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Prospectus Supplement No. 3 to Prospectus dated May 14, 2010

TREE.COM, INC.

3,678,664 Shares of Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

This prospectus supplement no. 3 supplements and amends information in the prospectus dated May 14, 2010, as supplemented and amended by prospectus supplement no. 1 dated August 10, 2010 and prospectus supplement no. 2 dated September 8, 2010 (together, the "Prospectus"). You should read this prospectus supplement in conjunction with the Prospectus, and this supplement is qualified by reference to the Prospectus, except to the extent that the information herein supersedes the information contained in the Prospectus.

This prospectus supplement includes our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 12, 2010 and our Current Reports on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 23, 2010.

As indicated under "Risk Factors" on page 2 of the Prospectus, in reviewing this prospectus supplement and the Prospectus, you should carefully consider the risks in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, and as set forth beginning on page 51 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2010 and on page 55 of our Quarterly Report for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This supplement is part of the Prospectus and must accompany the Prospectus to satisfy prospectus delivery requirements under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

This date of this prospectus supplement is November 23, 2010.

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

ý QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2010

or

• TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to Commission File No. 001-34063

TREE.COM, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

26-2414818 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

11115 Rushmore Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28277 (Address of principal executive offices)

(704) 541-5351 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 ý No o

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period than the Registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes o No o

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 definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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(Check one):

| Large accelerated filer o | Accelerated filer o | Non-accelerated filer ý | Smaller reporting company o |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | | (Do not check if a | |
| | | smaller reporting company) | |
| Indicate by check mark wh | hether the Registrant is a s | hell company (as defined in Ru | lle 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No ý |
| | | | |
| As of November 2, 2010 th | here were 11,083,129 shar | res of the Registrant's common | stock, par value \$.01 per share, outstanding. |

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | | Nine M Ended Sep | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------|-----|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----|---------|
| | 2010 2009 | | | 2009 | 2010 | | | 2009 |
| | | (In th | ous | ands, exce | pt per share amounts) | | | |
| Revenue | | | | | | | | , |
| LendingTree Loans | \$ | 34,760 | \$ | 24,109 | \$ | 87,147 | \$ | 94,738 |
| Exchanges and other | | 15,204 | | 18,610 | | 48,013 | | 52,662 |
| Real Estate | | 3,213 | | 7,997 | | 11,825 | | 21,549 |
| Total revenue | | 53,177 | | 50,716 | | 146,985 | | 168,949 |
| Cost of revenue | | | | | | | | |
| LendingTree Loans | | 11,049 | | 11,685 | | 30,752 | | 38,437 |
| Exchanges and other | | 1,346 | | 1,949 | | 3,654 | | 6,054 |
| Real Estate | | 2,074 | | 5,056 | | 7,312 | | 13,712 |
| Total cost of revenue (exclusive of depreciation shown separately below) | | 14,469 | | 18,690 | | 41,718 | | 58,203 |
| Gross margin | | 38,708 | | 32,026 | | 105,267 | | 110,746 |
| Operating expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Selling and marketing expense General and administrative | | 17,830 | | 17,435 | | 55,035 | | 45,149 |
| expense | | 14,035 | | 17,515 | | 39,263 | | 50,929 |
| Product development | | 14,035 | | 1,673 | | 2,964 | | 4,842 |
| Litigation settlements and | | 1,015 | | 1,075 | | 2,904 | | 4,042 |
| contingencies | | 1,546 | | 14 | | 1,588 | | 406 |
| Restructuring expense | | 321 | | 78 | | 3,363 | | (158) |
| Amortization of intangibles | | 519 | | 1,055 | | 2,405 | | 3,636 |
| Depreciation | | 1,523 | | 1,698 | | 4,539 | | 5,049 |
| Asset impairments | | 1,525 | | 1,070 | | 1,007 | | 3,903 |
| Total operating expenses | | 36,787 | | 39,468 | | 109,157 | | 113,756 |
| Operating income/(loss) Other income (expense) | | 1,921 | | (7,442) | | (3,890) | | (3,010) |
| Interest income | | | | 9 | | 7 | | 84 |
| Interest expense | | (60) | | (149) | | (393) | | (451) |
| Total other (expense), net | | (60) | | (140) | | (386) | | (367) |
| Income/(loss) before income taxes | | 1,861 | | (7,582) | | (4,276) | | (3,377) |
| Income tax (provision) benefit | | (42) | | 182 | | (850) | | (121) |
| Net income/(loss) | \$ | 1,819 | \$ | (7,400) | \$ | (5,126) | \$ | (3,498) |

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| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 11,023 | 10,844 | 10,993 | 10,413 | |
|--|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Weighted average diluted shares | | | | | |
| outstanding | 11,163 | 10,844 | 10,993 | 10,413 | |
| | | | | | |
| Net income/(loss) per share | | | | | |
| available to common shareholders | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.16 | \$ (0.68) | \$ (0.47) | \$ (0.34) | |
| | | | | | |
| Diluted | \$ 0.16 | \$ (0.68) | \$ (0.47) | \$ (0.34) | |
| | | | | | |

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| | Se | eptember 30, 2010 (unaudited) (In thousands, exc | ept pa | |
|---|----------|--|----------|-----------|
| | | share an | nount | ts) |
| ASSETS: | <i>.</i> | 77 8 0 1 | <i>•</i> | 0.6.000 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 57,294 | \$ | 86,093 |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents | | 11,104 | | 12,019 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$511 | | 7 700 | | (025 |
| and \$518, respectively | | 7,799 | | 6,835 |
| Loans held for sale (\$163,319 and \$92,236 measured at fair value, respectively) | | 164 460 | | 02 506 |
| | | 164,460 14,663 | | 93,596 |
| Prepaid and other current assets | | 14,005 | | 10,758 |
| Total current assets | | 255,320 | | 209,301 |
| Property and equipment, net | | 12,543 | | 12,257 |
| Goodwill | | 12,917 | | 12,152 |
| Intangible assets, net | | 55,221 | | 57,626 |
| Other non-current assets | | 706 | | 496 |
| Total assets | \$ | 336,707 | \$ | 291,832 |
| LIABILITIES: | | | | |
| Warehouse lines of credit | \$ | 140,112 | \$ | 78,481 |
| Accounts payable, trade | | 5,810 | | 5,905 |
| Deferred revenue | | 1,982 | | 1,731 |
| Deferred income taxes | | 2,033 | | 2,211 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | | 39,806 | | 54,694 |
| Total current liabilities | | 189,743 | | 143,022 |
| Income taxes payable | | 94 | | 510 |
| Other long-term liabilities | | 12,987 | | 12,010 |
| Deferred income taxes | | 16,581 | | 15,380 |
| Total liabilities | | 219,405 | | 170,922 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 12) | | | | |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | | | |
| Preferred stock \$.01 par value; authorized | | | | |
| 5,000,000 shares; none issued or outstanding | | | | |
| Common stock \$.01 par value; authorized | | | | |
| 50,000,000 shares; issued 11,881,606 and | | | | |
| 10,904,330 shares, respectively, and outstanding | | 110 | | 100 |
| 11,211,581 and 10,904,330 shares, respectively | | 119 | | 109 |
| Additional paid-in capital Accumulated deficit | | 908,031 | | 901,818 |
| | | (786,143) | | (781,017) |
| Treasury stock 670,025 and -0- shares, respectively | | (4,705) | | |
| Total shareholders' equity | | 117,302 | | 120,910 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ | 336,707 | \$ | 291,832 |

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Unaudited)

| | Common Stock | | | | Additional | | | Treasury Stock Number | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----|-------|------------|--------------------|----|--------------------------|--------------|------------|
| | Total | Number of Shares | An | nount | | Paid-in Capital | Ac | cumulated Deficit | of Shares | Amount |
| | | | | | (In | n thousands | 5) | | | |
| Balance as of December 31, 2009 | \$ 120,910 | 10,904 | \$ | 109 | \$ | 901,818 | \$ | (781,017) | | \$ |
| Comprehensive loss: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net loss for the nine months ended | | | | | | | | | | |
| September 30, 2010 | (5,126) | | | | | | | (5,126) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Comprehensive loss | (5,126) | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-cash compensation | 2,840 | | | | | 2,840 | | | | |
| Issuance of common stock upon | | | | | | | | | | |
| exercise of stock options and vesting | | | | | | | | | | |
| of restricted stock units, net of | | | | | | | | | | |
| withholding taxes | (575) | 293 | | 4 | | (579) | | | | |
| Issuance of restricted stock | | 150 | | 1 | | (1) | | | | |
| Purchase of treasury stock | (4,705) | | | | | | | | 670 | (4,705) |
| Exchange of preferred stock issued | | | | | | | | | | |
| by a subsidiary to common stock | | | | | | | | | | |
| issued by the parent | 3,958 | 535 | | 5 | | 3,953 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance as of September 30, 2010 | \$ 117,302 | 11,882 | \$ | 119 | \$ | 908,031 | \$ | (786,143) | 670 | \$ (4,705) |

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

| | Nine Mont Septem | |
|---|---------------------|-------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| | (In thou | isands) |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net loss | \$ (5,126) | \$ (3,498) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities: | | |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets | 9 | 949 |
| Amortization of intangibles | 2,405 | 3,636 |
| Depreciation | 4,539 | 5,049 |
| Intangible impairment | ., | 3,903 |
| Non-cash compensation expense | 2,840 | 3,060 |
| Non-cash restructuring expense | 301 | 161 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,023 | 393 |
| Gain on origination and sale of loans | (79,301) | (89,701) |
| Loss on impaired loans not sold | | 564 |
| Loss on sale of real estate acquired in satisfaction of loans | 377 | 51 |
| Bad debt expense | 45 | 325 |
| Changes in current assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (1,010) | (1,208) |
| Origination of loans | (1,940,925) | (2,232,380) |
| Proceeds from sales of loans | 1,953,564 | 2,335,100 |
| Principal payments received on loans | 1,200 | 781 |
| Payments to investors for loan repurchases and early payoff obligations | (9,114) | (5,641) |
| Prepaid and other current assets | (996) | (1,149) |
| Accounts payable and other current liabilities | (14,931) | 3,580 |
| Income taxes payable | (388) | (551) |
| Deferred revenue | 109 | (130) |
| Other, net | 4,363 | 1,154 |
| | , | , - |
| Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities | (81,016) | 24,448 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Acquisitions | (50) | (5,726) |
| Capital expenditures | (4,999) | (2,200) |
| Other, net | 765 | 3,253 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (4,284) | (4,673) |
| | (.,_3.) | (.,) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Borrowing under warehouse lines of credit | 1,374,460 | 1,964,237 |
| Repayments of warehouse lines of credit | (1,312,829) | (1,973,294) |
| Issuance of common stock, net of withholding taxes | (575) | 3,373 |
| Purchase of treasury stock | (4,705) | |
| Decrease (increase) in restricted cash | 150 | (875) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 56,501 | (6,559) |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (28,799) | 13,216 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 86,093 | 73,643 |

| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 57,294 | \$ 86,859 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | | |

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION

Spin-Off

On August 20, 2008, Tree.com, Inc. ("Tree.com" or the "Company") was spun off from its parent company, IAC/InterActiveCorp ("IAC") into a separate publicly traded company. In these consolidated financial statements, we refer to the separation transaction as the "spin-off." In connection with the spin-off, Tree.com was incorporated as a Delaware corporation in April 2008.

Company Overview

Tree.com is the parent of LendingTree, LLC and the owner of several brands and businesses that provide information, tools, advice, products and services for critical transactions in our customers' lives. Our family of brands includes: LendingTree.com®, GetSmart.com®, RealEstate.com®, DegreeTree.comSM, HealthTree.comSM, LendingTreeAutos.com, DoneRight.com®, and InsuranceTree.comSM. Together, these brands serve as an ally for consumers who are looking to comparison shop for loans, real estate and other services from multiple businesses and professionals who will compete for their business.

These businesses and brands are operated under the segments known as LendingTree Loans, the Exchanges and Real Estate.

LendingTree Loans

The LendingTree Loans segment originates, processes, approves and funds various residential real estate loans through Home Loan Center, Inc. dba LendingTree Loans ("HLC"). The HLC and LendingTree Loans brand names are collectively referred to in these consolidated financial statements as "LendingTree Loans."

Exchanges

The Exchanges segment consists of online lead generation networks and call centers (principally LendingTree.com, Tree.com, DegreeTree.com, LendingTreeAutos and GetSmart.com) that connect consumers and service providers principally in the lending, higher education and automobile marketplaces.

Real Estate

The Real Estate segment consists of a proprietary full service real estate brokerage (RealEstate.com, REALTORS®) that operates in 20 U.S. markets, as well as an online lead generation network accessed at *www.RealEstate.com*, that connects consumers with third party real estate brokerages around the country.

The Corporate segment consists of unallocated expenses and consolidation transactions.

Tree.com maintains operations solely in the United States.

Business Combinations

In September 2010, Tree.com purchased certain assets of a company with an aggregate purchase price of \$0.8 million in cash and contingent consideration. The purchase is part of our strategic initiative to diversify our revenue streams outside of the mortgage and real estate industries.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION (Continued)

This asset purchase is being accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting. Accordingly, the purchase price is allocated to the acquired assets and liabilities based on their estimated fair values at the acquisition date. The purchase price has been allocated resulting in \$0.8 million to be accounted for as goodwill. The pro forma effect of this purchase was not material to our results of operations.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2010 and 2009 and for the three and nine months then ended have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for annual financial statements. In the opinion of the Company's management, the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the audited financial statements, and include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for the fair presentation of the Company's financial position for the periods presented. The results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the year ending December 31, 2010, or any other period. These financial statements and notes should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Company's annual report on Form 10-K/A.

NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Estimates

Tree.com's management is required to make certain estimates and assumptions during the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). These estimates and assumptions impact the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements. They also impact the reported amount of net earnings during any period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant estimates underlying the accompanying consolidated financial statements include: valuation allowance for impaired loans held for sale; loan loss obligations; the fair value of loans held for sale and related derivatives; the recoverability of long-lived assets, goodwill and intangible assets; the determination of income taxes payable and deferred income taxes, including related valuation allowances; restructuring reserves; contingent consideration related to business combinations; various other allowances, reserves and accruals; and assumptions related to the determination of stock-based compensation.

Reclassifications

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current presentation with no effect on net income/(loss) or accumulated deficit. Specifically, compensation and other-employee related costs within the Exchanges segment totaling \$0.2 million for the nine months ended

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

September 30, 2010, and \$0.4 million and \$1.3 million for the three and nine months ending September 30, 2009, respectively, were reclassified from the Exchanges segment to the LendingTree Loans segment, both within cost of revenue. There was no impact on the consolidated financial results.

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents

Restricted cash and cash equivalents consists of the following (in thousands):

| | September 30, 2010 | December | r 31, 2009 |
|--|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Cash in escrow for future operating lease | | | |
| commitments | \$ | \$ | 788 |
| Cash in escrow for surety bonds | 5,030 | | 5,030 |
| Cash in escrow for corporate purchasing card | | | |
| program | 800 | | 2,203 |
| Minimum required balances for warehouse lines of | | | |
| credit | 1,725 | | 1,875 |
| Mortgage lending escrow funds | 2,922 | | 1,292 |
| Other | 627 | | 831 |
| | | | |
| Total restricted cash and cash equivalents | \$ 11,104 | \$ | 12,019 |

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

On June 12, 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued the accounting standard for transfers and servicing of financial assets. The objective is to improve relevance, representational faithfulness, and comparability of the information that a reporting entity provides in its financial statements about a transfer of financial assets; the effects of a transfer on its financial position, financial performance, and cash flows; and a transferor's continuing involvement, if any, in transferred financial assets. This standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after November 15, 2009. Tree.com adopted this standard on January 1, 2010 and determined there was no material impact to the financial statements.

On January 21, 2010, the FASB amended and Tree.com adopted the accounting standard for fair value measurements and disclosures, which added new requirements for disclosures about transfers into and out of Level 1 and 2 and separate disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements relating to Level 3 measurements. The amendment also clarifies existing fair value disclosures about the level of disaggregation and the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This amendment is effective for the first reporting period (including interim periods) beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the requirement to provide the Level 3 activity of purchases, sales, issuances and settlements on a gross basis, which will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. See Note 9 for further information.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 3 GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The balance of goodwill and intangible assets, net is as follows (in thousands):

| | Septem | ber 30, 2010 | Dec | cember 31, 2009 |
|--|--------|--------------|-----|-----------------|
| Goodwill | \$ | 12,917 | \$ | 12,152 |
| Intangible assets with indefinite lives | | 52,733 | | 52,733 |
| Intangible assets with definite lives, net | | 2,488 | | 4,893 |
| | | | | |
| Total goodwill and intangible assets, net | \$ | 68,138 | \$ | 69,778 |

Intangible assets with indefinite lives relate principally to trade names and trademarks acquired in various acquisitions.

At September 30, 2010, intangible assets with definite lives relate to the following (in thousands):

| | Cost | cumulated portization | Net | Weighted Average Amortization Life (Years) |
|----------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Purchase | | | | |
| agreements | \$ 76,352 | \$ (76,175) | \$ 177 | 5.7 |
| Technology | 30,491 | (29,728) | 763 | 3.0 |
| Customer lists | 7,388 | (6,677) | 711 | 3.9 |
| Other | 9,813 | (8,976) | 837 | 4.1 |
| Total | \$ 124,044 | \$ (121,556) | \$ 2,488 | |

At December 31, 2009, intangible assets with definite lives relate to the following (in thousands):

| | Cost | cumulated nortization | Net | Weighted Average Amortization Life (Years) |
|----------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Purchase | | | | |
| agreements | \$ 76,352 | \$ (74,657) | \$ 1,695 | 5.7 |
| Technology | 30,491 | (29,396) | 1,095 | 3.0 |
| Customer lists | 7,388 | (6,631) | 757 | 3.9 |
| Other | 9,813 | (8,467) | 1,346 | 4.1 |
| Total | \$ 124,044 | \$ (119,151) | \$ 4,893 | |

Amortization of intangible assets with definite lives is computed on a straight-line basis and, based on September 30, 2010 balances, such amortization for the next five years is estimated to be as follows (in thousands):

| | A | mount |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|
| Three months ending | | |
| December 31, 2010 | \$ | 307 |
| Year ending December 31, 2011 | | 1,086 |
| Year ending December 31, 2012 | | 411 |
| Year ending December 31, 2013 | | 144 |
| Year ending December 31, 2014 | | 84 |
| Thereafter | | 456 |
| | | |
| Total | \$ | 2,488 |

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 3 GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

The following table presents the balance of goodwill by segment (in thousands):

| | LendingTree Loans Exchanges | | Real Estate | Total | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|----------------|--------------|----|-----------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2009 | | | | | | |
| Goodwill | \$ | 46,526 | \$ 485,955 | \$ 70,091 | \$ | 602,572 |
| Accumulated impairment losses | | (46,526) | (483,088) | (60,806) | | (590,420) |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | 2,867 | 9,285 | | 12,152 |
| | | | _, | ,, | | , |
| Goodwill acquired during the year | | | 765 | | | 765 |
| Impairment losses | | | | | | |
| Other deductions | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Balance as of September 30, 2010 | | | | | | |
| Goodwill | | 46,526 | 486,720 | 70,091 | | 603,337 |
| Accumulated impairment losses | | (46,526) | (483,088) | (60,806) | | (590,420) |
| | | | | | | |
| | \$ | | \$ 3,632 | \$ 9,285 | \$ | 12,917 |

NOTE 4 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The balance of property and equipment, net is as follows (in thousands):

| | September 30, 20 |)10 Decem | ber 31, 2009 |
|---|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Computer equipment and capitalized | - | | |
| software | \$ 39, | 367 \$ | 35,881 |
| Leasehold improvements | 2, | .503 | 2,888 |
| Furniture and other equipment | 3, | 834 | 4,096 |
| Projects in progress | 2, | 629 | 1,532 |
| | | | |
| | 48, | 333 | 44,397 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization | (35, | 790) | (32,140) |
| Total property and equipment, net | \$ 12, | 543 \$ | 12,257 |
| | | | |

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 5 ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities consist of the following (in thousands):

| | Septer | nber 30, 2010 | Decer | nber 31, 2009 |
|--|--------|---------------|-------|---------------|
| Accrued loan loss liability related to loans previously sold | \$ | 6,609 | \$ | 6,115 |
| Loan loss settlement liability related to loans previously | | | | |
| sold | | 1,350 | | 4,500 |
| Litigation accruals | | 1,500 | | 12,750 |
| Accrued advertising expense | | 8,027 | | 8,095 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | | 6,701 | | 7,525 |
| Accrued professional fees | | 1,026 | | 1,528 |
| Accrued restructuring costs | | 910 | | 1,848 |
| Derivative liabilities | | 832 | | 356 |
| Customer deposits and escrows | | 4,088 | | 3,387 |
| Deferred rent | | 486 | | 793 |
| Other | | 8,277 | | 7,797 |
| | | | | |
| Total accrued expenses and other current liabilities | \$ | 39,806 | \$ | 54,694 |

The other category above reflects an earnout payable related to an acquisition, franchise taxes, self-insured health claims and other miscellaneous accrued expenses.

An additional \$8.3 million and \$6.4 million of accrued loan loss liability related to loans previously sold are classified in other long term liabilities at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

NOTE 6 WAREHOUSE LINES OF CREDIT

Borrowings on warehouse lines of credit were \$140.1 million and \$78.5 million at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

As of September 30, 2010, LendingTree Loans had two committed lines of credit totaling \$125.0 million of borrowing capacity. The total borrowing capacity under these lines was increased to \$150.0 million effective October 29, 2010 upon renewal of the second line. LendingTree Loans also has a \$25.0 million uncommitted line with one of these lenders. Borrowings under these lines of credit are used to fund, and are secured by, consumer residential loans that are held for sale. Loans under these lines of credit are repaid using proceeds from the sales of loans held for sale by LendingTree Loans.

The \$50.0 million first line is scheduled to expire June 29, 2011. This line can be cancelled at the option of the lender without default upon sixty days notice. This first line includes an additional uncommitted credit facility of \$25.0 million. This first line is also guaranteed by Tree.com, Inc., LendingTree, LLC and LendingTree Holdings Corp. The interest rate under the first line is 2.25% plus the greater of (a) 30-day LIBOR or (b) 2.00%. The interest rate under the \$25.0 million uncommitted line is 30-day LIBOR plus 1.50%. LendingTree Loans is also required to sell at least 25% of the loans it originates to the lender under this line or pay a "pair-off fee" of 0.25% on the difference between the required and actual volume of loans sold.

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NOTE 6 WAREHOUSE LINES OF CREDIT (Continued)

The borrowing capacity of the second line was increased from \$75.0 million to \$100.0 million upon renewal of the line effective October 29, 2010. The expiration date of this line is October 28, 2011. This second line is also guaranteed by Tree.com, Inc., LendingTree, LLC and LendingTree Holdings Corp. The interest rate under this line was decreased from 30-day Adjusted LIBOR or 2.0% (whichever is greater) plus 2.50% to 3.0% prior to renewal, to 30-day Adjusted LIBOR or 2.0% (whichever is greater) plus 2.25% to 2.5% after renewal, for loans being sold to the lender. Additionally, the interest rate for loans not being sold to the lender was decreased from 30-day Adjusted LIBOR or 2.0% (whichever is greater) plus 2.75% prior to renewal, to 30-day Adjusted LIBOR or 2.0% (whichever is greater) plus 2.25% after renewal.

Under the terms of these warehouse lines, LendingTree Loans is required to maintain various financial and other covenants. These financial covenants include, but are not limited to, maintaining (i) minimum tangible net worth of \$25.0 million, (ii) minimum liquidity, (iii) a minimum current ratio, (iv) a maximum ratio of total liabilities to net worth, (v) a maximum leverage ratio, (vi) pre-tax net income requirements and (vii) a maximum warehouse capacity ratio. During the quarter ended September 30, 2010, LendingTree Loans was in compliance with the covenants under the lines.

The LendingTree Loans business is highly dependent on the availability of these warehouse lines. Although we believe that our existing lines of credit are adequate for our current operations, reductions in our available credit, or the inability to renew or replace these lines, would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Management has determined that it could continue to operate the LendingTree Loans business at a reduced capacity if one, but not both, of the warehouse lines were lost.

NOTE 7 SEGMENT INFORMATION

The overall concept that Tree.com employs in determining its reportable segments and related financial information is to present them in a manner consistent with how the chief operating decision maker and executive management view the Tree.com businesses, how the businesses are organized as to segment management, and the focus of the Tree.com businesses with regards to the types of products or services offered or the target market.

The expenses presented below for each of the business segments include an allocation of certain corporate expenses that are identifiable and directly benefit those segments. The unallocated expenses are those corporate overhead expenses that are not directly attributable to a segment and include: corporate expenses such as finance, legal, executive, technology support, and human resources, as well as elimination of inter-segment revenue and costs.

Tree.com's primary performance metrics are EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA excluding (1) non-cash compensation expense, (2) non-cash intangible asset impairment charges, (3) gain/loss on disposal of assets, (4) restructuring expenses, (5) litigation loss contingencies and settlements, (6) pro forma adjustments for significant acquisitions, and (7) one-time items, which are truly one-time in nature and non-recurring, infrequent or unusual, and have not occurred in the past two years or are not expected to recur in the next two years, in accordance with SEC rules. For the periods presented in this report, there are no one-time items. These measures are two of the primary metrics by which Tree.com evaluates the performance of its businesses, on which its internal budgets are based and by which management is compensated. Tree.com believes that investors should

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NOTE 7 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

have access to the same set of tools that it uses in analyzing its results. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have certain limitations in that they do not take into account the impact to Tree.com's statement of operations of certain expenses, including depreciation, non-cash compensation and acquisition related accounting. Tree.com endeavors to compensate for the limitations of the non-GAAP measure presented by also providing the comparable GAAP measure with equal or greater prominence and descriptions of the reconciling items, including quantifying such items, to derive the non-GAAP measure.

During the third quarter of 2010, the Company changed its accounting policy for inter-segment revenue and inter-segment marketing expense between the LendingTree Loans and Exchanges segments. This change only impacts the segment results, and does not impact the consolidated financial results of Tree.com.

Marketing expense for the Exchanges is primarily the building and maintaining of the Company's core brands, using both online and offline spending, and generates leads not only for the Exchanges but for other segments as well. Previously, marketing expense for LendingTree Loans was primarily comprised of inter-segment purchases of leads from the Exchanges, leveraging the LendingTree and GetSmart brands. The Exchanges received inter-segment revenue for the sale of these leads, and that revenue and the related marketing expense at LendingTree Loans would then be eliminated in consolidation of the total Company results.

The Company now uses a cost sharing approach for these marketing expenses, whereby LendingTree Loans and the Exchanges now share the marketing expense on a pro rata basis, based on the quantity of leads received by each segment. There is no longer inter-segment revenue or inter-segment marketing expense related to these leads. Management believes that this cost sharing approach is preferable because it more closely aligns the overall goals of the Company with the goals of segment management, and will ultimately drive the Company to better performance. Segment reporting results for prior periods have been restated to conform to the new presentation.

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NOTE 7 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Summarized information by segment and reconciliation to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA is as follows (in thousands):

| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2010: LendingTree Real Unallocated | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--------|----|----------|----|----------|----|-----------|----|---------|
| | Ц | Loans | Ex | changes | | Estate | | Corporate | | Total |
| Revenue | \$ | 34,760 | \$ | 15,307 | \$ | 3,213 | \$ | (103) | \$ | 53,177 |
| Cost of revenue (exclusive of | | | | | | | | | | |
| depreciation shown separately below) | | 11,049 | | 1,312 | | 2,074 | | 34 | | 14,469 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gross margin | | 23,711 | | 13,995 | | 1,139 | | (137) | | 38,708 |
| Operating expenses: | | 4 422 | | 12 0 4 4 | | | | | | 15.020 |
| Selling and marketing expense | | 4,432 | | 12,944 | | 454 | | 5 501 | | 17,830 |
| General and administrative expense | | 6,714 | | 669 | | 951 | | 5,701 | | 14,035 |
| Product development | | 135 | | 804 | | 74 | | | | 1,013 |
| Litigation settlements and | | 1 510 | | | | 26 | | | | 1.546 |
| contingencies | | 1,510 | | 4.4 | | 36 | | 2 | | 1,546 |
| Restructuring expense | | (14) | | 44 | | 288 | | 3 | | 321 |
| Amortization of intangibles | | 205 | | 294 | | 212 | | 13 | | 519 |
| Depreciation | | 395 | | 559 | | 306 | | 263 | | 1,523 |
| Total operating expenses | | 13,172 | | 15,314 | | 2,321 | | 5,980 | | 36,787 |
| | | 10.520 | | (1, 210) | | (1, 192) | | (6 117) | | 1.021 |
| Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile to EBITDA and | | 10,539 | | (1,319) | | (1,182) | | (6,117) | | 1,921 |
| Adjustients to reconcile to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amortization of intangibles | | | | 294 | | 212 | | 13 | | 519 |
| Depreciation | | 395 | | 559 | | 306 | | 263 | | 1,523 |
| EBITDA | | 10,934 | | (466) | | (664) | | (5,841) | | 3,963 |
| Restructuring expense | | (14) | | 44 | | 288 | | 3 | | 321 |
| Non-cash compensation | | 94 | | 73 | | 28 | | 583 | | 778 |
| Litigation settlements and | | | | | | | | | | |
| contingencies | | 1,510 | | | | 36 | | | | 1,546 |
| Post acquisition adjustments | | | | (849) | | (221) | | | | (1,070) |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$ | 12,524 | \$ | (1,198) | \$ | (533) | \$ | (5,255) | \$ | 5,538 |
| | Ŧ | , | Ŧ | (-,-,-,) | Ŧ | (000) | Ŧ | (-,) | Ŧ | -, |
| Reconciliation to net income in total: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating income per above | | | | | | | | | \$ | 1,921 |
| Other expense, net | | | | | | | | | | (60) |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Income before income taxes | | | | | | | | | | 1,861 |
| Income tax provision | | | | | | | | | | (42) |
| Net income | | | | | | | | | \$ | 1,819 |
| | | | _ | | | | | | | |

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NOTE 7 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2009: | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------|-------|--------------------------|----|---------|
| | Le | endingTree Loans | Б | ahangaa | Real Estate | | Unallocated Corporate | | Total |
| Revenue | \$ | 24,109 | 5 \$ | changes 18,610 | \$ 7,99 | | Corporate | \$ | 50,716 |
| Cost of revenue (exclusive of | Ψ | 24,107 | Ψ | 10,010 | ψ 1,)) | γ ψ | | Ψ | 50,710 |
| depreciation shown separately below) | | 11,685 | | 1,409 | 5,05 | 6 | 540 | | 18,690 |
| Gross margin | | 12,424 | | 17,201 | 2,94 | 1 | (540) | | 32,026 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | | | | | | |
| Selling and marketing expense | | 3,235 | | 12,978 | 1,22 | 1 | 1 | | 17,435 |
| General and administrative expense | | 5,270 | | 1,934 | 2,06 | 7 | 8,244 | | 17,515 |
| Product development | | 165 | | 762 | 36 | 3 | 383 | | 1,673 |
| Litigation settlements and | | | | | | | | | |
| contingencies | | 6 | | | | 8 | | | 14 |
| Restructuring expense | | (54) | | 50 | 5. | 3 | 29 | | 78 |
| Amortization of intangibles | | 70 | | 337 | 64 | 1 | 7 | | 1,055 |
| Depreciation | | 741 | | 246 | 30 | 2 | 409 | | 1,698 |
| • | | | | | | | | | |
| Total operating expenses | | 9,433 | | 16,307 | 4,65 | 5 | 9,073 | | 39,468 |
| Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile to EBITDA and | | 2,991 | | 894 | (1,714 | 4) | (9,613) | | (7,442) |
| Adjusted EBITDA: | | | | | | | | | |
| Amortization of intangibles | | 70 | | 337 | 64 | | 7 | | 1,055 |
| Depreciation | | 741 | | 246 | 30 | 2 | 409 | | 1,698 |
| EBITDA | | 3,802 | | 1,477 | (77 | 1) | (9,197) | | (4,689) |
| Restructuring expense | | (54) | | 50 | 5 | 3 | 29 | | 78 |
| Non-cash compensation | | 63 | | 48 | 7 | 9 | 877 | | 1,067 |
| Litigation settlements and | | | | | | | | | |
| contingencies | | 6 | | | : | 8 | | | 14 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$ | 3,817 | \$ | 1,575 | \$ (63 | 1) \$ | (8,291) | \$ | (3,530) |
| Reconciliation to net loss in total: | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating loss per above | | | | | | | | \$ | (7,442) |
| Other expense, net | | | | | | | | | (140) |
| Income before income taxes | | | | | | | | | (7,582) |
| Income tax benefit | | | | | | | | | 182 |
| Net loss | | | | | | | | \$ | (7,400) |
| | | 14 | 6 | | | | | | |

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NOTE 7 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010: | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|-----------|--------|-------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | LendingTree | | Real | Unallocated | | | | |
| | Loans | Exchanges | Estate | Corporate | Total | | | |
| Revenue | | _ | | - | | | | |