

Weibo Reports Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2019 Unaudited Financial Results

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BEIJING, Feb. 26, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Weibo Corporation ("Weibo" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: WB), a leading social media in China, today announced its unaudited financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

"We ended the year 2019 well as our community and business continue to grow," said Gaofei Wang, CEO of Weibo. "Our user base and engagement grew robustly as we remained focused on improving user product and optimizing content consumption experience. On monetization, we are pleased with the solid growth from key accounts sector in 2019, underpinned by robust momentum in user traffic and our differentiated value proposition to brand advertisers. Entering into 2020, we will continue to build our ecosystem to enhance our core competitiveness. We will also focus on driving marketing value for our customers and diversifying monetization opportunities to achieve sustainable growth in future," Mr. Wang concluded.

Fourth Quarter 2019 Highlights

- Net revenues were \$468.1 million, a decrease of 3% year-over-year or 2% year-over-year on a constant currency basis [1].
- Advertising and marketing revenues were \$405.9 million, a decrease of 3% year-over-year.
- Value-added service ("VAS") revenues were \$62.2 million, a decrease of 4% year-over-year.
- Net income attributable to Weibo was \$95.1 million and diluted net income per share was \$0.42.
- Non-GAAP net income attributable to Weibo was \$176.5 million and non-GAAP diluted net income per share was \$0.77.
- Monthly active users ("MAUs") were 516 million in December 2019, a net addition of approximately 54 million users year-over-year. Mobile MAUs represented 94% of MAUs.
- Average daily active users ("DAUs") were 222 million in December 2019, a net addition of approximately 22 million users year-over-year.

Fiscal Year 2019 Highlights

- Net revenues were \$1.77 billion, an increase of 3% year-over-year or 7% year-over-year on a constant currency basis [2].
- Advertising and marketing revenues were \$1.53 billion, an increase of 2% year-over-year.
- VAS revenues were \$236.7 million, an increase of 8% year-over-year
- Net income attributable to Weibo was \$494.7 million and diluted net income per share was \$2.18.
- Non-GAAP net income attributable to Weibo was \$637.5 million and non-GAAP diluted net income per share was \$2.78.

[1] On a constant currency (non-GAAP) basis, we assume that the exchange rate in the fourth quarter of 2019 had been the same as it was in the fourth quarter of 2018, or RMB 6.94=US\$1.00.

[2] On a constant currency (non-GAAP) basis, we assume that the exchange rate of 2019 had been the same as 2018, or RMB 6.62=US\$1.00.

Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Results

For the fourth quarter of 2019, Weibo's total net revenues were \$468.1 million, a decrease of 3% compared to \$481.9 million for the same period last year.

Advertising and marketing revenues for the fourth quarter of 2019 were \$405.9 million, a decrease of 3% compared to \$417.0 million for the same period last year. Advertising and marketing revenues from key accounts ("KAs") and small & medium-sized enterprises ("SMEs") were \$368.1 million, a decrease of 5% compared to \$385.5 million for the same period last year.

VAS revenues for the fourth quarter of 2019 were \$62.2 million, a decrease of 4% year-over-year compared to \$64.9 million for the same period last year.

Costs and expenses for the fourth quarter of 2019 totaled \$317.4 million, an increase of 6% compared to \$298.8 million for the same period last year. Non-GAAP costs and expenses were \$299.2 million, an increase of 1% compared to \$295.5 million for the same period last year.

Income from operations for the fourth quarter of 2019 was \$150.7 million, compared to \$183.0 million for the same period last year. Non-GAAP income from operations was \$168.9 million, compared to \$186.4 million for the same period last year.

Non-operating loss for the fourth quarter of 2019 was \$25.1 million, compared to a loss of \$1.9 million for the same period last year. Non-operating loss for the fourth quarter of 2019 mainly included (i) a \$176.5 million net gain from fair value change of investments, which is excluded under non-GAAP measures; (ii) a \$214.7 million impairment on the Company's investment in Yixia Tech Co., Ltd., which is excluded under non-GAAP measures; (iii) a \$13.3 million net interest and other income.

Income tax expenses were \$31.1 million, compared to \$14.9 million for the same period last year, largely attributable to the deferred tax charges recognized from the fair value change of investment in the fourth quarter of 2019.

Net income attributable to Weibo for the fourth quarter of 2019 was \$9.5.1 million, compared to \$166.5 million for the same period last year. Diluted net income per share attributable to Weibo for the fourth quarter of 2019 was \$0.42, compared to \$0.73 for the same period last year. Non-GAAP net income attributable to Weibo for the fourth quarter of 2019 was \$176.5 million, compared to \$183.6 million for the same period last year. Non-GAAP diluted net income per share attributable to Weibo for the fourth quarter of 2019 was \$0.77, compared to \$0.80 for the same period last year.

As of December 31, 2019, Weibo's cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments totaled \$2.40 billion. For the fourth quarter of 2019, cash provided by operating activities was \$253.2 million, capital expenditures totaled \$6.5 million, and depreciation and amortization expenses amounted to \$6.5 million.

Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Results

For fiscal year 2019, Weibo's total net revenues were \$1.77 billion, an increase of 3% compared to \$1.72 billion in 2018.

Advertising and marketing revenues for 2019 were \$1.53 billion, an increase of 2% compared to \$1.50 billion in 2018. Advertising and marketing revenues from KAs and SMEs were \$1.43 billion, an increase of 4% compared to \$1.38 billion for 2018.

VAS revenues for 2019 were \$236.7 million, representing an increase of 8% compared to \$219.3 million for 2018. The increase was mainly attributable to the revenues derived from the live streaming business acquired in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Costs and expenses for 2019 totaled \$1.17 billion, compared to \$1.11 billion for 2018. Non-GAAP costs and expenses were \$1.10 billion, compared to \$1.06 billion for 2018.

Income from operations for 2019 was \$597.6 million, compared to \$609.3 million for 2018. Non-GAAP income from operations was \$662.2 million, at similar level compared to 2018.

Non-operating income for 2019 was \$4.8 million, compared to a non-operating income of \$59.6 million for 2018. Non-operating income in 2019 mainly included (i) a \$207.4 million net gain from fair value change of investments, which is excluded under non-GAAP measures; (ii) a \$46.7 million net interest and other income.

Income tax expenses were \$109.6 million, compared to \$96.2 million for 2018. The increase was primarily attributable to higher deferred tax charges recognized from fair value change of investment in 2019.

Net income attributable to Weibo for 2019 was \$494.7 million, compared to \$571.8 million for 2018. Diluted net income per share attributable to Weibo for 2019 was \$2.18, compared to \$2.52 for 2018. Non-GAAP net income attributable to Weibo for 2019 was \$637.5 million, compared to \$624.2 million for 2018. Non-GAAP diluted net income per share attributable to Weibo for 2019 was \$2.78, compared to \$2.73 for 2018.

Business Outlook

For the first quarter of 2020, Weibo's business has been significantly impacted by the coronavirus outbreak in China. Due to the high uncertainty of the evolving situation, we have limited visibility on the full quarter revenue impact brought upon by the epidemic. Based on our current best estimate, Weibo anticipates its first quarter of 2020 net revenues to decrease by 15% to 20% year-over-year on a constant currency basis. This forecast reflects Weibo's current and preliminary view, which is subject to change.

Conference Call

Weibo's management team will host a conference call from 6AM – 7AM Eastern Time on February 26, 2020 (or 7 PM – 8 PM Beijing Time on February 26, 2020) to present an overview of the Company's financial performance and business operations. A live webcast of the call will be available through the Company's corporate website at https://ir.weibo.com.

The conference call can be accessed as follows:

US Toll Free: +1 866-519-4004
Hong Kong Toll Free: 800-906-601
Mainland China Toll Free: 400-620-8038
International: +65 6713-5090
Passcode for all regions: 9232549

A replay of the conference call will be available from 22:00 China Standard Time on February 26, 2020 to 20:59 China Standard Time on March 5, 2020. The dial-in number is +61 2-8199-0299. The passcode for the replay is 9232549.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This release contains the following non-GAAP financial measures: non-GAAP costs and expenses, non-GAAP income from operations, non-GAAP net income attributable to Weibo, non-GAAP diluted net income per share

attributable to Weibo and adjusted EBITDA. These non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, measures of the Company's financial performance prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

The Company's non-GAAP financial measures exclude stock-based compensation, amortization of intangible assets, goodwill and acquired intangibles impairment, net results of impairment on, gain/loss on sale of and fair value change of investments, non-GAAP to GAAP reconciling items for the income/loss attributable to non-controlling interests, provision for income tax related to the amortization of intangible assets and fair value change of investments (other non-GAAP to GAAP reconciling items have no tax effect), and amortization of convertible debt and senior notes issuance cost. Adjusted EBITDA excludes interest income, net, income tax expenses, and depreciation expenses.

The Company's management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in their financial and operating decision-making, because management believes these measures reflect the Company's ongoing operating performance in a manner that allows more meaningful period-to-period comparisons. The Company believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to investors and others in the following ways: (i) in comparing the Company's current financial results with the Company's past financial results in a consistent manner, and (ii) in understanding and evaluating the Company's current operating performance and future prospects in the same manner as management does, if they so choose. The Company also believes that the non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to both management and investors by excluding certain expenses, gains (losses) and other items (i) that are not expected to result in future cash payments or (ii) that are non-recurring in nature or may not be indicative of the Company's core operating results and business outlook.

Use of non-GAAP financial measures has limitations. The Company's non-GAAP financial measures do not include all income and expense items that affect the Company's operations. They may not be comparable to non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. Accordingly, care should be exercised in understanding how the Company defines its non-GAAP financial measures. Reconciliations of the Company's non-GAAP financial measures to the nearest comparable GAAP measures are set forth in the section below titled "Unaudited Reconciliation of Non-GAAP to GAAP Results."

About Weibo

Weibo is a leading social media for people to create, share and discover content online. Weibo combines the means of public self-expression in real time with a powerful platform for social interaction, content aggregation and content distribution. Any user can create and post a feed and attach multi-media and long-form content. User relationships on Weibo may be asymmetric; any user can follow any other user and add comments to a feed while reposting. This simple, asymmetric and distributed nature of Weibo allows an original feed to become a live virseam.

Weibo enables its advertising and marketing customers to promote their brands, products and services to users. Weibo offers a wide range of advertising and marketing solutions to companies of all sizes. The Company generates a substantial majority of its revenues from the sale of advertising and marketing services, including the sale of social display advertisement and promoted marketing offerings. Designed with a "mobile first" philosophy, Weibo displays content in a simple information feed format and offers native advertisement that conform to the information feed on our platform. To support the mobile format, we have developed and continuously refining our social interest graph recommendation engine, which enables our customers to perform people marketing and target audiences based on user demographics, social relationships, interests and behaviors, to achieve greater relevance, engagement and marketing effectiveness.

Safe Harbor Statemen

This press release contains forward-looking statements that relate to, among other things, Weibo's expected financial performance and strategic and operational plans (as described, without limitation, in the "Business Outlook" section and in quotations from management in this press release. Weibo may also make forward-looking statements in the Company's periodic reports to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), in press releases and other written materials and in oral statements made by its officers, directors or employees to third parties. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about the Company's beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology, such as "will," "expects," "anticipates," "future," "intends," "plans," "believes," "confidence," "estimates" and similar statements. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Potential risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, Weibo's limited operating history in certain new businesses; failure to grow active user base and the level of user engagement; the uncertain regulatory landscape in China; fluctuations in the Company's quantry operating results; the Company's reliance on advertising and marketing sales for a majority of its revenues; failure to successfully develop, introduce, drive adoption of or monetize new features and products; failure to successfully integrates acquired businesses; risks associated with the Company's investments, including equity pick-up and impairment; failure to scoressfully against new entrants and established industry competitors; changes in the macro-economic environment, including the depreciation of the Renminbi; and adverse changes in economic and political policies of the PRC government and its impact on the Chinese economy. Further information r

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WEIBO CORPORATION UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands, except per share data)

	Three months ended Twelve mon					nths				
		Decem	ber 31	,	Sept	ember 30,		Decem	ber 3	1,
		2019		2018		2019	_	2019	_	2018
Net revenues:										
Advertising and marketing	\$	405.921	\$	417.016	\$	412.489	\$	1,530,211	\$	1.499.180
Value-added service	•	62,227		64,859	•	55,264		236,703		219,338
Net revenues		468,148		481,875		467,753		1,766,914		1,718,518
Costs and expenses:										
Cost of revenues (1)		90,566		82,940		73,471		328,826		277,648
Sales and marketing (1)		123,372		140,525		129,411		465,339		527,424
Product development ⁽¹⁾		75,187		62,515		69,036		284,444		249,873
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾		28,286		12,865		23,323		90.721		43.755
Goodwill and acquired intangibles impairment		20,200		12,005		23,323		90,721		10,554
Total costs and expenses	_	317,411		298.845		295.241	-	1,169,330	-	1,109,254
Income from operations		150,737		183,030		172,512		597,584	-	609,264
income from operations		130,737		103,030		172,512		337,304	-	003,204
Non-operating income (loss):										
Impairment on, gain/loss on sale of and										
fair value change of investments, net		(38,372)		(12,936)		644		(41,885)		15,713
Interest and other income, net		13,253		11,038		4,665	_	46,698	_	43,865
		(25,119)		(1,898)		5,309		4,813		59,578
Income before income tax expenses		125,618		181,132		177,821		602,397		668,842
Income tax expenses		(31,056)		(14,895)		(31,362)		(109,564)		(96,222)
Net income		94,562		166,237		146,459		492,833		572,620
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to										
non-controlling interests		(506)		(270)		290		(1,842)	_	797
Net income attributable to Weibo	\$	95,068	\$	166,507	\$	146,169	\$	494,675	\$	571,823
Basic net income per share attributable to Weibo	\$	0.42	\$	0.74	\$	0.65	\$	2.19	\$	2.56
Diluted net income per share attributable to Weibo	\$	0.42	\$	0.73	\$	0.64	\$	2.18	\$	2.52
Shares used in computing basic										
net income per share attributable to Weibo		226,000		224,479		225,610		225,452		223,751
Shares used in computing diluted										
net income per share attributable to Weibo		226,844		232,558		233,126		226,412		232,683
(1) Stock-based compensation in each category:										
Cost of revenues	\$	1,488	\$	(618)	\$	1,533	\$	5,251	\$	3.522
Sales and marketing	~	2.761	7	(1,205)	٠	2.899	Ψ	9.828	۳	6.837
Product development		8,124		2.243		7.828		28.628		21.187
General and administrative		4,990		1,975		4,637		17,582		9,465

WEIBO CORPORATION UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands)

			December 31, 2018		
\$	1,452,985	\$	1,234,596		
	951,235		591,269		
	422,225		369,093		
	424,905		168,821		
	384,828		105,319		
	3,636,178		2,469,098		
	46,729		45,623		
	46,513		50,449		
	1,027,459		694,586		
	47,307		14,926		
\$	4,804,186	\$	3,274,682		
ers' Equit	v				
	•				
\$	126,247	\$	123,730		
	465,580		317,437		
	108,783		99,994		
	100,245		88,683		
	800,855		629,844		
	888,266		884,123		
	793,985		· -		
	39.261		12,577		
	2,522,367		1,526,544		
	2.283.267		1,745,459		
			2,679		
	2,281,819		1,748,138		
\$	4,804,186	\$	3,274,682		
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⁽¹⁾ Included short-term loans to SINA of \$236.6 million as of December 31, 2019 and \$43.6 million as of December 31, 2018.

WEIBO CORPORATION UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP TO GAAP RESULTS (In thousands, except per share data)

			(In thousands, ex	cept per share da	ta)				
					Three months ended				
		December 31, 20	cember 31, 2019		December 31, 2018		September 30, 2019		
Advertising and marketing Value-added service Net revenues	* 405,921 62,227 \$ 468,148	Adjustments	Non-GAAP Results \$ 405,921 62,227 \$ 468,148	* 417,016 64,859 \$ 481,875	Adjustments	Non-GAAP Results \$ 417,016 64,859 \$ 481,875	Actual \$ 412,489	Adjustments	Non-GAAP Results \$ 412,489 55,264 \$ 467,753
Net revenues	<u> </u>		7,				7,		
Total costs and expenses	\$ 317,411		(a) (b) \$ 299,227	\$ 298,845	(2,395) (a) (925) (b) \$ (3,320)	\$ 295,525	\$ 295,241	(16,897) (a (825) (l \$ (17,722)	
Income from operations	\$ 150,737		(a) (b) \$ 168,921	\$ 183,030	2,395 (a) 925 (b)	\$ 186,350	\$ 172,512	16,897 (a 825 \$ 17,722	
		821 38,372 2,118 6 21,354 1,371	(a) (b) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)		2,395 (a) 925 (b) 12,936 (d) (64) (f) (145) (g) 1,035 (h)			16,897 (a 825 (l (644) (d 11,596 (d (21) (l (122) (d 1,360 (l	o) i) e) f)
Net income attributable to Weibo	\$ 95,068	\$ 81,405	\$ 176,473	\$ 166,507	\$ 17,082	\$ 183,589	\$ 146,169	\$ 29,891	\$ 176,060
Diluted net income per share attributable to Weibe	\$ 0.42		\$ 0.77	* \$ 0.73	*	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.64	*	\$ 0.77 *
Shares used in computing diluted net income per share attributable to Weibo	226,844	6,753	(i) 233,597	232,558		232,558	233,126		233,126
Adjusted EBITDA:									
Non-GAAP net income attributable to Weibo Interest income,net Income tax expenses Depreciation expenses Adjusted EBITDA			\$ 176,473 (13,652) 9,702 5,719 \$ 178,242			\$ 183,589 (11,476) 15,040 4,915 \$ 192,068			\$ 176,060 (16,785) 31,484 5,503 \$ 196,262

⁽²⁾ The Company adopted the new leasing guidance (ASU 2016-2) started from January 1, 2019, which requires that a lessee recognize the assets and liabilities that arise from operating leases. The Company recognized a right-of-use asset and a liability relating to lease payments (the Lease Liability) in the statements of financial position for lease contracts having terms beyond 12 months period. The adoption of new leasing guidance resulted in recognition of \$9.7 million of right-of-use asset and a total of \$10.0 million of leasing liability as of December 31, 2019.

UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP TO GAAP RESULTS (In thousands, except per share data)

	Twelve months ended								
		December 31, 2019			December 31, 2018				
	Actual	Adjustments	Non-GAAP Results	Actual	Adjustments	Non-GAAP Results			
Advertising and marketing Value-added service Net revenues	\$ 1,530,211 236,703 \$ 1,766,914		\$ 1,530,211 236,703 \$ 1,766,914	\$ 1,499,180 219,338 \$ 1,718,518		\$ 1,499,180 219,338 \$ 1,718,518			
Total costs and expenses	\$ 1,169,330	(61,289) (a) (3,355) (b) \$ (64,644)	\$ 1,104,686	\$ 1,109,254	(41,011) (a) (1,348) (b) (10,554) (c) \$ (52,913)	\$ 1,056,341			
Income from operations	\$ 597,584	61,289 (a) 3,355 (b) \$ 64,644	\$ 662,228	\$ 609,264	41,011 (a) 1,348 (b) 10,554 (c) \$ 52,913	\$ 662,177			
	\$ 404.67E	61,289 (a) 3,355 (b) 41,885 (d) 12,143 (e) (1,648) (f) 20,979 (g) 4,803 (h)	£ 627.404	£ E74.000	41,011 (a) 1,348 (b) 10,554 (c) (15,713) (d) 1,655 (f) 9,354 (g) 4,140 (h)	£ 604.470			
Net income attributable to Weibo	\$ 494,675	\$ 142,806	\$ 637,481	\$ 571,823	\$ 52,349	\$ 624,172			
Diluted net income per share attributable to Weibo	\$ 2.18		\$ 2.78 *	\$ 2.52	•	\$ 2.73			
Shares used in computing diluted net income per share attributable to Weibo	226,412	6,753 (i)	233,165	232,683		232,683			
Adjusted EBITDA:									
Non-GAAP net income attributable to Weibo Interest income, net Income tax expenses Depreciation expenses Adjusted EBITDA			\$ 637,481 (60,293) 88,585 22,418 \$ 688,191			\$ 624,172 (46,722) 86,868 18,499 \$ 682,817			

- (a) To exclude stock-based compensation.
 (b) To exclude amortization of intangible assets.
 (c) To exclude goodwill and acquired intangibles impairment.
 (d) To exclude goodwill and acquired intangibles impairment.
 (e) To exclude the results of impairment on, gain/loss on sale of and fair value change of investments.
 (e) To exclude the non-GAAP to GAAP reconciling items on the share of equity method investments.
 (f) To exclude non-GAAP to GAAP reconciling items for the income/loss attributable to non-controlling interests.
 (g) To exclude the provision for income tax related to item (b) and (d). Other non-GAAP to GAAP reconciling items have no income tax effect.

 The Company considered the tax implication arising from the reconciliation items and part of these items recorded in entities in tax free jurisdictions were without relevant tax implications. For impairment on investments, valuation allowances were made for those differences the Company does not expect they can be realized in the foreseeable future.
 (h) To exclude the amortization of convertible debt and senior notes issuance cost.
 (i) To adjust the number of shares for dilution resulted from convertible debt which were anti-dilutive under GAAP measures.

- * Net income attributable to Weibo is adjusted for interest expense of convertible debt for calculating diluted EPS.

WEIBO CORPORATION UNAUDITED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (In thousands)

	Three months ended						Twelve months ended		
	December 31,				Sept	ember 30,	Decem	nber 31,	
	2019 2018 2019 2		2019	2018					
Net revenues									
Advertising and marketing									
Key accounts and small & medium-sized enterprises	\$	368,061	\$	385,464	\$	393,331	\$ 1,432,439	\$ 1,381,484	
Alibaba		37,860		31,552		19,158	97,772	117,696	
Subtotal		405,921		417,016		412,489	1,530,211	1,499,180	
Value-added service		62,227		64,859		55,264	236,703	219,338	
	\$	468,148	\$	481,875	\$	467,753	\$ 1,766,914	\$ 1,718,518	

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