

Leading the Automation of Advertising

# • • Q4 and FY 2015 Financial Highlights

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More detailed information is set forth in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2015. Additional information will be set forth in other filings we make from time to time with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which will be filed shortly, and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Also, these forward-looking statements represent our current estimates and assumptions only; unless required by federal securities laws, we assume no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated, to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the statements are made.



#### Highlights for Q4 2015 and FY 2015<sup>(1)</sup>

#### Q4 2015 Highlights

#### FY 2015 Highlights

<b>100% YoY</b> Growth in Non- GAAP Net Revenue <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$36 M</b> Adj. EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup> (Guidance \$20M-\$21M)	<b>\$59.5 M</b> Adj. EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup> (Guidance \$43M-\$44M)	<b>\$48.4 M</b> Free Cash Flow		
<b>43%</b> Adj. EBITDA Margin <sup>(3)</sup>	\$20.4 M GAAP Net Income \$0.43 GAAP EPS - Diluted	\$1.08 Non-GAAP EPS <sup>(4)</sup> \$0.01 GAAP EPS - Diluted	<b>26%</b> Adj. EBITDA Margin <sup>(3)</sup>		

Rubicon Project acquired Chango Inc. in late April 2015. Contributions from Chango are reflected throughout this presentation from the date of acquisition.

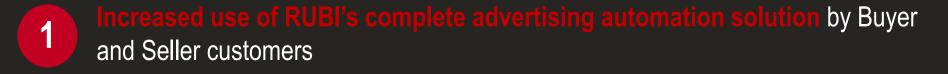
Non-GAAP Net Revenue would represent GAAP Revenue if all transactions were reported on a net basis. It equals GAAP Revenue less amounts paid to Sellers in cost of revenue. The appendix provides a reconciliation of GAAP Revenue to Non-GAAP Net Revenue (2) (3)

The appendix provides a reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted EBITDA Margin is measured as % of Non-GAAP Net Revenue.

The appendix provides a reconciliation of GAAP Net Income (Loss) to Non-GAAP Net Income and calculation of Non-GAAP EPS. (4)



Key business trends



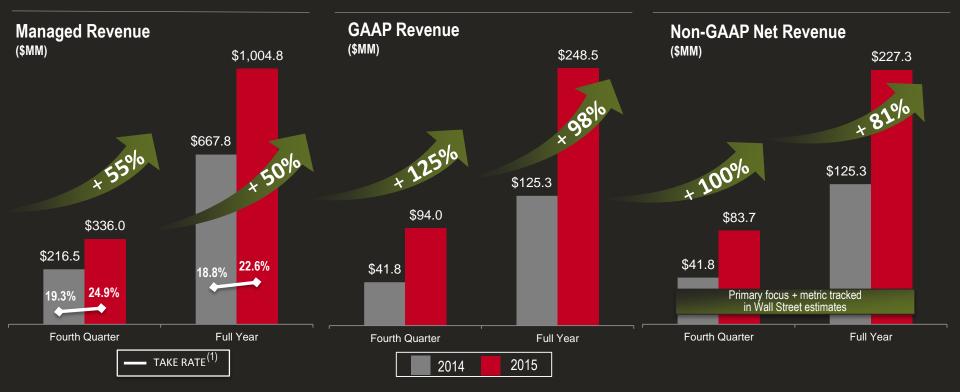
2 Mobile continues to grow rapidly, increasing to 31% of RUBI Managed Revenue<sup>(1)</sup> in Q4 2015 from 26% in Q3 and 20% in Q4 2014

**3** RTB growth remains strong, contributing to RUBI's 100% Y-o-Y growth in Non-GAAP Net Revenue in Q4 2015

Managed Revenue represents advertising spending transacted on the Company's platform.



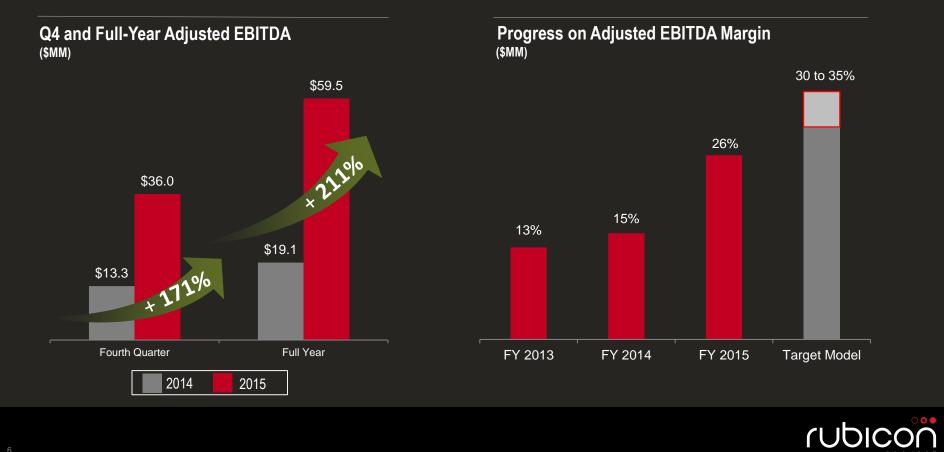
#### Revenue highlights



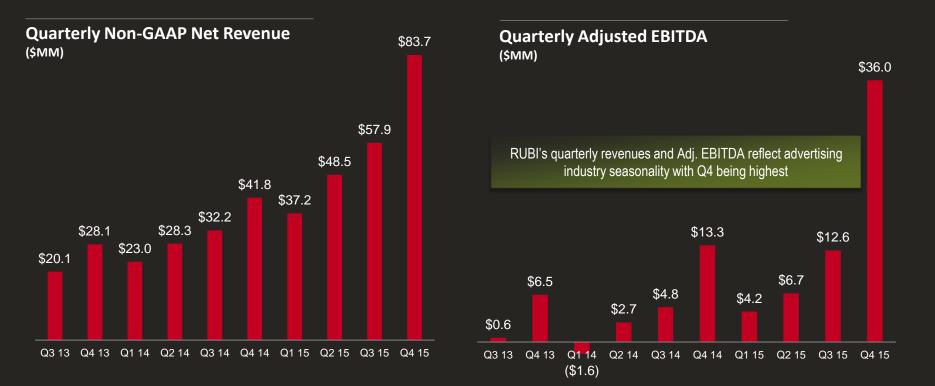
(1) Take Rate represents Non-GAAP Net Revenue divided by Managed Revenue.



#### Adjusted EBITDA highlights

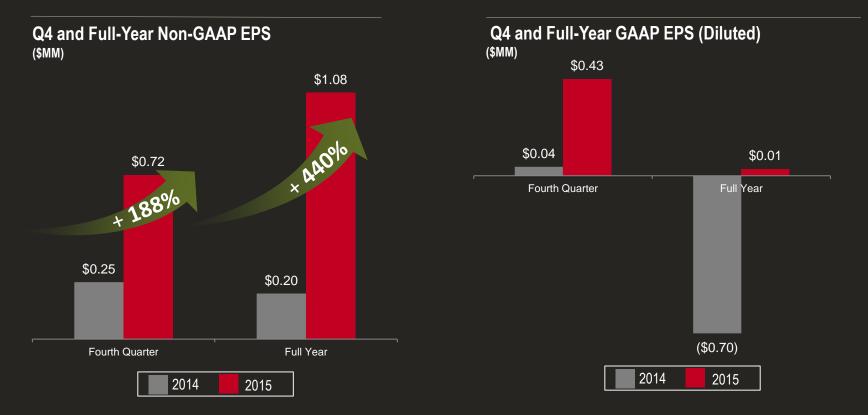


#### Q4 2015 was an extraordinary quarter on all counts



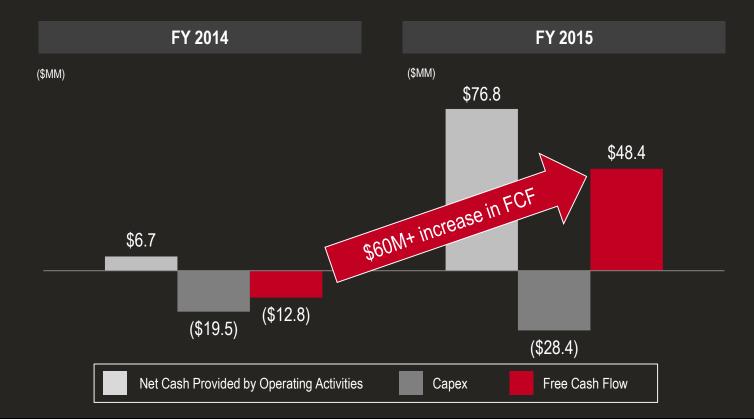


#### EPS highlights: first full year of GAAP positive net income and GAAP EPS



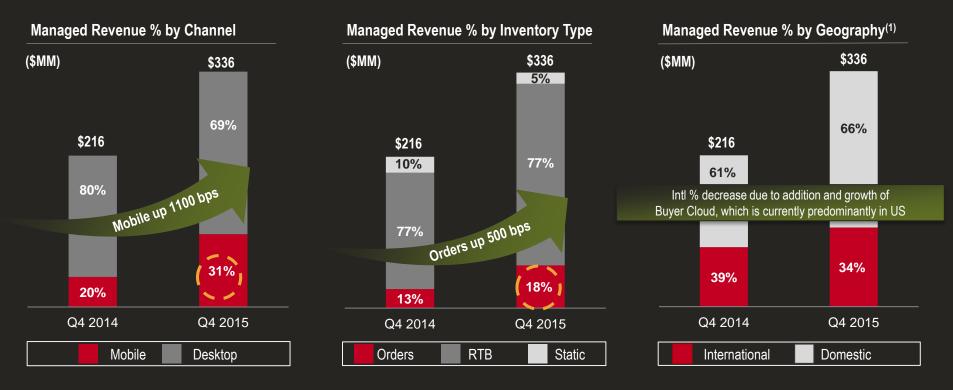


#### Cash flow highlights: 2015 marks significant improvement in Free Cash Flow





## Managed revenue by channel, inventory type and geography



(1) Managed revenue by geography determined based on the location of the Seller.

### Complete advertising automation solution and financials are differentiators

Criteria: Product and Service Capabilities	rupicou	Other Public Ad Tech?			
Strong capabilities as top provider in desktop and mobile	<b>*</b>	Google <b>facebook</b>			
Independent provider of complete Buyer and Seller solutions <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>*</b>	None			
Monetizes all types of ad inventory	<b>*</b>	Google			
Supports all ad units	<b>*</b>	Google <b>facebook</b>			
Pixalate ranked top 3 inventory source for desktop and mobile	<b>*</b>	None			
Criteria: Financial Results	rupicou	Other Public Ad Tech?			
> 50% revenue growth in 2015	<b>*</b>	criteol.			
Net income profitable for full year 2015	<b>*</b>	Google <b>facebook</b> criteol.			
> 20% Adjusted EBITDA margin (on net revenue)	<b>*</b>	Google <b>facebook</b> criteol.			
Positive free cash flow for 2015	<b>V</b>	Google <b>facebook</b> criteol.			

(1) Independent means no owned and operated media properties to create potential conflicts of interest for buyer and seller customers.



## Balance sheet highlights

	12/3	31/2015	12/31/2014		
Financial measure: (\$MM)					
Cash & equivalents	\$	116.5	\$	97.2	
Marketable securities		36.7		-	
Total cash and liquid assets	\$	153.2	\$	97.2	
Debt and capital lease obligations	\$	Nil	\$	0.1	



#### Appendix: reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA

	Q4 2015	Q4 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014
Financial Measure: (\$MM)				
Net Income (Loss)	\$20.4	\$1.4	\$0.4	(\$18.7)
Add back (deduct):				
Depreciation & amortization expense, excluding amortization of acquired intangible assets	3.9	3.9	15.3	11.6
Amortization of acquired intangibles	4.6	0.6	15.7	0.9
Stock-based compensation expense	8.5	7.1	30.6	23.9
Acquisition and related items	0.8	1.5	3.5	1.5
Interest expense, net	-	-	-	0.1
Change in fair value of preferred stock warrant liabilities	-	-	-	0.7
Foreign currency gain, net	-	(1.2)	(1.4)	(1.1)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(2.2)	-	(4.6)	0.2
Adjusted EBITDA	\$36.0	\$13.3	\$59.5	\$19.1



## Appendix: reconciliations of GAAP Revenue to Non-GAAP Net Revenue and Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Common Stockholders to Non-GAAP Net Income

	Q4 2015	Q3 2015	Q2 2015	FY 2015
Financial Measure: (\$MM)				
GAAP Revenue	\$94.0	\$64.3	\$53.0	\$248.5
Less amounts paid to sellers:	10.3	6.4	4.5	21.2
Non-GAAP Net Revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	\$83.7	\$57.9	\$48.5	\$227.3

(1) Rubicon Project adopted non-GAAP net revenue as a measure in Q2 2015. Prior to Q2 2015, all of the Company's revenue was recorded on a net basis.

	Q4 2015	Q4 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014
Financial Measure: (\$MM, except per share figures)				
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Common Stockholders	\$20.4	\$1.4	\$0.4	\$(19.8)
Add back (deduct):				
Change in fair value of preferred stock warrant liabilities		-	-	0.7
Cumulative preferred stock dividends		-	-	1.1
Stock based compensation expense	8.5	7.1	30.6	23.9
Acquisition and related items, including amortization of acquired intangibles	5.4	2.1	19.2	\$2.4
Foreign currency (gain) loss, net		(1.2)	(1.4)	\$(1.1)
Non-GAAP Net Income	\$34.3	\$9.4	\$48.8	\$7.2
Non-GAAP Earnings per Diluted Share	\$0.72	\$0.25	\$1.08	\$0.20
Non-GAAP weighted average shares outstanding	47.4	38.1	45.2	36.5



#### Appendix: depreciation and amortization

Income statement includes depreciation and amortization as follows: (\$MM)	Q4 2015	Q4 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014
Cost of revenue	\$5.3	\$3.7	\$19.3	\$10.5
Sales and marketing	\$2.1	\$0.3	\$8.2	\$0.7
Technology and development	\$0.6	\$0.2	\$1.8	\$0.8
General and administrative	\$0.5	\$0.2	\$1.7	\$0.5
Total Depreciation and Amortization Expense	\$8.5	\$4.4	\$31.0	\$12.5

