UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K	
CURRENT REPORT	

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

Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported) February 23, 2023

UPBOUND GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 001-38047 (Commission File Number) 45-0491516 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5501 Headquarters Drive
Plano, Texas 75024
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

 $(972)\ 801\text{-}1100$ (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Rent-A-Center, Inc. (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)												
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is inten	ded to simultaneously satisfy the filing	obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:										
Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).												
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).												
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).												
Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Title of each class Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	Trading Symbol(s) RCII	Name of each exchange on which registered The Nasdaq Stock Market										
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapemerging growth company		of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2										
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the infinancial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 136		ended transition period for complying with any new or revised \Box										

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2023, Upbound Group, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2022. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in this paragraph, as well as Exhibit 99.1 referenced herein, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.			
Exhibit No.		Description	
00.1	Press release dated February 23, 2023		

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UPBOUND GROUP, INC.

Date: February 23, 2023 By: /s/ Fahmi W. Karam

Fahmi W. Karam

EVP, Chief Financial Officer

RENT-A-CENTER, INC., NOW UPBOUND GROUP, INC., REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2022 RESULTS

Total Revenue of \$990 Million for Fourth Quarter and \$4.2 Billion for Full Year GAAP Diluted EPS \$0.05 for Fourth Quarter and \$0.21 for Full Year Non-GAAP Diluted EPS \$0.86 for Fourth Quarter and \$3.70 for Full Year Full Year Cash From Operations \$468 Million and Free Cash Flow \$407 Million Announces Corporate Name Change to Upbound Group, Inc. (UPBD)

Plano, Texas, February 23, 2023 - Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the "Company" or "Rent-A-Center") (NASDAQ:RCII), now known as Upbound Group, Inc. (the "Company" or "Upbound") (NASDAQ:UPBD, effective February 27, 2023) today announced results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2022.

"We are encouraged by the Company's fourth quarter performance as we executed well on our top line, risk management, and efficiency initiatives to mitigate the effects of macro-economic headwinds, and delivered financial results that exceeded our revised outlook," said Mitch Fadel, Chief Executive Officer.

"Reflecting on full-year results, 2022 was a challenging operating environment with many households adjusting their financial priorities following the unsustainable levels of stimulus-driven income and consumption that occurred in 2020 and 2021, while experiencing the highest inflation in decades. This drove significant headwinds in our business throughout the year, to which we responded with several initiatives that we believe position the Company well going forward. Examples of recent initiatives include improved automation, new investments to better utilize data analytics in our underwriting processes, and several new executive hires," continued Mr. Fadel.

"While the external environment remains challenging and uncertain, we believe the Company is in better standing today to address the growing demand for flexible consumer financial solutions. To effectively align our vision, values, and strategies, the Company is organizing itself under a new enterprise brand and changing its corporate name to Upbound Group, Inc., which will trade under the ticker UPBD starting on February 27th. As we start this next stage of the Company's evolution, I am very optimistic about our ability to deliver significant value for our customers, merchant partners, employees and shareholders", concluded Mr. Fadel.

Corporate Name Change

• Effective February 22, 2023, Rent-A-Center, Inc. changed its parent company name to Upbound Group, Inc. Upbound™ will function as an enterprise brand, unifying the Company's resources and capabilities. The holding company will define the vision, values, and strategies for how the operating businesses will offer innovative and technology-driven financial solutions to address the evolving needs and aspirations of consumers.

Key Management Changes

• Fahmi Karam joined as Chief Financial Officer, effective October 31, 2022. Mr. Karam has over 20 years of experience in finance and accounting, most recently as the Chief Financial Officer of Santander Consumer USA since September 2019. Mr. Karam previously served as Santander's Head of Pricing and Analytics, and EVP, Strategy and Corporate Development. Prior to his roles at Santander, Mr. Karam spent 12 years at JP Morgan Investment Bank, and he began his career at Deloitte.

- Tyler Montrone has been appointed Executive Vice President of Acima, effective February 20, 2023, and will lead the Acima business segment, reporting to CEO, Mitch Fadel. Mr. Montrone is a long-time Acima executive who most recently served as Acima's Chief Development Officer where he was responsible for Acima's product, engineering and underwriting functions. Aaron Allred, founder and former Executive Vice President of Acima, will continue to work for the Company in an advisory role.
- Sudeep Gautam joined the Company as Chief Technology and Digital Officer, effective January 16, 2023. Mr. Gautam has over 20 years of experience in large-scale digital transformations, including the position of Chief Digital Officer at Pratt & Whitney and several senior executive positions at Hewlett-Packard.
- Mike Bagull joined the Company as Senior Vice President, Business Development and Partnerships, in August 2022. Mr. Bagull has over 20 years of experience in business development and sales management roles, including over 8 years at Synchrony, most recently as Senior Vice President, Business Development and Partnerships.

Fourth Quarter Consolidated Results

- Fourth quarter 2022 consolidated revenues decreased 15.4% year-over-year to \$990 million, primarily due to lower rental revenues in both the Acima and Rent-A-Center Business segments from lower lease portfolio values compared to the prior year period.
- GAAP operating profit for the fourth quarter of 2022 was \$42.3 million and included \$49.8 million of pre-tax costs relating to special items described below, compared to \$36.8 million of GAAP operating profit and \$73.5 million of pre-tax costs relating to special items in the prior year period. The year-over-year decrease in GAAP operating profit, excluding special items, for the fourth quarter of 2022 was primarily due to lower consolidated revenues and higher loss rates. GAAP operating profit margin for the fourth quarter of 2022 was 4.3%, compared to 3.1% in the prior year period.
- Adjusted EBITDA in the fourth quarter of 2022 decreased 15.2% year-over-year to \$110.1 million, primarily due to lower revenues
 and higher loss rates for the Rent-A-Center Business segment. Adjusted EBITDA margin of 11.1% in the fourth quarter of 2022, was
 unchanged compared to the prior year period.
- GAAP diluted earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 2022 was \$0.05 compared to \$0.15 in the prior year period. Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share, which excludes the impact of special items described below, for the fourth quarter of 2022 was \$0.86 compared to \$1.08 in the prior year period.

Fourth Quarter Segment Highlights

Rent-A-Center Business Segment: As of December 31, 2022, the segment lease portfolio value was 4.7% lower than the prior year period. Fourth quarter 2022 revenues decreased 7.7% year-over-year to \$467.4 million, primarily due to the lower lease portfolio value yielding less rental and fee revenues. E-commerce accounted for approximately 25% of revenue in our lease-to-own stores in the fourth quarter, compared to approximately 24% in the prior year period. Same-store sales decreased 8.1% year-over-year in the fourth quarter, but were up 2.3% on a two-year stacked basis.

Skip/stolen losses were 5.8% of revenue in the fourth quarter of 2022 compared to 4.0% in the prior year period and 5.8% in the third quarter of 2022. On a GAAP basis, segment operating profit margin was 13.5%, compared to 18.2% in the fourth quarter of 2021. Adjusted EBITDA margin was 14.6%, compared to 19.3% in the fourth quarter of 2021. The year-over-year decrease in operating profit margin and Adjusted EBITDA margin was primarily attributable to lower revenues, and higher loss rates, partially offset by the Company's efficiency initiatives. On December 31, 2022, the Rent-A-Center Business segment had 1,851 company-operated locations.

<u>Acima Segment:</u> Fourth quarter 2022 Gross Merchandise Volume (GMV) decreased 23.4% year-over-year, primarily due to lower customer traffic at merchant partners generating fewer lease applications per store. Fourth quarter revenues decreased 22.2% year-over-year to \$476.3 million, primarily due to a lower portfolio value yielding less rental and fees revenues.

Skip/stolen losses were 8.9% of revenue in the fourth quarter of 2022 compared to 11.8% in the prior year period and 9.0% in the third quarter of 2022. On a GAAP basis, segment operating profit margin was 12.0% in the fourth quarter of 2022, compared to 5.2% in the fourth quarter of 2021. Adjusted EBITDA margin was 15.0% in the fourth quarter of 2022, compared to 9.6% in the fourth quarter of 2021. The increase in operating profit margin and Adjusted EBITDA Margin from the prior year period and third quarter of 2022 was primarily attributable to lower loss rates, driven by improvements in underwriting.

<u>Franchising Segment:</u> Fourth quarter 2022 revenues decreased 19.5% year-over-year to \$30.3 million, primarily due to lower inventory purchases per store. Segment operating profit, on a GAAP basis, and Adjusted EBITDA were \$4.0 million in the fourth quarter and decreased \$0.9 million year-over-year. On December 31, 2022, there were 447 franchise-operated locations.

<u>Mexico Segment:</u> Fourth quarter 2022 revenues of \$16.4 million increased 0.2% year-over-year on a constant currency basis. Segment operating profit, on a GAAP basis, and Adjusted EBITDA were \$1.3 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. On December 31, 2022, the Mexico business had 126 company-operated locations.

<u>Corporate Segment:</u> Fourth quarter 2022 GAAP expenses of \$83.1 million included \$35.3 million of pre-tax costs relating to special items described below, decreased 10% year-over-year, compared to the prior year period that included \$46.1 million of pre-tax costs relating to special items.

III Year Consolidated Results

- Full year 2022 consolidated revenues decreased 7.4% year-over-year on a reported basis and 11.2% on a pro-forma⁽¹⁾ basis to \$4.2 billion, primarily due to lower lease portfolio values for the Acima and Rent-A-Center Businesses compared to 2021.
- GAAP operating profit for the full year 2022 was \$148.5 million and included \$232.4 million of pre-tax costs relating to special items described below, compared to GAAP operating profit of \$280.5 million that included \$275.6 million of pre-tax costs relating to special items in the prior year period. GAAP operating profit margin for the full year 2022 was 3.5%, compared to 6.1% in 2021.
- Adjusted EBITDA for the full year 2022 decreased 28.2% year-over-year on a reported basis and 32.0% on a pro-forma⁽¹⁾ basis to \$453.5 million, primarily due to lower revenues and higher loss rates in the Rent-A-Center Business and Acima segments, compared to 2021. Adjusted EBITDA margin for the full year 2022 was 10.7%, compared to 13.8% in 2021.
- GAAP diluted earnings per share for the full year 2022 was \$0.21 compared to \$2.02 in 2021. Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share, which excludes the impact of special items described below, for the full year 2022 was \$3.70 compared to \$5.57 in 2021.
- For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company returned \$154.2 million of cash to shareholders through a \$1.36 annualized dividend and share repurchases.
- For the year ended December 31, 2022, cash from operations was \$468.5 million, the value of cash and cash equivalents was \$144.1 million, debt outstanding was \$1.4 billion, liquidity was \$540 million, including \$396 million of revolving credit availability, and the net debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio was 2.8.

Key Metrics

Table 1	Q4	Q4	FY	FY
Metrics (\$'s Millions - except per share & store count data)	2022	2021	2022	2021
Consolidated				
Revenue	990.5	1,171.4	4,245.4	4,583.5
GAAP Operating Profit	42.3	36.8	148.5	280.5
Adj. EBITDA (2)	110.1	129.9	453.5	631.5
Adj. EBITDA Margin (2)	11.1 %	11.1 %	10.7 %	13.8 %
GAAP Operating Expenses as % of Total Revenue	45.7 %	45.4 %	45.5 %	42.6 %
GAAP Diluted EPS	0.05	0.15	0.21	2.02
Non-GAAP Diluted EPS (2)	0.86	1.08	3.70	5.57
Operating Cash Flow	56.4	66.1	468.5	392.3
Free Cash Flow (2)	44.4	49.5	407.1	329.8
Rent-A-Center Business Segment				
Lease Portfolio - Monthly Value (as of 12/31) (3)	142.8	150.0	142.8	150.0
Lease Portfolio Value (Y/Y % Change - as of 12/31) (3)	(4.7)%	10.2 %	(4.7)%	10.2 %
Same Store Sales (Y/Y % Change) (4)	(8.1)%	10.4 %	(4.5)%	15.3 %
Revenue	467.4	506.2	1,949.9	2,037.9
GAAP Operating Profit	63.2	91.9	334.5	448.9
Adj. EBITDA (2)	68.3	97.8	356.8	469.6
Adj. EBITDA Margin (2)	14.6 %	19.3 %	18.3 %	23.0 %
Skip / Stolen Loss Rate (5)	5.8 %	4.0 %	4.9 %	3.1 %
30+ Day Past Due Rate (6)	3.5 %	2.4 %	3.0 %	2.2 %
Corporate Owned Store Count (U.S. & PR - as of 12/31)	1,851	1,846	1,851	1,846
Acima Business Segment				
GMV ⁽⁷⁾	399.5	521.3	1,584.4	2,056.5(1)
GMV (Y/Y % Change) (7)	(23.4)%	5.1 %	(23.0)%	23.1%(1)
Revenue	476.3	611.9	2,110.3	2,328.1
GAAP Operating Profit	57.0	31.7	151.3	176.5
Adj. EBITDA (2)	71.7	58.6	217.3	273.1
Adj. EBITDA Margin (2)	15.0 %	9.6 %	10.3 %	11.7 %
Skip / Stolen Loss Rate (5)	8.9 %	11.8 %	10.6 %	9.6 %
60+ Day Past Due Rate (8)	13.9 %	13.2 %	14.1 %	10.8 %

⁽¹⁾ For full-year 2021 results, the disclosed pro forma results and metrics in this release and the Company's related earnings conference call represent estimated financial results and metrics as if the acquisition of Acima had been completed on January 1, 2021. The pro forma results and metrics may not necessarily reflect the actual results of operations or metrics that would have been achieved had the acquisition been completed on January 1, 2021, nor are they necessarily indicative of future results of operations or metrics. Our acquisition of Acima was completed on February 17, 2021.

⁽²⁾Non-GAAP financial measure. Refer to the explanations and reconciliations elsewhere in this release.

⁽³⁾Lease Portfolio Value: Represents the aggregate dollar value of the expected monthly rental income associated with current active lease agreements from our Rent-A-Center Business stores and ecommerce platform at the end of any given period.

⁽⁴⁾Same Store Sales (SSS): Same store sales generally represents revenue earned in stores that were operated by us for 13 months or more and are reported on a constant currency basis as a percentage of total revenue earned in stores of the segment during the indicated period. The Company excludes from the same store sales base any store that receives a certain level of customer accounts from closed stores or acquisitions. The receiving store will be eligible for inclusion in the same store sales base in the 30th full month following account transfer.

⁽⁵⁾Skip / Stolen Loss Rate: Represents charge-offs of the depreciated value of unrecoverable on-rent merchandise with lease-to-own customers who are past due as a percentage of revenues

Full Year 2023 Guidance

The Company is providing the following guidance for its 2023 fiscal year. Because of the inherent uncertainty related to the special items identified in the tables below, management does not believe it is able to provide a meaningful forecast of the comparable GAAP measures or reconciliation to any forecasted GAAP measure without unreasonable effort. The actual amount of these items during 2023 may have a significant impact on our future GAAP results.

Table 2

Guidance	Full Year 2023
Consolidated (1)	
Revenues (\$'s billion)	\$3.8 - \$4.0
Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Stock Based Compensation (2) (\$'s million)	\$380 - \$415
Non-GAAP Diluted Earnings Per Share (2)(3)	\$2.50 - \$3.00
Free Cash Flow (2) (\$'s million)	\$180 - \$215

⁽¹⁾Consolidated includes Acima, Rent-A-Center Business, Franchising, Mexico and Corporate Segments.

Webcast Information

Rent-A-Center, Inc., now Upbound Group, Inc., will host a conference call to discuss the fourth quarter and full year results, guidance and other operational matters on the morning of Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. ET. For a live webcast of the call, visit https://investor.rentacenter.com. Certain financial and other statistical information that will be discussed during the conference call will also be provided on the same website. Participants can access the call by phone via this link (registration link), where the dial-in details will be provided.

About Rent-A-Center, Inc.

Rent-A-Center, Inc. (NASDAQ: RCII) now known as Upbound Group, Inc. (NASDAQ:UPBD, effective February 27, 2023), is an omni-channel platform company committed to elevating financial opportunity for all through innovative, inclusive, and technology-driven financial solutions that address the evolving needs and aspirations of consumers. The Company's customer-facing operating units include industry-leading brands such as Rent-A-Center® and Acima® that facilitate consumer transactions across a wide range of store-based and digital retail channels, including over 2,400 company branded retail units across the United States, Mexico and Puerto Rico. Upbound Group, Inc. is headquartered in Plano, Texas.

⁽⁶⁾³⁰⁺ Days Past Due Rate: Defined as the average number of accounts 30+ days past due as a % of total open leases.

⁽⁷⁾Gross Merchandise Volume (GMV): The Company defines Gross Merchandise Volume as the retail value in U.S. dollars of merchandise acquired by the Company that is leased to customers through a transaction that occurs within a defined period, net of cancellations.

⁽⁸⁾⁶⁰⁺ Days Past Due Rate: Defined as the average number of accounts 60+ days past due as a % of total open leases.

⁽²⁾Non-GAAP financial measure. See descriptions below in this release. Adjusted EBITDA figures exclude stock based compensation beginning with the first quarter of 2022. Full year 2023 guidance excludes stock-based compensation of approximately \$24M.

⁽³⁾Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share excludes the impact of incremental depreciation and amortization related to the estimated fair value of acquired Acima assets, stock compensation expense associated with the Acima acquisition equity consideration subject to vesting conditions, and one-time transaction and integration costs related to the Acima acquisition. Guidance excludes the impact of any future share repurchases.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release and the guidance above and the Company's related conference call contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. These statements are made under the "safe harbor" provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "intend," "could," "estimate," "predict," "continue," "maintain," "should," "anticipate," "believe," or "confident," or the negative thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology and including, among others, statements concerning (i) the Company's guidance for 2023 and future outlook, (ii) the potential effects of ongoing challenging macro-economic conditions on the Company's business operations, financial performance, and prospects, (iii) the future business prospects and financial performance of the Company following the acquisition of Acima Holdings, LLC ("Acima Holdings"), (iv) cost and revenue synergies and other benefits expected to result from the Acima Holdings acquisition. (v) the Company's expectations, plans and strategy relating to its capital structure and capital allocation, including any share repurchases under the Company's share repurchase program, (vi) opportunities relating to the Company's parent entity name change and related initiatives, and (vii) other statements that are not historical facts. However, there can be no assurance that such expectations will occur. The Company's actual future performance could differ materially and adversely from such statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include, but are not limited to: (1) risks relating to the Acima Holdings acquisition, (2) the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and related government and regulatory restrictions issued to combat the pandemic, including adverse changes in such restrictions, the expiration of governmental stimulus programs, and impacts on (i) demand for the Company's lease-to-own products offered in the Company's operating segments, (ii) the Company's Acima retail partners, (iii) the Company's customers and their willingness and ability to satisfy their lease obligations, (iv) the Company's suppliers' ability to satisfy its merchandise needs and related supply chain disruptions, (v) the Company's employees, including the ability to adequately staff its operating locations, (vi) the Company's financial and operational performance, and (vii) the Company's liquidity; (3) the general strength of the economy and other economic conditions affecting consumer preferences and spending, including the availability of credit to the Company's target consumers and to other consumers, impacts from the high level of inflation, central bank monetary policy initiatives to address inflation concerns and possible recession; (4) factors affecting the disposable income available to the Company's current and potential customers; (5) changes in the unemployment rate; (6) capital market conditions, including availability of funding sources for the Company; (7) changes in the Company's credit ratings; (8) difficulties encountered in improving the financial and operational performance of the Company's business segments; (9) risks associated with pricing changes and strategies being deployed in the Company's businesses; (10) the Company's ability to continue to realize benefits from its initiatives regarding cost-savings and other EBITDA enhancements, efficiencies and working capital improvements; (11) the Company's ability to continue to effectively execute its strategic initiatives, including mitigating risks associated with any potential mergers and acquisitions, or refranchising opportunities; (12) the Company's ability to identify potential acquisition candidates, complete acquisitions and successfully integrate acquired companies; (13) failure to manage the Company's store labor and other store expenses, including merchandise losses; (14) disruptions caused by the operation of the Company's store information management systems or disruptions in the systems of the Company's host retailers; (15) risks related to the Company's virtual lease-to-own business, including the Company's ability to continue to develop and successfully implement the necessary technologies; (16) the Company's ability to achieve the benefits expected from its integrated virtual and staffed retail partner offering and to successfully grow this business segment; (17) exposure to potential operating margin degradation due to the higher cost of merchandise in the Company's Acima offering and higher merchandise losses than compared to our Rent-A-Center Business segment; (18) the Company's transition to more-readily scalable, "cloud-based" solutions; (19) the Company's ability to develop and successfully implement digital or E-commerce capabilities, including mobile applications; (20) the Company's ability to protect its proprietary intellectual property; (21) the Company's ability or that of the Company's host retailers to protect the integrity and security of customer, employee and host retailer information, which may be adversely affected by hacking, computer viruses, or similar disruptions; (22) impairment of our goodwill or other intangible assets; (23) disruptions in the Company's supply chain; (24) limitations of, or disruptions in, the Company's distribution network; (25) rapid inflation or deflation in the prices of the Company's products and other related costs; (26) allegations of product safety and quality control issues, including recalls; (27) the Company's ability to execute and the effectiveness of store consolidations, including the Company's ability to retain the revenue from customer accounts merged into another store location as a result of a store consolidation; (28) the Company's available cash flow and its ability to generate sufficient cash flow to continue paying dividends; (29) increased competition from traditional competitors, virtual lease-to-own competitors, online retailers, Buy-Now-Pay-Later and other Fintech companies and other competitors, including subprime lenders; (30) the Company's ability to identify and successfully market products and services that appeal to its current and future targeted customer segments

and to accurately estimate the size of the total addressable market; (31) consumer preferences and perceptions of the Company's brands; (32) the Company's ability to retain the revenue associated with acquired customer accounts and enhance the performance of acquired stores; (33) the Company's ability to enter into new, and collect on, its rental or lease purchase agreements; (34) changes in the enforcement of existing laws and regulations and the enactment of new laws and regulations adversely affecting the Company's business, including any legislative or regulatory enforcement efforts that seek to re-characterize store-based or virtual lease-to-own transactions as credit sales and to apply consumer credit laws and regulations to the Company's business; (35) the Company's compliance with applicable statutes or regulations governing its businesses; (36) changes in interest rates; (37) changes in tariff policies; (38) adverse changes in the economic conditions of the industries, countries or markets that the Company serves; (39) information technology and data security costs; (40) the impact of any breaches in data security or other disturbances to the Company's information technology and other networks (41) changes in estimates relating to self-insurance liabilities, and income tax and litigation reserves; (42) changes in the Company's effective tax rate; (43) fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; (44) the Company's ability to maintain an effective system of internal controls; (45) litigation or administrative proceedings to which the Company is or may be a party to from time to time; and (46) the other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including but not limited to, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 and upcoming Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, and in its subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. Except as required by law, the Company is not obligated to publicly release any revisions to these forwardlooking statements to reflect the events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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Upbound Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS - UNAUDITED

Table 3	 Three Months En	ded Dece	 Twelve Months E	nded Dec	led December 31,		
(In thousands, except per share data)	 2022		2021	 2022		2021	
Revenues	 			 			
Store							
Rentals and fees	\$ 805,649	\$	929,665	\$ 3,375,453	\$	3,522,453	
Merchandise sales	134,023		183,184	675,288		829,222	
Installment sales	19,973		20,593	72,328		73,585	
Other	 1,277		1,113	 4,975		4,148	
Total store revenues	960,922		1,134,555	4,128,044		4,429,408	
Franchise							
Merchandise sales	23,501		30,514	91,350		126,856	
Royalty income and fees	 6,036		6,357	 25,998		27,187	
Total revenues	990,459		1,171,426	4,245,392		4,583,451	
Cost of revenues							
Store							
Cost of rentals and fees	300,154		347,902	1,268,809		1,260,434	
Cost of merchandise sold	164,246		217,783	779,789		935,765	
Cost of installment sales	 7,168		7,071	 25,547		25,637	
Total cost of store revenues	471,568		572,756	2,074,145		2,221,836	
Franchise cost of merchandise sold	23,532		30,412	91,715		126,603	
Total cost of revenues	 495,100		603,168	 2,165,860		2,348,439	
Gross profit	495,359		568,258	2,079,532		2,235,012	
Operating expenses							
Store expenses							
Labor	147,590		164,774	634,341		644,763	
Other store expenses	197,515		229,374	821,821		770,073	
General and administrative expenses	45,197		45,426	186,470		194,894	
Depreciation and amortization	12,871		14,037	53,079		54,830	
Other charges	49,848		77,818	235,283		289,913	
Total operating expenses	 453,021		531,429	 1,930,994		1,954,473	
Operating profit	 42,338		36,829	148,538		280,539	
Debt refinancing charges	_		_	_		15,582	
Interest expense	26,690		18,708	87,708		70,874	
Interest income	(288)		(73)	(641)		(221	
Earnings before income taxes	 15,936	-	18,194	 61,471		194,304	
Income tax expense	13,289		8,382	49,114		59,364	
Net earnings	\$ 2,647	\$	9,812	\$ 12,357	\$	134,940	
Basic weighted average shares	52,271		55,401	 53,850		57,053	
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.05	\$	0.18	\$ 0.23	\$	2.37	
Diluted weighted average shares	56,468		64,989	58,966		66,839	
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.05	\$	0.15	\$ 0.21	\$	2.02	

Upbound Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries

SELECTED BALANCE SHEETS HIGHLIGHTS - UNAUDITED

Table 4	December 31,								
(In thousands)	 2022		2021						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 144,141	\$	108,333						
Receivables, net	111,865		126,378						
Prepaid expenses and other assets	46,070		63,468						
Rental merchandise, net									
On rent	989,869		1,173,024						
Held for rent	134,959		132,984						
Operating lease right-of-use assets	302,311		291,338						
Goodwill	289,750		289,750						
Total assets	2,763,619		2,993,327						
Operating lease liabilities	\$ 305,556	\$	296,535						
Senior debt, net	930,902		1,135,207						
Senior notes, net	437,956		435,992						
Total liabilities	2,238,473		2,480,051						
Stockholders' equity	525,146		513,276						

Upbound Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries

SEGMENT INFORMATION HIGHLIGHTS - UNAUDITED Three Months Ended December 31,

2021

2022

Twelve Months Ended December 31,

2021

2022

Table 5

(In thousands)

(III tilousulus)		2022		2021		LULL		2021		
Revenues										
Rent-A-Center Business	\$	467,419	\$	506,163	\$	1,949,864	\$	2,037,849		
Acima		476,326		611,915		2,110,320		2,328,089		
Mexico		16,426		15,733		64,880		61,403		
Franchising		30,288		37,615		120,328		156,110		
Total revenues	\$	990,459	\$	1,171,426	\$	4,245,392	\$	4,583,451		
Table 6		Three Months E	nded Dece	mber 31,		Twelve Months E	nded Dec	ember 31,		
(In thousands)		2022		2021		2022	2021			
Gross profit			-							
Rent-A-Center Business	\$	326,531	\$	360,590	\$	1,372,863	\$	1,433,536		
Acima		150,502		189,671		632,244		728,852		
Mexico		11,570		10,794		45,812		43,117		
Franchising		6,756		7,203		28,613		29,507		
Total gross profit	\$	495,359	\$	568,258	\$	2,079,532	\$	2,235,012		
Table 7		Three Months E	Twelve Months E	nded Dec	ember 31,					
(In thousands)		2022		2021		2022	2021			
Operating profit										
Rent-A-Center Business	\$	63,242	\$	91,869	\$	334,525	\$	448,905		
Acima		56,983		31,699		151,301		176,496		
Mexico		1,256		1,199		6,267		7,858		
Franchising		3,954		4,826		19,124		20,321		
Total segments		125,435		129,593	\ <u>-</u>	511,217		653,580		
Corporate		(83,097)		(92,764)		(362,679)		(373,041)		
Total operating profit	\$	42,338	\$	36,829	\$	148,538	\$	280,539		
Table 8	Т	hree Months End	led Decem	nber 31,	Tw	Twelve Months Ended December 31,				
(In thousands)		2022		2021		2022		2021		
Depreciation and amortization										
Rent-A-Center Business	\$	4,861	\$	4,767	\$	20,526	\$	18,588		
Acima		432		554		1,928		2,122		
Mexico		217		142		711		511		
Franchising		36		35		146		93		
Total segments		5,546		5,498		23,311	_	21,314		
Corporate		7,325		8,539		29,768		33,516		
Total depreciation and amortization	\$	12,871	\$	14,037	\$	53,079	\$	54,830		

Rent-A-Center Business	\$ 5,765	\$	1,937	\$	36,682	\$	23,139		
Acima	39		100		244		1,045		
Mexico	371		288		1,590		1,032		
Franchising	54		_		332		_		
Total segments	6,229		2,325		38,848		25,216		
Corporate	5,722		14,249		22,539		37,234		
Total capital expenditures	\$ 11,951	\$	16,574	\$	61,387	\$	62,450		
Table 10	On lease at	Decembe	r 31,	Held for lease at December 31,					
(In thousands)	 2022		2021	_	2022	2021			
Lease merchandise, net						_			
Rent-A-Center Business	\$ 465,095	\$	477,901	\$	124,117	\$	123,111		
Acima	503,795		676,279		373		626		
Mexico	20,979		18,844		10,469		9,247		
Total lease merchandise, net	\$ 989,869	\$	1,173,024	\$	134,959	\$	132,984		
Table 11					Decem	ber 31,			
(In thousands)					2022		2021		
Assets									
Rent-A-Center Business				\$	1,067,875	\$	1,026,886		
Acima					1,198,879		1,476,752		

Three Months Ended December 31,

2021

2022

Table 9

Mexico

Franchising

Total segments Corporate

Total assets

(In thousands)

Capital expenditures

Twelve Months Ended December 31,

2021

41,669

15,412

2,560,719

2,993,327

432,608

2022

51,225

18,194

2,336,173

2,763,619

427,446

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This release and the Company's related conference call contain certain financial information determined by methods other than in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), including (1) Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share (net earnings or loss, as adjusted for special items (as defined below), net of taxes, divided by the number of shares of our common stock on a fully diluted basis), (2) Adjusted EBITDA (net earnings before interest, taxes, stock-based compensation, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted for special items) on a consolidated and segment basis, (3) Free Cash Flow (net cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures), (4) Adjusted EBITDA margin on a consolidated and segment basis and (5) net debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio. "Special items" refers to certain gains and charges we view as extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring in nature or which we believe do not reflect our core business activities. For the periods presented herein, these special items are described in the quantitative reconciliation tables included below in this release. Because of the inherent uncertainty related to the special items, management does not believe it is able to provide a meaningful forecast of the comparable GAAP measures or reconciliation to any forecasted GAAP measure without unreasonable effort.

These non-GAAP measures are additional tools intended to assist our management in comparing our performance on a more consistent basis for purposes of business decision-making by removing the impact of certain items management believes do not directly reflect our core operations. These measures are intended to assist management in evaluating operating performance and liquidity, comparing performance and liquidity across periods, planning and forecasting future business operations, helping determine levels of operating and capital investments and identifying and assessing additional trends potentially impacting our Company that may not be shown solely by comparisons of GAAP measures. Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA is also used as part of our incentive compensation program for our executive officers and others.

We believe these non-GAAP financial measures also provide supplemental information that is useful to investors, analysts and other external users of our consolidated financial statements in understanding our financial results and evaluating our performance and liquidity from period to period. However, non-GAAP financial measures have inherent limitations and are not substitutes for or superior to, and they should be read together with, our consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. Further, because non-GAAP financial measures are not standardized, it may not be possible to compare such measures to the non-GAAP financial measures presented by other companies, even if they have the same or similar names.

Reconciliation of net earnings to net earnings excluding special items and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share:

Table 12 Three Months Ended December 31, 2022 Earnings Before **Diluted Earnings Gross Profit Operating Profit** Tax Expense **Net Earnings** (In thousands) Income Tax per Share **GAAP Results** 495,359 42,338 15,936 \$ 13,289 \$ 2,647 0.05 Plus: Special Items 0.54 Acima equity consideration vesting 31,721 31,721 1,395 30,326 Acima acquired assets depreciation and 18,234 803 amortization (1) 18,234 17,431 0.31 Legal settlement (285)(0.01) (298)(298)(13)Cost savings initiatives (178)(178)(8) (170)Legal settlement reserves 150 150 7 143 Store closure costs 111 111 5 106 Hurricane charges 108 108 5 103 1,463 (1,463)(0.03)Discrete income tax items Non-GAAP Adjusted Results 495,359 \$ 92,186 65,784 16,946 48,838 0.86 \$

⁽¹⁾Includes amortization of approximately \$14.3 million related to the total fair value of acquired intangible assets and incremental depreciation of approximately \$4.0 million.

Table 13	Three Months Ended December 31, 2021											
(In thousands)		Gross Profit	Оре	erating Profit	Е	arnings Before Income Tax		Tax Expense		Net Earnings	D	iluted Earnings per Share
GAAP Results	\$	568,258	\$	36,829	\$	18,194	\$	8,382	\$	9,812	\$	0.15
Plus: Special Items												
Acima equity consideration vesting		_		33,940		33,940		_		33,940		0.52
Acima acquired assets depreciation and amortization (1)		(4,280)		28,955		28,955		5,200		23,755		0.37
Legal settlement reserves		_		6,750		6,750		1,212		5,538		0.09
Acima integration costs		_		2,415		2,415		434		1,981		0.03
Hurricane charges		_		770		770		138		632		0.01
Acima transaction costs		_		344		344		62		282		_
COVID-19 testing		_		293		293		53		240		_
Store closure costs		_		71		71		12		59		_
Discrete income tax items		_		_		_		5,989		(5,989)		(0.09)
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results	\$	563,978	\$	110,367	\$	91,732	\$	21,482	\$	70,250	\$	1.08

⁽¹⁾Includes amortization of approximately \$29.3 million related to the total fair value of acquired intangible assets, incremental depreciation of approximately \$4.0 million related to the fair value increase over net book value for acquired software assets, and a depreciation credit adjustment of approximately \$(4.3) million related to a step-down of estimated fair value below net book value for acquired lease merchandise.

(In thousands)	G	ross Profit	Оре	erating Profit	rnings Before Income Tax	Ta	ax Expense	N	let Earnings	ed Earnings er Share
GAAP Results	\$	2,079,532	\$	148,538	\$ 61,471	\$	49,114	\$	12,357	\$ 0.21
Plus: Special Items										
Acima equity consideration vesting		_		143,210	143,210		15,431		127,779	2.16
Acima acquired assets depreciation and amortization (1)		(2,853)		77,939	77,939		8,397		69,542	1.18
IT Asset disposals		_		5,808	5,808		626		5,182	0.09
Cost savings initiatives		_		1,726	1,726		186		1,540	0.03
Store closure costs		_		1,368	1,368		147		1,221	0.02
Retail partner conversion losses		_		1,169	1,169		126		1,043	0.02
State tax audit assessment reserves		_		1,165	1,165		126		1,039	0.02
Legal settlement		_		(831)	(831)		(90)		(741)	(0.01)
Legal settlement reserves		_		650	650		70		580	0.01
Hurricane impacts		_		249	249		27		222	_
Other		_		(210)	(210)		(23)		(187)	_
Acima transaction costs		_		187	187		20		167	_
Discrete income tax items		_		_	_		1,532		(1,532)	(0.03)
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results	\$	2,076,679	\$	380,968	\$ 293,901	\$	75,689	\$	218,212	\$ 3.70

⁽¹⁾Includes amortization of approximately \$64.9 million related to the total fair value of acquired intangible assets, incremental depreciation of approximately \$15.9 million related to the fair value increase over net book value for acquired software assets, and a depreciation credit adjustment of approximately \$(2.9) million related to a step-down of estimated fair value below net book value for acquired lease merchandise.

Table 15		Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2021										
(In thousands)	G	ross Profit	Ope	erating Profit		arnings Before Income Tax	Ta	x Expense	N	let Earnings	D	iluted Earnings per Share
GAAP Results	\$	2,235,012	\$	280,539	\$	194,304	\$	59,364	\$	134,940	\$	2.02
Plus: Special Items												
Acima equity consideration vesting		_		127,060		127,060		_		127,060		1.90
Acima acquired assets depreciation and amortization (1)		(14,265)		100,694		100,694		24,241		76,453		1.14
Acima transaction costs		_		17,680		17,680		4,256		13,424		0.20
Legal settlement reserves		_		17,500		17,500		4,213		13,287		0.20
Acima integration costs		_		10,305		10,305		2,481		7,824		0.12
Hurricane impacts		_		1,424		1,424		343		1,081		0.02
Store closure costs		_		531		531		128		403		0.01
COVID-19 testing		_		293		293		71		222		_
State tax audit assessment reserves		_		161		161		39		122		_
Debt refinancing charges		_		_		15,582		3,751		11,831		0.18
Discrete income tax items		_		_		_		14,316		(14,316)		(0.22)
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results	\$	2,220,747	\$	556,187	\$	485,534	\$	113,203	\$	372,331	\$	5.57

⁽¹⁾Includes amortization of approximately \$101.7 million related to the total fair value of acquired intangible assets, incremental depreciation of approximately \$13.2 million related to the fair value increase over net book value for acquired software assets, and a depreciation credit adjustment of approximately \$(14.2) million related to a step-down of estimated fair value below net book value for acquired lease merchandise.

Reconciliation of operating profit to Adjusted EBITDA (consolidated and by segment):

Table 16 Three Months Ended December 31, 2022

(In thousands)	t-A-Center Susiness	Acima	Mexico	Franchising	Corporate	C	Consolidated
GAAP Operating Profit (Loss)	\$ 63,242	\$ 56,983	\$ 1,256	\$ 3,954	\$ (83,097)	\$	42,338
Plus: Amortization, Depreciation	4,861	432	217	36	7,325		12,871
Plus: Stock-based compensation	_	_	_	_	5,016		5,016
Plus: Special Items							
Acima equity consideration vesting	_	_	_	_	31,721		31,721
Acima acquired assets depreciation and amortization (1)	_	14,262	_	_	3,972		18,234
Legal settlement	_	_	_	_	(298)		(298)
Cost savings initiatives	_	22	_	_	(200)		(178)
Legal settlement reserves	_	_	_	_	150		150
Store closure costs	111	_	_	_	_		111
Hurricane impacts	108	_	_	_	_		108
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 68,322	\$ 71,699	\$ 1,473	\$ 3,990	\$ (35,411)	\$	110,073

⁽¹⁾Includes amortization of approximately \$14.3 million related to the total fair value of acquired intangible assets and incremental depreciation of approximately \$4.0 million.

Table 17 Three Months Ended December 31, 2021

(In thousands)	R	ent-A-Center Business	Acima	Mexico	Franchising	Corporate	Consolidated
GAAP Operating Profit (Loss)	\$	91,869	\$ 31,699	\$ 1,199	\$ 4,826	\$ (92,764)	\$ 36,829
Plus: Amortization, Depreciation		4,767	554	142	35	8,539	14,037
Plus: Stock-based compensation		_	_	_	_	5,460	5,460
Plus: Special Items							
Acima equity consideration vesting		_	_	_	_	33,940	33,940
Acima acquired assets depreciation and amortization (1)			24,983	_	_	3,972	28,955
Legal settlement reserves		_	_	_	_	6,750	6,750
Acima integration costs		_	1,318	_	_	1,097	2,415
Hurricane impacts		770	_	_	_	_	770
Acima transaction costs		_	_	_	_	344	344
COVID-19 testing		293	_	_	_	_	293
Store closure costs		71	_	_	_	_	71
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	97,770	\$ 58,554	\$ 1,341	\$ 4,861	\$ (32,662)	\$ 129,864

⁽¹⁾Includes amortization of approximately \$29.3 million related to the total fair value of acquired intangible assets, incremental depreciation of approximately \$4.0 million related to the fair value increase over net book value for acquired software assets, and a depreciation credit adjustment of approximately \$(4.3) million related to a step-down of estimated fair value below net book value for acquired lease merchandise.

(In thousands)	R	ent-A-Center Business	Acima	Mexico	Franchising	Corporate	Consolidated
GAAP Operating Profit (Loss)	\$	334,525	\$ 151,301	\$ 6,267	\$ 19,124	\$ (362,679)	\$ 148,538
Plus: Amortization, Depreciation		20,526	1,928	711	146	29,768	53,079
Plus: Stock-based compensation		_	_	_	_	19,399	19,399
Plus: Special Items							
Acima equity consideration vesting		_	_	_	_	143,210	143,210
Acima acquired assets depreciation and amortization (1)		_	62,052	_	_	15,887	77,939
IT Asset disposals		_	_	_	_	5,808	5,808
Cost savings initiatives		118	(384)	_	_	1,992	1,726
Store closure costs		1,368	_	_	_	_	1,368
Retail partner conversion losses		_	1,169	_	_	_	1,169
State tax audit assessment reserves		_	1,165	_	_	_	1,165
Legal settlement		_	_	_	_	(831)	(831)
Legal settlement reserves		_	_	_	_	650	650
Hurricane impacts		249	_	_	_	_	249
Other		_	77	_	_	(287)	(210)
Acima Transaction costs		_	_	_	_	187	187
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	356,786	\$ 217,308	\$ 6,978	\$ 19,270	\$ (146,896)	\$ 453,446

⁽¹⁾Includes amortization of approximately \$64.9 million related to the total fair value of acquired intangible assets, incremental depreciation of approximately \$15.9 million related to the fair value increase over net book value for acquired software assets, and a depreciation credit adjustment of approximately \$(2.9) million related to a step-down of estimated fair value below net book value for acquired lease merchandise.

Table 19	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2021											
(In thousands)		nt-A-Center Business		Acima		Mexico		Franchising		Corporate	C	Consolidated
GAAP Operating Profit (Loss)	\$	448,905	\$	176,496	\$	7,858	\$	20,321	\$	(373,041)	\$	280,539
Plus: Amortization, Depreciation		18,588		2,122		511		93		33,516		54,830
Plus: Stock-based compensation		_		_		_		_		20,494		20,494
Plus: Special Items												
Acima equity consideration vesting		_		_		_		_		127,060		127,060
Acima acquired assets depreciation and amortization (1)		_		87,455		_		_		13,239		100,694
Acima transaction costs		_		_		_		_		17,680		17,680
Legal settlement reserves		_		_		_		_		17,500		17,500
Acima integration costs		14		6,849		_		_		3,442		10,305
Hurricane impacts		1,276		148		_		_		_		1,424
Store closure costs		528		_		3		_		_		531
COVID-19 testing		293		_		_		_		_		293
State tax audit assessment reserves		_		_		_		_		161		161
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	469,604	\$	273,070	\$	8,372	\$	20,414	\$	(139,949)	\$	631,511

⁽¹⁾Includes amortization of approximately \$101.7 million related to the total fair value of acquired intangible assets, incremental depreciation of approximately \$13.2 million related to the fair value increase over net book value for acquired software assets, and a depreciation credit adjustment of approximately \$(14.2) million related to a step-down of estimated fair value below net book value for acquired lease merchandise.

Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to free cash flow:

Table 20	Thre	e Months En	ded D	ecember 31,	Twelve Mont	Twelve Months Ended December				
(In thousands)		2022		2021	2022		2021			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	56,377	\$	66,094	\$ 468,460	468460000\$	392,298			
Purchase of property assets		(11,951)		(16,574)	(61,387)	ı	(62,450)			
Free cash flow	\$	44,426	\$	49,520	\$ 407,073	\$	329,848			