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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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TO
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REGISTRATION STATEMENT
Under
The Securities Act of 1933

TRUECAR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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incorporation or organization)

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filer

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filer

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The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange

Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion: Dated November 10, 2014

6,402,601 Shares

Common Stock

TrueCar, Inc. is offering 1,000,000 shares to be sold in this offering. The selling stockholders identified in this prospectus are offering an additional 5,402,601 shares. TrueCar will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares being sold by the selling stockholders.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "TRUE". On November 7, 2014, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$16.42 per share.

We are an "emerging growth company" under the federal securities laws and are therefore subject to reduced public company reporting requirements.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 19 to read about factors you should consider before buying shares of our common stock.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Share	Total
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts(1)	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to TrueCar	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholders	\$	\$

(1) See "Underwriting" for a description of the compensation payable to the underwriters.

To the extent that the underwriters sell more than 6,402,601 shares of common stock, the underwriters have the option to purchase up to an additional 960,390 shares from us at the public offering price less the underwriting discount.

Scott Painter, our Founder and Chief Executive Officer, has indicated an interest in purchasing up to an aggregate of approximately \$500,000 of TrueCar's common stock in this offering at the public offering price. Because this indication of interest is not a binding agreement or commitment to purchase, Mr. Painter may elect not to purchase shares in this offering or the underwriters may elect not to sell any shares in this offering to Mr. Painter. The underwriters will receive the same discount from any shares of our common stock purchased by Mr. Painter as they will from any other shares of our common stock sold to the public in this offering.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares against payment in New York, New York on or about _____, 2014.

J.P. Morgan

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Morgan Stanley

RBC Capital Markets

JMP Securities

Prospectus dated

, 2014.

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Neither we, the selling stockholders, nor the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide you with information or to make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectuses we have prepared. We and the underwriters take no responsibility for, and provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the shares offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of its date.

For investors outside the United States: Neither we, the selling stockholders, nor any of the underwriters have done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. You are required to inform yourselves about, and to observe any restrictions relating to, this offering and the distribution of this prospectus.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus and is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary may not contain all the information you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should carefully read this prospectus in its entirety before investing in our common stock, including the sections titled "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. Unless the context otherwise requires, we use the terms "TrueCar," the "Company," "we," "us" and "our" in this prospectus to refer to TrueCar, Inc. and, where appropriate, our consolidated subsidiaries.

Overview

Our mission is to transform the car-buying experience for consumers and the way that dealers attract customers and sell cars. We have established an intelligent, data-driven online platform operating on a common technology infrastructure, powered by proprietary data and analytics. We operate our company-branded platform on the TrueCar website and our branded mobile experience. In addition, we customize and operate our platform for affinity group marketing partners, such as USAA and Consumer Reports, financial institutions, and other large enterprises such as Boeing and Verizon. We enable users to obtain market-based pricing data on new and used cars, and to connect with our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers.

We benefit consumers by providing information related to what others have paid for a make and model of car in their area and, where available, estimated prices for that make and model of car, which we refer to as upfront pricing information, from our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers. This upfront pricing information generally includes guaranteed savings off MSRP which the consumer may then take to the dealer in the form of a Guaranteed Savings Certificate and apply toward the purchase of the specified make and model of car. We benefit our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers by enabling them to attract these informed, in-market consumers in a cost-effective, accountable manner, which we believe helps them to sell more cars.

We are currently focused primarily on new car transactions. In the future, we intend to introduce additional products and services designed to improve the car-buying and car-ownership experience through TrueCar Labs, an incubator focused on developing innovative solutions for the automotive ecosystem. TrueCar Labs deploys new products and solutions in their earliest phase in order to seek feedback from consumers and dealers, enabling them to shape a better product experience. For example, we are developing TrueTrade to provide users with an estimated daily market value for their existing cars and a guaranteed trade-in price which we plan to launch in 2015. In addition, we are developing TrueLoan and TrueLease to provide users with a more convenient way to finance their cars at TrueCar Certified Dealers. We are also in the process of launching a number of new services for our dealers designed to enable them to make better informed inventory management and pricing decisions and to close transactions more efficiently.

Our network of over 9,100 TrueCar Certified Dealers consists primarily of new car franchises, representing all major makes of cars, as well as independent dealers. TrueCar Certified Dealers operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. We estimate that users of our platform purchasing cars from TrueCar Certified Dealers accounted for approximately 3.4% of all new car sales in the United States in the second quarter of 2014, excluding fleet car sales, an increase from 2.4% in 2013 and 1.5% in 2012. Since our founding in 2005, TrueCar users have purchased over 1.5 million cars from TrueCar Certified Dealers. We obtain automobile purchase data from a variety of sources and use this data to provide consumers and dealers with highly accurate, geographically specific, real-time pricing information.

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Our subsidiary, ALG, Inc., provides data and consulting services regarding determination of the residual value of an automobile at given points in time in the future. These residual values are used to underwrite automotive loans and leases to determine payments by consumers. In addition, financial institutions use this information to measure exposure and risk across loan, lease and fleet portfolios.

During 2013, we generated revenues of \$134.0 million and recorded a net loss of \$25.1 million. Of the \$134.0 million in revenues, 89% consisted of transaction revenues with the remaining 11% derived primarily from the sale of data and consulting services to the automotive and financial services industries. Revenues from the sale of data and consulting services are derived primarily from the operations of our ALG subsidiary. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we generated revenues of \$94.4 million and recorded a net loss of \$25.0 million. Of the \$94.4 million in revenues, 91% consisted of transaction revenues with the remaining 9% derived primarily from the sale of data and consulting services to the automotive and financial services industries. Transaction revenues primarily consist of fees paid to us by our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers under our pay-for-performance business model where we generally earn a fee only when a TrueCar user purchases a car from them.

Industry Overview and Market Opportunity

The automotive sector is one of the largest segments of the U.S. economy. There were 15.5 million new cars sold in the United States in 2013 for a total retail value of nearly \$500 billion, based on information published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, or BEA, and the National Automobile Dealers Association, or NADA. In 2013, the largest automotive dealer group accounted for only 1.9% of new vehicle sales, and the top ten dealer groups accounted in the aggregate for only 8.2% of new vehicle sales, according to Automotive News.

Consumers face a number of complex issues when buying a car, including obtaining market pricing information with respect to the car they want to buy and negotiating a transaction. While consumers have a number of available information sources that provide pricing data, these alternatives generally do not have information on what others actually paid for a car. As a result, consumers still lack the market data and upfront pricing information that might shorten the negotiation with the dealer and lead to a successful transaction.

Automobile dealers operate in a highly competitive market in which access to consumers and informed vehicle pricing are essential to dealer profitability. Overall dealer profitability is closely tied to the volume of new car sales as those sales can lead to higher-margin offerings for the dealer such as trade-ins, financing, maintenance and service, and accessories. In addition, dealers can earn financial incentives and improved vehicle allocation from manufacturers based on their volume of new car sales. Automobile dealers are increasingly shifting from reliance on their physical location and offline media and turning to the Internet to attract consumers and broaden their reach. However, dealers must pay high marketing costs to attract customers and lack empirical data on pricing at the local level. As a result of these challenges, automobile dealers are looking for ways to attract informed, in-market consumers in a cost-effective and accountable manner and effectively price their vehicle inventory to achieve their sales goals.

Our Solution

We have established an intelligent, data-driven online platform operating on a common technology infrastructure, powered by proprietary data and analytics. We operate our company-branded platform via the TrueCar website and our branded mobile experience. In addition, we customize and operate our platform for affinity group marketing partners, such as USAA, financial institutions, and other large enterprises such as Boeing and Verizon. We enable users to obtain

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market-based pricing data on new and used cars, and to connect with our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers. We believe the combination of transparent market data, upfront pricing information and guaranteed savings off MSRP benefits both consumers and dealers, resulting in more transactions by users of our platform.

Why consumers choose TrueCar

We believe consumers choose TrueCar.com and our affinity group marketing partner websites to simplify the car-buying process and to achieve confidence in the price they receive for a car. Our platform provides the following benefits:

Upfront pricing information. We access a broad array of transaction data to provide consumers with relevant pricing information on every major make and model of new car sold in the U.S. We also generally provide consumers with an Estimated TrueCar Dealer Price based on data provided by TrueCar Certified Dealers in their area.

Quality of service of our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers. We strive to provide consumers with a superior car-buying experience through our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers. To become a TrueCar Certified Dealer, dealers must agree to adhere to certain conditions, including providing upfront pricing information and guaranteed savings off MSRP, where available.

Price Confidence. Our users generally receive up to three Guaranteed Savings Certificates, which provide a guaranteed savings off MSRP on the user's specified make and model of car. Our platform allows the user to compare relevant market data for their specified make and model of car with the guaranteed savings from MSRP identified in these certificates. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, TrueCar users paid, on average, nearly \$3,200 less than MSRP.

Why dealers use TrueCar

We believe dealers use TrueCar to attract informed, in-market consumers in a cost-effective and accountable manner, efficiently price their inventory and, ultimately, sell more cars.

Under our pay-for-performance business model, we generally earn a fee only when a consumer purchases a car, providing dealers with an accountable marketing channel. We typically charge TrueCar Certified Dealers \$299 upon the sale of a new car to a TrueCar user. In 2013, the overall industry average advertising expense per new car across all forms of media was \$616, according to NADA. By helping dealers better target their acquisition efforts to in-market consumers using our platform, we believe that dealers can improve their close rates, which results in other operating cost efficiencies such as savings on selling expenses and inventory carrying costs.

Why affinity groups partner with TrueCar

For many of our affinity group marketing partners, offering a car-buying service is a valuable benefit for their members, but it is not a service that they can provide easily themselves. Affinity groups partner with TrueCar to extend our platform to their members under their own brands. We generally provide members of these groups with access to the same benefits of the TrueCar website and our branded mobile experience with the added recognition of their affinity membership, and other benefits such as improved financing terms and manufacturer incentives. These affinity group marketing partners include USAA, Consumer Reports, AAA, American Express and PenFed.

The future of the TrueCar solution

In the future, we intend to introduce additional products and services to improve the car-buying and car-ownership experience through TrueCar Labs, an incubator focused on

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developing innovative solutions for the automotive ecosystem. TrueCar Labs deploys new products and solutions in their earliest phase in order to seek feedback from consumers and dealers, enabling them to shape a better product experience. For example, TrueCar Labs announced the release of the SellMyCar mobile application to help consumers receive an upfront price on their trade-in. In addition, we are developing TrueLoan and TrueLease to provide users with a more convenient way to finance their cars at TrueCar Certified Dealers. We are also in the process of launching a number of new services for our dealers designed to enable them to make better informed inventory management and pricing decisions and to close transactions more efficiently. We believe that these innovations will offer an improved car-buying experience that will delight consumers and better enable dealers to generate orders from the Internet.

Our Strengths

We believe that our platform offers a superior car-buying experience for our users and TrueCar Certified Dealers. Our strengths include:

Accountable business model operating at scale with powerful network effects

We operate a pay-for-performance business model that allows in-market car buyers to interact with our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers. In addition, our platform is adaptable on a state-by-state basis in response to the local regulatory environment. As the number of vehicles purchased by our users from our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers continues to grow, we believe the platform will become increasingly attractive to high-quality automobile dealers. In addition, as more in-market consumers utilize our platform, the incremental search, inventory and purchase information generated will increase the utility of our data and analytics platform for all participants.

Nationwide network of TrueCar Certified Dealers representing all major makes sold in the U.S.

We have built our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers to provide broad nationwide coverage to our users. Our network of over 9,100 TrueCar Certified Dealers consists primarily of new car franchises, representing all major makes of cars, as well as independent dealers. TrueCar Certified Dealers operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Robust data and proprietary analytics platform

Our digital platform is powered by data and proprietary analytics. Our data repository contains a wide variety of information, including vehicle-specific information on automotive transactions, vehicle registration records, consumer buying patterns and behavior, demographic information, and macroeconomic data. Our platform also enables our pay-for-performance business model by identifying sales for which a dealer generally pays us a fee only when a TrueCar user purchases a car or based on other performance-based metrics.

Long-term, strategic relationships with affinity groups

We have built long-term relationships with our affinity group marketing partners for which we operate automobile buying programs. We also offer car-buying programs as an employee benefit directly to corporate customers and, indirectly, through employee benefit plan administrators. We believe that affinity group members represent an attractive audience for our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers because the affinity group or employment relationship creates a deeper level of engagement between the in-market car buyer and the TrueCar Certified Dealer.

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Operations guided by insights derived from quantitative data analysis

We access consumer, dealer and third-party data to power our platform. We believe our quantitative analytical capabilities enable us to derive insights into consumers and dealers that help inform several of our key areas of focus. Our business intelligence organization is also responsible for tracking internal performance metrics, gleaned insights, and helping to improve our operations.

Visionary management team with extensive automotive expertise

Our Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Scott Painter, is a pioneer in the online automotive industry, having founded CarsDirect, one of the industry's first successful online automotive businesses. Scott has dedicated his career in the automotive industry to demonstrating that transparency is a more profitable business model. A team of experienced senior executives, with management backgrounds at automotive manufacturers and retailers, online automotive marketing firms, state dealer associations, Internet companies and financial institutions, augments his leadership.

Growth Strategy

We are in the early stages of pursuing our mission to transform car-buying for consumers and dealers. Key elements of our growth strategy are:

Expand the number of visitors to our platform

We intend to grow traffic on the TrueCar website and our branded mobile applications by building our brand through marketing campaigns that emphasize the value of trust and transparency in the car-buying process and the benefits of transacting with TrueCar Certified Dealers. We intend to grow affinity group marketing partner traffic by promoting creative marketing programs, such as subsidizing interest rates on loans, and providing other incentives from third parties that deliver a tangible economic benefit to transacting members, increasing awareness of the car-buying program among the members of our affinity group marketing partners and adding new affinity group marketing partners that bring additional users to our platform.

Improve the user experience

We seek to increase the number of transactions between users of our platform and TrueCar Certified Dealers through a variety of methods, including consistently evaluating and improving our products to enhance the user experience, engaging users with relevant content about car pricing, available incentives and other benefits, while also expanding and improving the geographic coverage of our network of TrueCar Certified Dealers.

Expand monetization opportunities

Over time, we intend to increase monetization opportunities by introducing additional products and services to improve the car-buying and car ownership experience as well as working more closely with automobile manufacturers. For example, we are developing TrueTrade to provide consumers with an estimated daily market value for their existing cars and a guaranteed trade-in price. In addition, we are developing TrueLoan and TrueLease to provide users with a more convenient way to finance their cars at TrueCar Certified Dealers.

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Risks Affecting Our Business

Our business is subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including those highlighted in the section titled "Risk Factors" immediately following this prospectus summary. These risks include, but are not limited to, the following:

If key industry participants, including car dealers and auto manufacturers, perceive us in a negative light or our relationships with them suffer harm, our ability to grow and our financial performance may be damaged.

Our recent, rapid growth may not be indicative of our future growth and, if we continue to grow rapidly, we may not be able to manage our growth effectively.

We may be unable to maintain or grow relationships with information data providers or may experience interruptions in the data feeds they provide, which may limit the information that we are able to provide to our users and dealers as well as the timeliness of such information and may impair our ability to attract or retain consumers and TrueCar Certified Dealers and to timely invoice our dealers.

We have operated our business at scale for a limited period of time and we cannot predict whether we will continue to grow. If we are unable to successfully respond to changes in the market, our business could be harmed.

We have a history of losses and we may not achieve or maintain profitability in the future.

The loss of a significant affinity group marketing partner or a significant reduction in the number of cars purchased from our TrueCar Certified Dealers by members of our affinity group marketing partners would reduce our revenue and harm our operating results.

Any adverse change in our relationship with United Services Automobile Association, or USAA, could harm our business.

We are subject to a complex framework of federal and state laws and regulations primarily concerning vehicle sales, advertising and brokering, many of which are unsettled, still developing and contradictory, which have in the past, and could in the future, subject us to claims, challenge our business model or otherwise harm our business.

We participate in a highly competitive market, and pressure from existing and new companies may adversely affect our business and operating results.

If we suffer a significant interruption in our ability to gain access to third-party data, our business and operating results will suffer.

The success of our business relies heavily on our marketing and branding efforts, especially with respect to the TrueCar website and our branded mobile applications, as well as those efforts of the affinity group marketing partners whose websites we power, and these efforts may not be successful.

We rely in part on Internet search engines to drive traffic to our website, and if we fail to appear prominently in the search results, our traffic would decline and our business would be adversely affected.

The failure to maintain our brand would harm our ability to grow unique visitor traffic and to expand our dealer network.

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The following sets forth our financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 that we announced on November 5, 2014. We anticipate that we will file our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended September 30, 2014 on November 13, 2014.

Consolidated Statements of Operations	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)			
Revenues	\$ 56,751	\$ 37,547	\$ 151,178	\$ 93,813
Costs and operating expenses:				
Cost of revenue	4,666	3,652	12,524	11,087
Sales and marketing	36,399	21,878	97,458	51,287
Technology and development	10,906	5,512	26,751	16,934
General and administrative	14,919	7,716	42,873	20,658
Depreciation and amortization	3,388	3,241	9,474	9,175
Total costs and operating expenses	70,278	41,999	189,080	109,141
Loss from operations	(13,527)	(4,452)	(37,902)	(15,328)
Interest income	14	30	41	91
Interest expense	(27)	(58)	(327)	(1,809)
Other income	20	5	30	19
Loss before provision for income taxes	(13,520)	(4,475)	(38,158)	(17,027)
Provision for income taxes	(120)	(136)	(437)	(409)
Net loss	\$ (13,640)	\$ (4,611)	\$ (38,595)	\$ (17,436)
Net loss per share:				
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.56)	\$ (0.30)
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	76,880	59,799	68,315	58,096
Other Financial Information:				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 3,860	\$ 2,411	\$ 6,628	\$ 2,409

Non-GAAP net income (loss)	\$	339	\$	(994)	\$	(3,569)	\$	(8,893)
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Selected Consolidated Balance Sheet Data

**At September 30,
2014**

(in thousands)

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	112,999
Working capital		111,974
Property and equipment, net		28,688
Total assets		261,767
Total indebtedness		10,970
Total stockholders' equity		214,677

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014
Units	171,775	447,282
Franchise Dealer Count	8,149	8,149
Transaction Revenue Per Franchise Dealer	\$6,567	\$18,663
Average Monthly Unique Visitors	4.6 million	4.3 million

GAAP

Revenues were \$56.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of 51% as compared to \$37.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. Revenues were \$151.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of 61% as compared to \$93.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The increases in revenues are primarily due to increased transaction volume on our platform which we attribute to an increase in marketing spend and an increase in the number of TrueCar Certified Dealers in our network, platform and product enhancements, and the overall growth in sales of the automotive industry.

Net loss was \$(13.6) million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 as compared to net loss of \$(4.6) million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. Net loss was \$(38.6) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 as compared to net loss of \$(17.4) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The increases in the net losses as compared to the corresponding periods in 2013 are primarily due to increased expenses related to an increase in the number of and the grant date fair value of equity based awards.

Non-GAAP

Adjusted EBITDA and Non-GAAP net (loss) income are not measures of our financial performance calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or GAAP, and neither should be considered as an alternative to net (loss) income, operating (loss) income or any other measures derived in accordance with GAAP. See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for a description of Adjusted EBITDA and Non-GAAP net (loss) income, how we use them and their limitations.

Adjusted EBITDA was \$3.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of 60% as compared to \$2.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. Adjusted EBITDA was \$6.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of 175% as compared to \$2.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The increases in Adjusted EBITDA are primarily due to increased revenues as well as improved non-GAAP operating margins.

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The following table presents a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net loss for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net loss	\$ (13,640)	\$ (4,611)	\$ (38,595)	\$ (17,436)
Non-GAAP Adjustments:				
Interest income	(14)	(30)	(41)	(91)
Interest expense	27	58	327	1,809
Depreciation and amortization	3,388	3,241	9,474	9,175
Stock-based compensation	9,440	1,968	20,978	5,584
IPO-related expenses			3,717	
Warrant expense	3,675	1,626	8,289	2,888
Change in fair value of contingent consideration		23		71
Ticker symbol acquisition costs			803	
Certain litigation costs(1)	864		1,239	
Provision for income taxes	120	136	437	409
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 3,860	\$ 2,411	\$ 6,628	\$ 2,409

Non-GAAP net income was \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of 130% as compared to a Non-GAAP net loss of \$(1.0) million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. Non-GAAP net loss was \$(3.6) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, a decrease of 60% as compared to a Non-GAAP net loss of \$(8.9) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The increases in Non-GAAP net (loss) income are primarily due to increased revenues as well as improved operating margins, exclusive of stock-based compensation.

The following table presents a reconciliation of Non-GAAP net income to net loss for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net loss	\$ (13,640)	\$ (4,611)	\$ (38,595)	\$ (17,436)
Non-GAAP Adjustments:				
Stock-based compensation	9,440	1,968	20,978	5,584
Warrant expense	3,675	1,626	8,289	2,888
Change in fair value of contingent consideration		23		71
Ticker symbol acquisition costs			803	
IPO-related expenses			3,717	
Certain litigation costs(1)	864		1,239	
Non-GAAP net income (loss)	\$ 339	\$ (994)	\$ (3,569)	\$ (8,893)

(1)

The excluded amounts relate to legal costs incurred in connection with a claim we filed against Sonic Automotive Holdings, Inc. for trademark infringement and related matters. We have not historically excluded these costs from Adjusted EBITDA; however, as we have incurred increasing costs to advance our claim, we believe that their exclusion is appropriate to facilitate period-to-period operating performance comparisons.

We have provided the results described above primarily because our financial closing procedures and related review for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 are not

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yet complete. As a result, there is a possibility that our final results will vary from the results described above.

Corporate Information

Our principal executive offices are located at 120 Broadway, Suite 200, Santa Monica, California 90401, and our telephone number is (800) 200-2000. Our websites are www.TrueCar.com and www.True.com. Information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our websites is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you should not consider information on our websites to be part of this prospectus.

We originally incorporated under the name "Zag.com Inc." in Delaware in February 2005. We later changed our name to TrueCar, Inc.

TrueCar, the TrueCar logo and other trademarks or service marks of TrueCar appearing in this prospectus are the property of TrueCar. Trade names, trademarks and service marks of other companies appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective holders. We have omitted the ® and ™ designations, as applicable, for the trademarks used in this prospectus.

We are an emerging growth company as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (JOBS Act) and are therefore subject to reduced public company reporting requirements. We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest to occur of: the last day of the fiscal year in which we have more than \$1.0 billion in annual revenue; the date we qualify as a "large accelerated filer," with at least \$700 million of equity securities held by non-affiliates; the issuance, in any three-year period, by us of more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities; and the last day of the fiscal year ending after the fifth anniversary of our initial public offering.

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THE OFFERING

Common stock offered by us	1,000,000 shares
Common stock offered by the selling stockholders	5,402,601 shares
Common stock to be outstanding after this offering	77,814,334 shares (78,774,724 shares if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full)
Option to purchase additional shares from us	960,390 shares
Use of proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering primarily for general corporate purposes, including working capital, operating expenses and capital expenditures. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds to acquire or invest in complementary technologies, solutions, products, services, businesses or other assets, although we have no present commitments or agreements to enter into any acquisitions or investments. See "Use of Proceeds."
Concentration of ownership	Upon completion of this offering, the executive officers, directors and 5% stockholders of our company and their affiliates will beneficially own, in the aggregate, approximately 66.4% of our outstanding capital stock.
NASDAQ trading symbol	"TRUE"

Scott Painter, our Founder and Chief Executive Officer, has indicated an interest in purchasing up to an aggregate of approximately \$500,000 of TrueCar's common stock in this offering at the public offering price. Because this indication of interest is not a binding agreement or commitment to purchase, Mr. Painter may elect not to purchase shares in this offering or the underwriters may elect not to sell any shares in this offering to Mr. Painter. The underwriters will receive the same discount from any shares of our common stock purchased by Mr. Painter as they will from any other shares of our common stock sold to the public in this offering.

The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on 76,814,334 shares of our common stock outstanding at June 30, 2014, and excludes:

26,664,790 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of options outstanding at June 30, 2014, with a weighted average exercise price of \$9.40 per share;

713,539 shares of common stock subject to restricted stock units ("RSUs") outstanding at June 30, 2014;

1,273,640 shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2014 Plan");

any shares of common stock that become available subsequent to this offering under our 2014 Plan as a result of the expiration, termination without exercise or forfeiture or repurchase of awards granted under our Amended and Restated 2005 Stock Plan (the "2005 Stock Plan") or our 2008 Stock Plan (the "2008 Stock Plan"), as more fully described in "Executive Compensation Employee Benefits and Stock Plans";

any shares that become available under our 2014 Plan, pursuant to provisions thereof that automatically increase the share reserves under the plan each year, as more fully described in "Executive Compensation Employee Benefits and Stock Plans"; and

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3,981,198 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants outstanding at June 30, 2014, with a weighted average exercise price of \$10.73 per share.

Unless otherwise noted, the information in this prospectus reflects and assumes the following:

no purchase by our executive officers, directors or 5% stockholders of any shares to be sold in this offering;

no exercise of outstanding options;

no exercise of outstanding warrants; and

no exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase up to an additional shares of common stock from us in this offering.

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SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA

The following tables summarize our consolidated financial data. You should read the summary consolidated financial data set forth below in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, the notes to our consolidated financial statements and the section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" contained elsewhere in this prospectus.

We have derived the summary consolidated statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We have derived the summary unaudited consolidated statement of operations data for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2014 and our unaudited consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2014 from our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements were prepared on a basis consistent with our annual financial statements and include, in the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for the fair statement of the financial information contained in those statements. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected in the future, and our interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year or any other period.

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	Year Ended December 31,			Six Months Ended	
	2011(1)(2)	2012	2013	2013	2014
	(in thousands, except per share amounts)				
Consolidated Statement of Operations Data:					
Revenues	\$ 76,330	\$ 79,889	\$ 133,958	\$ 56,266	\$ 94,427
Cost and operating expenses:					
Cost of revenue (exclusive of depreciation and amortization presented separately below)(3)	7,660	13,559	15,295	7,435	7,858
Sales and marketing(3)	41,992	70,327	75,180	29,409	61,059
Technology and development(3)	18,457	21,960	23,685	11,422	15,843
General and administrative(3)	21,912	34,228	30,857	12,942	27,955
Depreciation and amortization	4,148	11,768	11,569	5,934	6,086