3) tax payments that may represent a reduction in cash available to us;
- The expenses and other items that we exclude in our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA may differ from the expenses and other items, if any, that other companies may exclude from Adjusted EBITDA when they report their operating results.

Reconciliation tables of the most comparable GAAP financial measures to the non-GAAP financial measures are used in this presentation.

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