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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 \_\_\_\_\_, INDIVIDUALLY AND  
12 ON BEHALF OF ALL OTHERS  
13 SIMILARLY SITUATED,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 YOGAWORKS, INC., ROSANNA  
17 MCCOLLOUGH, VANCE CHANG,  
18 PETER I GARRAN, MICHAEL A  
19 KUMIN, MICHAEL J. GEREND,  
20 BRIAN T. COOPER, GREAT HILL  
21 PARTNERS, LP., GREAT HILL  
22 EQUITY PARTNERS V, L.P., GREAT  
23 HILL INVESTORS, LLC, COWEN  
24 AND COMPANY, LLC, ROTH  
25 CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC,  
26 STEPHENS INC., GUGGENHEIM  
27 SECURITIES, LLC., and IMPERIAL  
28 CAPITAL, LLC,

Defendants.

Case No:

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR  
VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL  
SECURITIES LAWS**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

1 Plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_, individually and on behalf of all other persons similarly  
2 situated, by his undersigned attorneys, alleges in this Complaint the following upon  
3 knowledge with respect to his own acts, and upon facts obtained through an  
4 investigation conducted by his counsel, which included, inter alia: (a) review and  
5 analysis of relevant filings made by YogaWorks, Inc. (“YogaWorks” or the  
6 “Company”) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”);  
7 (b) review and analysis of Defendants’ public documents and press releases; and (c)  
8 information readily obtainable on the Internet.

9 Plaintiff believes that further substantial evidentiary support will exist for the  
10 allegations set forth herein after a reasonable opportunity for discovery. Most of the  
11 facts supporting the allegations contained herein are known only to Defendants or are  
12 exclusively within their control.

### 13 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

14 1. This is a federal securities class action on behalf of all persons and entities,  
15 other than Defendants, who purchased YogaWorks securities pursuant and/or traceable  
16 to the Company’s Offering Materials (defined below) issued in connection with the  
17 Company’s initial public offering commenced on or about August 10, 2017 and closed  
18 on August 16, 2017 (the “IPO”), seeking to recover compensable damages caused by  
19 Defendants’ violations of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) (the  
20 “Class”).

### 21 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

22 2. The claims asserted herein arise under and pursuant to Sections 11,  
23 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 77k, 77l, and 77o).

24 3. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant  
25 to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, Section 22 of the Securities Act (15 U.S.C. § 77v).

26 4. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to Section 28 U.S.C. §  
27 1391(b) as the alleged misleading public filings and press releases entered this district  
28 and the Company’s headquarters are located in this district.



1 authorized the signing of the Registration Statement and issuance of the Offering  
2 Materials. At the time of the IPO, Kumin was a Managing Partner of Great Hill  
3 Partners, L.P.

4 12. Defendant Michael J. Gerend (“Gerend”) serves as a director of the Board  
5 and was a director at the time of YogaWorks’ IPO. Defendant Gerend signed or  
6 authorized the signing of the Registration Statement and issuance of the Offering  
7 Materials. Defendant Gerend serves as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee  
8 and is a member of the Audit Committee.

9 13. Defendant Brian T. Cooper (“Cooper”) serves as a director of the Board  
10 and was a director at the time of YogaWorks’ IPO. Defendant Cooper signed or  
11 authorized the signing of the Registration Statement and issuance of the Offering  
12 Materials. Defendant Cooper serves as the Chairman of the Audit Committee and is a  
13 member of the Compensation Committee.

14 14. Defendants McCollough, Chang, Garran, Kumin, Gerend, and Cooper are  
15 collectively referred to hereinafter as the “Individual Defendants.”

16 15. Each of the Individual Defendants:

17 (a) Participated in the preparation of and signed (or authorized the  
18 signing of) the Registration Statement and/or an amendment thereto, and the  
19 issuance of the Offering Materials;

20 (b) directly participated in the management of the Company;

21 (c) was directly involved in the day-to-day operations of the Company  
22 at the highest levels;

23 (d) was privy to confidential proprietary information concerning the  
24 Company and its business and operations;

25 (e) was involved in drafting, producing, reviewing and/or  
26 disseminating the false and misleading statements and information alleged  
27 herein;

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1 (f) was aware of or recklessly disregarded the fact that the false and  
2 misleading statements were being issued concerning the Company; and

3 (g) approved or ratified these statements in violation of the federal  
4 securities laws.

5 16. Defendant Great Hill Partners, L.P., through its subsidiaries and/or  
6 affiliated companies, including Great Hill Equity Partners V, L.P. and Great Hill  
7 Investors, LLC (collectively, "Great Hill"), acquired YogaWorks in July 2014 and was  
8 a controlling shareholder at the time of the IPO. Great Hill Partners, L.P. has executive  
9 offices in Boston, Massachusetts. As of August 28, 2018, Great Hill Equity Partners V,  
10 L.P. was the record holders of 11,589,865 or 71.5% of the outstanding shares of  
11 YogaWorks. Great Hill Investors, LLC was the record holder of 38,699, or 0.2%, of the  
12 outstanding shares of Yoga Works as of August 28, 2018. According to the Prospectus,  
13 Great Hill "will have significant influence over [Yoga Works'] management and  
14 policies for the foreseeable future."

15 17. Defendant Cowen and Company, LLC ("Cowen") served as an  
16 underwriter for YogaWorks' IPO. In the IPO, Cowen agreed to purchase 2,277,600  
17 shares of YogaWorks' common stock, exclusive of any over-allotment option. Cowen  
18 maintains executive offices at 599 Lexington Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, New  
19 York 10022 and a registered agent for service at Cogency Global Inc., 1325 J Street,  
20 Suite 1550, Sacramento, CA 95814.

21 18. Defendant Roth Capital Partners, LLC ("Roth") served as an underwriter  
22 for YogaWorks' IPO. In the IPO, Roth agreed to purchase 700,800 shares of  
23 YogaWorks' common stock, exclusive of any over-allotment option. Roth maintains  
24 executive offices at 888 San Clemente Drive, Newport Beach, California 92660 and a  
25 registered agent for service at the same address.

26 19. Defendant Stephens Inc. ("Stephens") served as an underwriter for  
27 YogaWorks' IPO. In the IPO, Stephens agreed to purchase 2,277,600 shares of  
28 YogaWorks' common stock, exclusive of any over-allotment option. Stephens

1 maintains executive offices at 111 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 and a  
2 registered agent for service at CT Corporation System, 818 West Seventh Street, Suite  
3 930, Los Angeles, California 90017.

4       20. Defendant Guggenheim Securities, LLC (“Guggenheim”) served as an  
5 underwriter for YogaWorks’ IPO. In the IPO, Guggenheim agreed to purchase  
6 1,752,000 shares of YogaWorks’ common stock, exclusive of any over-allotment  
7 option. Guggenheim maintains executive offices at 330 Madison Avenue, New York,  
8 New York 10017 and a registered agent for service at the CSC-Lawyers Incorporating  
9 Service, 2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 150N, Sacramento, California 95833.

10       21. Defendant Imperial Capital LLC (“Imperial”) served as an underwriter for  
11 YogaWorks’ IPO. In the IPO, Guggenheim agreed to purchase 292,000 shares of  
12 YogaWorks’ common stock, exclusive of any over-allotment option. Imperial  
13 maintains executive offices at 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 2400, Los  
14 Angeles, California 90067 and a registered agent for service at National Registered  
15 Agents, Inc., 818 West Seventh Street, Suite 930, Los Angeles, California 90017.

16       22. Defendants Cowen, Roth, Stephens, Guggenheim, and Imperial are  
17 referred to herein as the “Underwriter Defendants.”

18       23. Pursuant to the Securities Act, the Underwriter Defendants are liable for  
19 the false and misleading statements in the Registration Statement as follows:

20           (a) The Underwriter Defendants are investment banking houses that  
21 specialize in, among other things, underwriting public offerings of securities.  
22 They served as the underwriters of the IPO and shared tens of millions of dollars  
23 in fees collectively. The Underwriter Defendants arranged a multi-city roadshow  
24 prior to the IPO during which they, and representatives from YogaWorks, met  
25 with potential investors and presented highly favorable information about the  
26 Company, its operations and its financial prospects.

27           (b) The Underwriter Defendants also demanded and obtained an  
28 agreement from YogaWorks and the Individual Defendants that YogaWorks

1 would indemnify and hold the Underwriter Defendants harmless from any  
2 liability under the federal securities laws. They also made certain that  
3 YogaWorks had purchased millions of dollars in directors' and officers' liability  
4 insurance.

5 (c) Representatives of the Underwriter Defendants also assisted  
6 YogaWorks and the Individual Defendants in planning the IPO, and purportedly  
7 conducted an adequate and reasonable investigation into the business and  
8 operations of YogaWorks, an undertaking known as a "due diligence"  
9 investigation. The due diligence investigation was required of the Underwriter  
10 Defendants in order to engage in the IPO. During the course of their "due  
11 diligence," the Underwriter Defendants had continual access to internal,  
12 confidential, current corporate information concerning YogaWorks' most up-to-  
13 date operational and financial results and prospects.

14 (d) In addition to availing themselves of virtually unlimited access to  
15 internal corporate documents, agents of the Underwriter Defendants met with  
16 YogaWorks' lawyers, management and top executives and engaged in "drafting  
17 sessions." During these sessions, understandings were reached as to: (i) the  
18 strategy to best accomplish the IPO; (ii) the terms of the IPO, including the price  
19 at which YogaWorks securities would be sold; (iii) the language to be used in  
20 the Registration Statement; what disclosures about YogaWorks would be made  
21 in the Registration Statement; and (v) what responses would be made to the SEC  
22 in connection with its review of the Registration Statement. As a result of those  
23 constant contacts and communications between the Underwriter Defendants'  
24 representatives and YogaWorks' management and top executives, the  
25 Underwriter Defendants knew of, or in the exercise of reasonable care should  
26 have known of, YogaWorks' existing problems as detailed herein.

27 (e) The Underwriter Defendants caused the Registration Statement to  
28 be filed with the SEC and declared effective in connection with the offers and

1 sales of securities registered thereby, including those to Plaintiff and the other  
2 members of the Class.

3 24. YogaWorks is liable for the acts of the Individual Defendants and its  
4 employees under the doctrine of *respondeat superior* and common law principles of  
5 agency because all of the wrongful acts complained of herein were carried out within  
6 the scope of their employment.

7 25. The scienter of the Individual Defendants and other employees and agents  
8 of the Company is similarly imputed to YogaWorks under *respondeat superior* and  
9 agency principles.

10 26. YogaWorks, the Individual Defendants, Great Hill, and the Underwriter  
11 Defendants are collectively referred to herein as “Defendants.”

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## SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

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### Background

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27. Founded in 1987, YogaWorks was a single yoga studio in Santa Monica,  
California. In July 2014, Great Hill acquired YogaWorks for \$45.6 million in cash.  
Great Hill currently owns around 70% of YogaWorks’ outstanding common stock.

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28. YogaWorks states that it is “one of the largest and fastest growing  
providers of high quality yoga instruction in the U.S.” and “the only national, multi-  
disciplined yoga instruction company.” As of December 31, 2017, YogaWorks had over  
2,000 employees which consisted of over 700 part-time employees at studios and  
approximately 60 employees at its corporate headquarters.

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29. As stated in YogaWorks’ Registration Statement, its mission is:  
  
YogaWorks is a healthy lifestyle brand focused on enriching and  
transforming lives through yoga. We strive to honor and empower our  
students’ journey toward personal growth and well-being, no matter  
their age or physical ability, in an inclusive and community-oriented  
environment.

1           30. The Company generates most of its revenue from offering a variety of  
2 yoga classes at its studios. The in-studio classes offer instruction for all yoga skill levels  
3 in various yoga styles. The prices for classes vary by location and region, but on  
4 average students pay \$90-\$135 per month for an unlimited membership. YogaWorks  
5 offers six-month and annual prepaid memberships, as well as class packages in  
6 increments of 10 to 20 classes.

7           31. YogaWorks also derives revenue from teacher training programs and  
8 online subscriptions of MyYogaWorks.com. The teacher training program began in  
9 1990 and has graduated approximately 12,000 students. These graduates are considered  
10 “ambassadors of the YogaWorks brand.” YogaWorks offers a 200-hour and a 300-hour  
11 training program, taught in 16 countries at YogaWorks studios as well as non-  
12 YogaWorks studios. Tuition for the 200-hour program is approximately \$3,500 and for  
13 the 300-hour program is approximately \$4,200.

14           32. MyYogaWorks.com provides online subscriptions for access to  
15 YogaWorks’ on-demand video library of over 1,100 classes. In 2017,  
16 MyYogaWorks.com streamed approximately 700,000 classes to over 25,000 users.  
17 YogaWorks charges \$15 per month for the subscription which is reduced to \$5 per  
18 month for those with YogaWorks studio memberships.

19           33. Profitable studio acquisitions are vital to YogaWorks’ growth and  
20 financial viability as since its inception, this was YogaWorks’ focus.

21           34. At the time of the IPO, YogaWorks owned 50 studios in California, New  
22 York City, Boston, and the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. areas.

23           35. YogaWorks’ growth is driven mainly through acquisition of yoga studios  
24 in highly fragmented markets. The Company’s Registration Statement stated,  
25 “Through acquisitions, we believe we can quickly gain students, grow our market share  
26 and build on the operating momentum of these acquired businesses.”

27           36. YogaWorks’ strategy to grow by acquisition rather than organic growth  
28 is driven by its purported believe that acquisitions of existing studios that already have

1 a student base is an “effective, profitable and risk-mitigating way to enter a new  
2 regional market” rather than building new studios and waiting for attendance to ramp  
3 up.

4 37. When deciding on acquisition targets, YogaWorks purports to apply a  
5 “multi-factor evaluation system that allows us to quickly assess potential acquisition  
6 candidates and continually add qualified new targets to our active outreach process.”  
7 In the Offering Materials, YogaWorks stated that it intended to increase its yoga studio  
8 count from 50 studios as of August 2017 to over 250 studios in the near term.

9 38. Once the acquisition is completed, YogaWorks boasts “a proven post-  
10 acquisition integrated methodology that is designed to facilitate a seamless student,  
11 teacher and staff transition to the YogaWorks operating model.” In the Offering  
12 Materials YogaWorks claims it has “a proven history of retaining and improving the  
13 student and teacher focus of each studio or chain of studios acquired.”

14 39. On June 23, 2017, YogaWorks filed a registration statement on Form S-1  
15 for a proposed initial public offering. The June 23, 2017 registration statement was  
16 followed by several amendments, the last of which was filed on August 10, 2017 which  
17 became effective that day (as amended, the “Registration Statement”).

18 40. On August 11, 2017, YogaWorks filed a Prospectus pursuant to rule  
19 424(b)(4) (the “Prospectus” and with the Registration Statement, the “Offering  
20 Materials”) with the SEC.

21 41. On August 16, 2017, YogaWorks completed its IPO in which it offered  
22 7.3 million shares at \$5.50 per share.

23 42. In violation of the Securities Act, Defendants negligently issued untrue  
24 statements of material facts, and omitted to state material facts required to be stated  
25 from, the Offering Materials presented to the public in support of the IPO.

26 43. In their capacities as signers of the Offering Materials and/or an issuer,  
27 statutory seller, offeror, control persons, and/or underwriter of the shares sold pursuant  
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1 to the Offering Material, each of the Defendants are strictly liable for such  
2 misstatements and omission therefrom.

3 44. Due to the materially deficient Offering Materials, Defendants have also  
4 violated their independent, affirmative duty to provide adequate disclosures about  
5 adverse conditions, risk and uncertainties. Item 303 of SEC Reg. S-K, 17 C.F.R.  
6 §229.303(a)(3)(ii) requires that the materials incorporated in a registration statement  
7 disclose all “known trends or uncertainties” reasonably expected to have a material  
8 unfavorable impact on the Company’s operations.

9 45. Defendants further violated their independent, affirmative duty to  
10 adequately “provide under the caption ‘Risk Factors’ a discussion of the most  
11 significant factors that make the offering speculative or risky.” In contravention to Item  
12 503 of SEC Reg. S-K, 17 C.F.R. §229.503(c), Defendants failed to disclose several  
13 risks that have already materialized at the time of the IPO that were unknown to  
14 Plaintiff and other YogaWorks investors.

15 46. As alleged herein, Defendants failed in their duty by inducing public  
16 investment in YogaWorks by means of the materially untrue, inaccurate, misleading,  
17 and/or incomplete Offering Materials. As a result of the materially misleading Offering  
18 Materials, YogaWorks’ share price was inflated at the time of the IPO through which  
19 YogaWorks raised approximately \$40.15 million in gross proceeds.

20 47. YogaWorks’ stock has consistently traded lower than the \$5.50 IPO price,  
21 weighed down by the truth regarding YogaWorks’ business and financial prospects.

22 48. As alleged herein, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of similarly  
23 situated Class (defined below) members who also acquired YogaWorks’ securities  
24 pursuant and/or traceable to the IPO, now seeks to obtain a recovery for the damages  
25 suffered as a result of Defendants’ violations of the Securities Act.

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1           **ADVERSE TRENDS KNOWN TO DEFENDANTS AT THE TIME OF THE**  
2           **IPO, BUT UNKNOWN TO INVESTORS**

3           **Material Adverse Trend of Declining Studio Profitability**

4           49. While YogaWorks touted its expertise, experience and method of  
5           acquiring and integrating profitable yoga studios in the Offering Materials as the basis  
6           for achieving its aggressive growth target of 250 studios and higher gross margins in  
7           the near term, unbeknownst to investors, YogaWorks had been experiencing declining  
8           student visits, Class size, and lower revenue per studio.

9           50. While YogaWorks has added 23 studios since 2015, the Company has  
10          seen the number of students visiting its studios and studio profitability steadily decline  
11          in the quarters leading up to the IPO and continuing on to the present.

12          51. Despite a 50% increase in the number of studios, students per class size  
13          has steadily declined from 16.6 students per class in 2015 to 15.7 students per class in  
14          2017 and 13.9 students per class by the third quarter of 2018. Further, total student  
15          visits per quarter for the last four consecutive quarters of 2016 leading up to the IPO  
16          steadily declined despite increasing the number of classes. Student visits also declined  
17          quarter over quarter leading up to the IPO, declining from 789,677 in the first quarter  
18          of 2016 to 760,707 in the second quarter of 2017 and from 754,595 in first quarter of  
19          2016 to 705,979 in the second quarter of 2017. Similarly, students per class decreased  
20          from 17.6 in first quarter of 2016 to 16.9 in first quarter of 2017 and from 16.3 in  
21          second quarter of 2016 to 15.6 in second quarter of 2017.

22          52. The decline in the number of student visits resulted in few classes per  
23          studio and lower revenue per studio. For the five consecutive quarters leading up to the  
24          IPO, classes per studio steadily declined. Classes per studio also declined quarter over  
25          quarter leading to the IPO. These facts, not disclosed to investors, directly contradict  
26          the Company's claims in the Offering Materials that the decline in revenue was due to  
27          a shift in memberships to class packages.  
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1 53. Moreover, although the topline number of classes and student visits  
2 increased through the addition of new studios, those metrics have only increased by  
3 22% and 29%, respectively, from 2015 to 2017, failing to correlate to with the 50% in  
4 total number of studios.

5 54. As a result of YogaWorks' lack of growth, declining revenue and  
6 declining studio profitability, YogaWorks was unable to fund any new acquisitions for  
7 five quarters leading up to the IPO from second quarter of 2016 through second quarter  
8 of 2017. Thus, starting in second quarter of 2017, YogaWorks was forced to acquire  
9 less expensive and less efficient smaller studios to increase the number of studios and  
10 has consistently departed from its stated practice in the Offering Materials of acquiring  
11 studios that generate between \$500,000 and \$700,000 in revenue to acquire smaller,  
12 less efficient studios. For example, in the third quarter of 2017, YogaWorks acquired  
13 three new studios for \$445,000, or an average of \$148,333 per studio. In the fourth  
14 quarter of 2017, YogaWorks acquired thirteen new studios for a total cost of  
15 \$5,995,090, or an average cost of \$461,160 per studio.

16 55. These facts were not disclosed to investors in the Offering Materials.  
17 **Material Undisclosed Adverse Trend of Increasing Corporate Overhead and**  
18 **Costs Eat Away at YogaWorks' Profits**

19 56. Despite adding new studios, which YogaWorks should have experienced  
20 economies of scale and lower costs as a percentage of overall net revenue, according  
21 to the Offering Materials, YogaWorks' corporate Selling, General, and Administrative  
22 Expenses ("SG&A") was increasing in terms of whole dollars and as a percentage of  
23 net revenue in the run up to the IPO, so much so that the expenses often accounted for  
24 the entirety of YogaWorks' net loss.

25 57. Before the IPO, YogaWorks' stock-based compensation awards to  
26 executives increased, despite YogaWorks' poor financial performance which caused a  
27 further drag on YogaWorks' net loss which would work together to entirely negate any  
28 positive studio-level performance.

1 **Material Undisclosed Adverse Trend of Deteriorating Financial Markets that**  
2 **Would Necessitate the Recording of a Significant Goodwill Impairment**

3 58. The Offering Materials were deficient in their omission of certain  
4 financial metrics that were trending downward and which would ultimately lead to a  
5 significant goodwill impairment taken by YogaWorks at the end of 2017.

6 59. The Offering Materials state:

7 In 2015, we recorded an impairment of goodwill of \$0.9 million. We  
8 did not record any impairment losses related to goodwill in 2016. As of  
9 December 31, 2016, our goodwill balance was \$17.7 million.  
10 Accounting rules require the evaluation of our goodwill at least  
11 annually, or more frequently when events or changes in circumstances  
12 indicate that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable.  
13 Such indicators are based on market conditions and the operational  
14 performance of our business. In testing goodwill for impairment, if the  
15 implied fair value of the goodwill is less than the reporting unit's  
16 carrying amount, then goodwill is impaired and is written down to the  
17 implied fair value amount. If a significant amount of our goodwill were  
18 deemed to be impaired, our business, financial condition and results of  
19 operations could be materially adversely affected.

20 We incurred a net loss of \$2.6 million for the three months ended March  
21 31, 2017, \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, \$9.5  
22 million in 2016 and \$9.2 million in 2015 and had net cash provided by  
23 operating activities of \$0.8 million in 2016. If we continue to  
24 experience net losses or our cash flows from operating activities decline  
25 or become negative, it could require us to lower our assessment of the  
26 fair value of our business. If this were to occur, we could be required to  
27 record additional material impairment charges to goodwill or other  
28 intangible assets which could have a material adverse effect on our  
business, financial condition and results of operations.

29 60. What the Offering Materials failed to disclose, however, was that  
30 YogaWorks' net loss for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, which was complete before  
31 the IPO but financial statements were not disclosed until after, had increased by more  
32 than 57% over the same quarter of the prior year, which quarterly cash flows from  
33 operating activities decreasing from \$450,069 to \$821,650. The declines were part of

1 a quarter-over-quarter trend known by YogaWorks management at the time of the IPO  
2 but undisclosed in the Offering Materials that showed deteriorating net losses that  
3 would continue throughout 2017 and ultimately necessitate the recording of a goodwill  
4 impairment of \$7.5 million at the end of 2017, with an additional goodwill impairment  
5 of \$2.5 million assessed in the second quarter of 2018.

6 **Material Adverse Trends and Conditions that Caused the Delay of the IPO**

7 61. The IPO was YogaWorks' second attempt at going public, having  
8 abandoned its previous offering on the eve of the requested effective date, citing  
9 "market conditions."

10 62. On June 23, 2017, YogaWorks filed with the SEC its Registration  
11 Statement which sought to register common stock of YogaWorks. The Registration  
12 Statement was the result of months of correspondence with the SEC in a process that  
13 began back at least until April 2017.

14 63. On July 10, 2017, YogaWorks filed a preliminary prospectus as an  
15 amendment to the Registration Statement which announced the intention to sell 5  
16 million shares priced between \$12 and \$14 each. This range was reaffirmed by  
17 YogaWorks on July 18, 2017.

18 64. On July 17, 2017, Defendant Chang, on behalf of YogaWorks and  
19 Defendants Cowen, Stephens, and Guggenheim, on behalf of the Underwriter  
20 Defendants, wrote separately to the SEC to request that YogaWorks' Registration  
21 Statement be accelerated and declared effective as of July 19, 2017.

22 65. Despite these efforts for acceleration, just two dates later on July 20,  
23 2017, YogaWorks announced that it would be postponing its public rollout due to  
24 "market conditions." No further explanation was offered.

25 66. There was much skepticisms by YogaWorks' non-explanation for the  
26 abandonment of its intention to go public. *Marketwatch* pointed to the fact that the  
27 second quarter of 2017 was the healthiest initial public offering market in the prior two  
28 years, with double the number of offerings over the prior quarter, according to

1 PricewaterhouseCoopers, with the S&P 500 and NASDAQ hitting all-time highs the  
2 day prior to YogaWorks' postponement announcement.

3 67. Further, *Business Insider* pointed to the CBOE Volatility Index ("VIX"),  
4 a measure of the stock market's expectation of volatility calculated by the Chicago  
5 Board Options Exchange ("CBOE") colloquially known as the "fear index," was  
6 "locked near its lowest levels on record" at the time of the abandoned offering.

7 68. Thus, there existed a trend know to YogaWorks that was likely, and did,  
8 impact its financial performance going forward at the time of the IPO, as evidenced by  
9 the delayed offering date and downsized IPO that the Defendants required to include  
10 in its disclosures in the Offering Materials for the benefit of investors, which they did  
11 not do.

12 69. The trends that rendered YogaWorks unable to support its upsized  
13 valuation of \$12 to \$14 per share have proven to have a continuous negative impact on  
14 YogaWorks since the IPO as evidenced by the Company's stock price decline.

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16 **YOGAWORKS GOES PUBLIC BY MEANS OF MATERIALLY FALSE AND**  
17 **MISLEADING OFFERING MATERIALS**

18 70. YogaWorks' Registration Statement was declared effective on August  
19 10, 2017.

20 71. On August 11, 2017, the Prospectus was subsequently filed with the SEC  
21 on Form 424B4 and offered 7.3 million shares of YogaWorks common stock at the  
22 reduced price of \$5.50 per share. The Offering Materials stated the intended use of the  
23 IPO proceeds was for capitalization and financial flexibility, repayment of a \$3.3  
24 million note to Great Hill and a \$7 million loan to Deerpath Funding LP, funding an  
25 acquisition, and for working capital and other general corporate purposes. The IPO  
26 reaped net proceeds of \$35 million.

27 72. The Offering Materials contained untrue statements of material facts,  
28 omitted to state other facts necessary to make the statements made not misleading,

1 and/or was not prepared in accordance to the rules and regulations governing its  
2 preparation concerning three categories: (1) studio-level economics; (2) the reasons for  
3 declining revenue; and (3) corporate infrastructure costs and economies of scale.

4 **Materially Misleading Statements Regarding Studio-Level Economics**

5 73. In the Offering Materials, YogaWorks represented that its yoga studios  
6 had “strong studio-level economics” as a result of targeting studios with average annual  
7 revenues of at least 500,000 and a return of capital within two to four years of opening  
8 the new studio, stating in relevant part:

9 Strong Studio-Economics

10 We seek to generate attractive studio-level margins by increasing the  
11 average number of students per class which in turn provides better  
12 return on our fixed costs, such as teacher salaries and rent. ***We target***  
13 ***studios with average annual revenues between \$500,000 to \$700,000***  
14 ***and a return on our invested capital to be within two to four years of***  
15 ***opening a new studio.*** We approach our acquisition targets seeking  
16 similar returns. ***We believe that our strong studio-level economics are***  
17 ***important for us to grow our studio base and successfully execute our***  
18 ***acquisition strategy.***

19 (Emphasis added).

20 74. In order to obtain a complete return on invested capital within two to four  
21 years, the studio-level margins would have to be at least 20%.<sup>1</sup>

22 75. In the Offering Materials, YogaWorks reported Studio-Level EBITDA for  
23 the three months ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016 of \$3.2 million and \$4.4  
24 million, respectively, and Studio-Level EBITDA margins for the same period of 22.9%  
25 and 29.1%, respectively. YogaWorks also reported Studio-Level EBITDA for both the  
26 year-ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 of \$12.4 million and Studio-  
27 Level EBITDA margins for the same periods of 22.5% and 25.6%, respectively.

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28 <sup>1</sup> YogaWorks Presentation at Cowen’s Future of the Consumer Conference. April  
2018, at 18. Available at: <https://ir.yogaworks.com/static-files/1624037d-bee7-473a-9e28-08776ae8aade>

1           76. The above statements were materially false and misleading when made  
2 because YogaWorks' Studio-Level EBITDA margin for the second quarter ended June  
3 30, 2017, at the time of the IPO was only 17.39%, well below the necessary 20%  
4 needed to recoup its investment within two to four years. Moreover, while Yoga Works  
5 disclosed Studio-Level EBITDA for 2016 of 22.5%, it omitted the fact that Studio-  
6 Level EBITDA margin for the fourth quarter 2016 was only 19.11%.

7           77. The above statements were further materially misleading because  
8 YogaWorks was experiencing a known trend of decreasing Studio-Level EBITDA  
9 margin below the 20% threshold. For the second quarter ended June 30, 2017, Studio-  
10 Level EBITDA margin declined to 17.39% from 19.36% for the second quarter ended  
11 June 30, 2016. While YogaWorks' Studio-Level EBITDA increased slightly in the first  
12 quarter of 2017 as a result of higher class attendance from New Years' resolutions,  
13 Defendants knew it would not last as YogaWorks was acquiring smaller, more  
14 inefficient studios and seeing a significant decline in class attendance. Indeed, this  
15 trend continued as YogaWorks continued to experience Studio-Level EBITDA margin  
16 declines below the necessary threshold of 19.4%, 18.8%, 18.2%, and 14.9% for the  
17 third quarter of 2017, fourth quarter of 2017, first quarter of 2018, and second quarter  
18 of 2018, respectively.

19           78. The above statements were also materially false and misleading because,  
20 as a result of YogaWorks' deteriorating financial position. it had begun acquiring  
21 smaller, less efficient studios that did not meet the criteria set forth in the Offering  
22 Materials of generating \$500,000 to \$700,000 in revenue per year. For the third quarter  
23 2017, YogaWorks acquired only three new studios for a total of \$445,000. This trend  
24 continued into the fourth quarter 2017 during which Yoga Works acquired 13 studios  
25 for a total of \$5.6 million. or an average cost of \$430,000 per studio. While YogaWorks  
26 made no acquisitions in the fist quarter of 2018, it acquired five studios for a total of  
27 \$721,930 during second quarter of 2018.

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1           79. Analysts commented that this “lack of transparency in terms of organic  
2 growth adds to the uncertainty” of YogaWorks’ future.

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4 **Materially Misleading Statements Regarding the Reasons for the Decline in**  
5 **Revenue**

6           80. YogaWorks claimed that its revenue for the first quarter of 2017 was  
7 lower due to a shift in business and pricing strategy towards selling more class  
8 packages, rather than monthly memberships and assured investors that the difference  
9 would be offset by an increase in deferred revenue, stating in relevant part:

10           With the adoption of our more flexible pricing strategy in July 2016,  
11 our sales mix has shifted toward a higher number of class-package sales  
12 and a corresponding decline in monthly membership sales. We  
13 anticipate this trend to continue at a decreasing rate over time as  
14 students in our existing studios purchase class packages more  
15 frequently than memberships and as we acquire and open additional  
16 studios, and expect a more balanced mix between class packages and  
17 memberships over time. ***We expect that the impact of this shift in sales***  
18 ***mix will be a reduction in the amount of revenue recognized in a given***  
19 ***period by an increase in deferred revenue liability associated with***  
20 ***class package sales***, as well as a decrease in student visits, as students  
21 on class packages tend to visit studios less than students with  
22 membership.

23           (Emphasis added).

24           81. With respect to the first quarter of 2017 revenue, YogaWorks claimed  
25 that the 7.5% quarter to quarter reduction in revenue was based on it selling more class  
26 packages, stating in relevant part:

27           During the first quarter of 2017, we sold more class packages and paid-  
28 in-full memberships (which require a longer period of time to be  
recognized as revenue in comparison to our other sales options) than  
we did in the first quarter in 2016 (in which we had a higher percentage  
of monthly membership fee revenue in comparison to the first quarter  
of 2017), which resulted in less revenue being recognized during the  
first quarter of 2017. ***We believe the implementation of our strategy to***

1 *sell more class packages allows us to better serve our students and*  
2 *will draw a broader student base over time.* We anticipate our deferred  
3 revenue, subject to refunds, to be recognized as net revenue over time  
4 as it is deemed earned based on pattern of usage or the applicable  
product's expiration period.

5 (Emphasis added).

6 82. Further in the Offering Materials, YogaWorks reported second quarter of  
7 2017 preliminary results, stating in relevant part:

- 8 • Net revenues of between \$12.3 million and \$12.6 million; and
- 9 • Visits of between 700,000 and 720,000.

10 *The decrease in net revenues from \$13.3 million for the quarter*  
11 *ended June 30, 2016 was primarily due to a larger portion of our sales*  
12 *for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 being recognized as deferred*  
13 *revenue. The increase in deferred revenue was driven by our*  
14 *initiation of a more flexible pricing strategy in July 2016* that, as  
15 expected, has resulted in a shift in sales toward class packages which  
16 require recognition of revenue over a longer time period than other sales  
options. This sales mix shift resulted in less revenue being recognized  
during the second quarter of 2017 than the same quarter in 2016, in  
which we had a higher percentage of monthly membership revenue.

17 Our decision to offer class packages at all of our studios also  
18 impacted our number of visits, as students on class packages tend to  
19 visit studios less than students with memberships, which primarily led  
20 to the decrease from 754,567 visits for the quarter ended June 30, 2016.  
21 *We anticipate this trend to continue at a decreasing rate over time as*  
22 *students in our existing studios purchase class packages more*  
23 *frequently than memberships and as we acquire and open additional*  
24 *studios, and expect a more balanced mix between class packages and*  
25 *memberships over time.* While our strategy to sell more class packages  
26 has had an impact on both our net revenues and visits during the  
transition period, we believe the implementation of this strategy allows  
us to better serve our students and will draw a broader student base as  
consumers favor more flexible pricing options.

27 (Emphasis added).

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1 83. The above statements were materially false and misleading when made  
2 because the shift to class packages was actually because of the increasing trend of fewer  
3 student visits during 2016 which resulted in fewer class per studio and the acquisition  
4 of smaller, less efficient studios.

5 84. Further, YogaWorks reported deferred revenue of \$4.5 million for the first  
6 quarter-ended March 31, 2017, \$4.6 million for the year-ended December 31, 2016 and  
7 \$5.2 million for the year-ended December 31, 2015. Thus, contrary to the Offering  
8 Materials, deferred revenue was higher when YogaWorks relied on monthly revenue.  
9 Further, despite adding more studios, total revenue plus deferred revenue was actually  
10 declining.

11 85. Defendants also represented in the Offering Materials that YogaWorks  
12 was “uniquely positioned to grow via acquisitions due to.... (v) out tested integration  
13 procedures,” which they claim enabled YogaWorks to “preserve the acquired studio’s  
14 unique appeal...while successfully increasing visits and net revenues under our  
15 ownership.”

16 **Materially Misleading Statements Regarding Corporate Infrastructure Costs and**  
17 **Economies of Scale**

18 86. At the time of the IPO, Defendants claimed that YogaWorks would  
19 benefit from economies of scale and from centralized management and less overhead  
20 per capita. Further, Defendants stated that YogaWorks had a corporate infrastructure  
21 in place to support its future acquisition growth such that YogaWorks grew, its  
22 overhead costs would become a smaller percentage of revenue of profitability, stating  
23 in relevant part:

24 In preparation for our continued growth, we have built out our corporate  
25 infrastructure over the past several years. *We now have the corporate,*  
26 *regional and studio-level management personnel in place, as well as*  
27 *the information technology platform, to support our future growth*  
28 *and acquisition strategy, without significant new investments in*  
*corporate infrastructure*

(Emphasis added).

1 87. Additionally, YogaWorks claimed that its strong studio-level economics  
2 would allow it to achieve economies of scale, thereby reducing overhead costs as a  
3 percentage of revenue, stating in relevant part:

4 *As our studio base grows, expenses for our corporate and regional*  
5 *overhead should become a smaller percentage of our net revenues*  
6 *and profitability.*

7 (Emphasis added).

8 88. The above statements were materially false and misleading when made  
9 because, at the time of the IPO, YogaWorks' corporate overhead expenses were  
10 increasing as a percentage of sales and profitability. For the second quarter ended June  
11 30, 2017, YogaWorks incurred "Other general and administrative expenses"<sup>2</sup> of \$2.7  
12 million, or 21.7% of net revenue as compared to \$2.6 million for the same quarter in  
13 2016, or 19.8% of revenue. YogaWorks knew this trend would continue as it was  
14 acquiring smaller, less efficient studios that generated revenue substantially below the  
15 \$500,000 to \$700,000 level Defendants claimed in the Offering Materials. In fact, this  
16 trend was continuing into the third quarter of 2017, half of which was over at the time  
17 of the IPO in which YogaWorks incurred "Other general and administrative expenses"  
18 of \$3.1 million, or 22.6% of net revenue as compared to \$2.5 million for the same  
19 quarter of 2016, or 18.2% of revenue.

20 89. Further, corporate overhead continued to chip away at earnings  
21 throughout the relevant period as Defendants increased stock-based compensation for  
22 its named executives after the IPO, at the expense of shareholders.

23 90. Announced on August 16, 2017, YogaWorks closed its IPO, selling 7.3  
24 million shares at the IPO price of \$5.50 per share thereby raising proceeds for  
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28 <sup>2</sup> Defined as "general and administrative expenses that are corporate and regional  
expenses and not incurred by our studios..."

1 YogaWorks of approximately \$35.3 million after removing underwriting discounts,  
2 commissions, and expenses.

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4 **THE OFFERING MATERIALS FAILED TO WARN OF RISKS THAT**  
5 **HAD ALREADY MATERIALIZED AT THE TIME OF THE IPO**

6 91. The Offering Materials contained generic and boilerplate risk warnings  
7 in contravention of SEC directives under Item 503, that failed to disclose several known  
8 risks that had already materialized at the time of the IPO.

9 92. The Offering Materials stated:

10 *Our growth strategy is highly dependent on our ability to successfully*  
11 *identify and acquire studio targets and integrate their operations with*  
12 *ours.*

13 Our growth strategy primarily contemplates expansion through  
14 targeted acquisitions of other yoga studio businesses. Implementing  
15 this strategy depends on our ability to successfully identify  
16 opportunities that complement our businesses, share our business and  
17 company philosophy and operate in markets that are complementary to  
18 our operations and the communities in which we operate. We will also  
19 need to assess and mitigate the risk of any target opportunity, to acquire  
20 targets on favorable terms and to successfully integrate their operations  
21 with ours. *We may not be able to successfully identify opportunities*  
22 *that meet these criteria, or, if we do, we may not be able to successfully*  
23 *negotiate, finance, acquire and integrate them. Even if we enter into*  
24 *confidentiality agreements or letters of intent with potential studios,*  
25 *we may not be able to complete the acquisition. If we are unable to*  
26 *identify and acquire suitable studios, our revenue growth rate and*  
27 *financial performance may fall short of our expectations. If we are*  
28 *successful in acquiring studio targets, we may not be able to*  
*successfully integrate the operations of these studios with ours, to*  
*execute the growth objectives of our combined operations or to realize*  
*the revenue opportunities or cost savings that may be assumed.* In  
addition, any such opportunity may require us to raise additional capital,  
which may be dilutive to our existing shareholders, or require us to  
incur additional indebtedness. If our analysis of the suitability of a

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studio or group of studios for acquisition is incorrect, we may not be able to recover our capital investment in acquiring such studios.

(Emphasis added).

93. This risk factor was wholly deficient as it failed to warn of the state of affairs then existing at YogaWorks – that it was targeting and acquiring low performing studios and was not able to successfully integrate these studios in a manner that led to revenue growth.

94. YogaWorks’ risk factors also failed to warn of existing issues with YogaWorks’ newly-acquired studios, claiming:

***Our recently acquired or newly opened studios may negatively impact our financial results in the short-term, and may not achieve sales and operating levels consistent with our existing studios on a timely basis, or at all.***

***We have actively pursued new studio growth, primarily through acquisitions, and plan to continue doing so in the future.*** Many of our studios are still relatively new as YogaWorks-branded studios, as we have opened or acquired 23 studios since January 1, 2015. We cannot assure you that our recently acquired or newly opened studios will be successful or reach the sales and profitability levels of our existing studios. ***New studio acquisitions may negatively impact our financial results in the short term due to the effect of studio conversion costs, loss of students or teachers at the acquired studios, lower class package and drop-in class sales and lower contribution to overall profitability during the initial period following an acquisition.*** Acquired and newly opened studios require a transition period to build their sales volume and their student base and, as a result, generally have lower margins and higher operating expenses, as a percentage of net revenues, when initially acquired or opened. ***Newly acquired and opened studios may not achieve membership levels, class package and drop-in class sales and operating levels consistent with our existing studio base on a timely basis, or at all.*** We cannot assure you that our recently acquired or newly opened studios will generate revenue, cash flow or profitability levels comparable with those generated by our existing studios. These risks may have an adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results and growth rate.

1 (Emphasis added).

2 95. At the time of the IPO, the risk had already materialized as newly acquired  
3 and opened studios were vastly underperforming with YogaWorks being forced to  
4 curtail any further expansion to address its plummeting finances for more than a year  
5 preceding the IPO and in the immediate aftermath thereof.

6 96. The Offering Materials also stated:

7 *If we fail to attract new students and teachers and retain existing*  
8 *students and teachers, it could have an adverse impact on our growth*  
9 *strategy as we may not be able to increase the number of visits to our*  
10 *studios or students that go through our teacher training.*

11 The performance of our studios and success of our growth strategy is  
12 largely dependent on our ability to continuously attract new students  
13 and teachers and retain existing students and teachers. We cannot be  
14 sure that we will be successful in these efforts, or that visits to our studio  
15 classes and teacher trainings or participation in MyYogaWorks.com  
16 will not materially decline. There are numerous factors that could lead  
17 to a decline in visits at established studios or that could prevent us from  
18 increasing our student visits at newer or acquired studios, including  
19 harm to our reputation, a decline in our ability to deliver quality yoga  
20 classes and teacher trainings at a competitive cost, the opening or  
21 acquisition of new studios or hosting of additional teacher trainings that  
22 may have the potential to cannibalize store sales in existing areas, the  
23 heightened presence of direct and indirect competition in the areas in  
24 which the studios are located, the decline in the public's interest in  
25 fitness through yoga, a deterioration of general economic conditions  
26 and a change in consumer spending preferences or buying trends. As a  
27 result of these factors, we cannot be sure that our student visits will be  
28 adequate to maintain or permit the expansion of our operations. ***A  
decline in student visits levels may have a material adverse effect on  
our business, financial condition, results of operations and growth  
rate.***

(Emphasis added).

97. In reality, at the time of the IPO, student visits were already in decline  
quarter over quarter and negatively impacting YogaWorks' business.

1 98. The Offering Materials also failed to warn about risks associated with  
2 YogaWorks' inability to increase its customer base, stating in relevant part:

3 ***If we are unable to anticipate student preferences and provide high***  
4 ***quality yoga offerings, we may not be able to maintain or increase our***  
5 ***membership base, sales from class packages, drop-ins and teacher***  
6 ***trainings, participation in MyYogaWorks.com and profitability.***

7 Our success in maintaining and increasing our student base  
8 depends on our ability to identify and originate trends as well as to  
9 anticipate and react to changing customer preferences and trends in a  
10 timely manner. All of our yoga offerings and retail products are subject  
11 to changing consumer preferences that cannot be predicted with  
12 certainty. ***If we are unable to introduce new yoga offerings or retail***  
13 ***products in a timely manner, or our new yoga offerings or retail***  
14 ***products are not accepted by our students, our competitors may***  
15 ***introduce similar yoga offerings or retail products in a more timely***  
16 ***fashion, which could negatively affect our rate of growth.*** Our new  
17 yoga offerings or retail products may not receive acceptance as  
18 preferences could shift rapidly to different types of healthy lifestyle  
19 offerings or athletic apparel or away from these types of yoga offerings  
20 or retail products altogether, and our future success depends in part on  
21 our ability to anticipate and respond to these changes. ***Failure to***  
22 ***anticipate and respond in a timely manner to changing customer***  
23 ***preferences could lead to, among other things, lower class visits and***  
24 ***lower retail sales and excess inventory levels.*** Even if we are successful  
25 in anticipating customer preferences, our ability to adequately react to  
26 and address those preferences will in part depend upon our continued  
27 ability to provide high-quality yoga offerings and retail products. Our  
28 failure to address student preferences could result in a decrease in net  
revenues, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial  
condition.

(Emphasis added).

99. At the time of the IPO, YogaWorks was already suffering from the ill-  
effects of its inability to meet customer preferences and convert those customers into  
increased revenues with lower class visits and revenue per visit leading to increased  
net losses for YogaWorks.

1 100. With respect to YogaWorks' goodwill asset, the Offering Materials state  
2 in relevant part:

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4 ***Any further impairment of goodwill could adversely affect our***  
5 ***financial condition and results of operations.***

6 In 2015, we recorded an impairment of goodwill of \$0.9 million.  
7 We did not record any impairment losses related to goodwill in 2016.  
8 As of December 31, 2016, our goodwill balance was \$17.7 million.  
9 Accounting rules require the evaluation of our goodwill at least  
10 annually, or more frequently when events or changes in circumstances  
11 indicate that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable.  
12 ***Such indicators are based on market conditions and the operational***  
13 ***performance of our business.*** In testing goodwill for impairment, if the  
14 implied fair value of the goodwill is less than the reporting unit's  
15 carrying amount, then goodwill is impaired and is written down to the  
16 implied fair value amount. ***If a significant amount of our goodwill***  
17 ***were deemed to be impaired, our business, financial condition and***  
18 ***results of operations could be materially adversely affected.***

19 We incurred a net loss of \$2.6 million for the three months ended  
20 March 31, 2017, \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31,  
21 2016, \$9.5 million in 2016 and \$9.2 million in 2015 and had net cash  
22 provided by operating activities of \$0.8 million in 2016. ***If we continue***  
23 ***to experience net losses or our cash flows from operating activities***  
24 ***decline or become negative, it could require us to lower our***  
25 ***assessment of the fair value of our business. If this were to occur, we***  
26 ***could be required to record additional material impairment charges***  
27 ***to goodwill or other intangible assets which could have a material***  
28 ***adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of***  
***operations.***

(Emphasis added).

101. At the time of the IPO, YogaWorks had previously, and was continuing  
to experience continued net losses and lowered cash flows from operating activities  
which would ultimately necessitate the assessment of more than \$10 million in  
goodwill impairment charges within the year of the IPO on the basis of trends existing  
at the time of the IPO.

1 102. Therefore, at the time of the IPO it was evident that YogaWorks' finances  
2 were already being impacted by several of the adverse trends identified herein, yet  
3 YogaWorks avoided its responsibilities under Item 503 to make fulsome disclosures to  
4 Plaintiff and the Class. As a result, investors were harmed when the risks then known,  
5 but undisclosed, materialized and caused the YogaWorks' share price to fall.

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7 **POST-IPO EVENTS CAUSE YOGAWORKS' STOCK PRICE TO FALL**  
8 **AS THE ADVERSE CONDITIONS KNOWN PRIOR TO THE IPO**  
9 **COME TO A HEAD AND NEGATIVELY IMPACT YOGAWORKS'**  
10 **FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

11 103. On September 21, 2017, YogaWorks announced its second quarter  
12 financial results for the period ending June 30, 2017. YogaWorks reported net revenue  
13 of \$12.5 million as compared to \$13.3 million for the same period of the previous year,  
14 a net loss of \$4.4 million, nearly double that of the same period of the previous year,  
15 and Studio-Level EBITDA of \$2.2 million as compared to \$2.6 million for the same  
16 period of the previous year. Although YogaWorks blamed the decline in net revenue  
17 on the shift from monthly memberships to class packages, deferred revenue only  
18 increased \$0.5 million, while student visits, number of classes, and students per class  
19 were down quarter over quarter.

20 104. On this news, YogaWorks' stock price dropped \$4.00 per share on  
21 September 21, 2018 to \$3.54 per share on September 22, 2018, and continued to decline  
22 to \$2.83 per share on September 28, 2017 as investors reacted to the negative financials  
23 and growing losses.

24 105. On April 2, 2018, YogaWorks announced its financial results for the  
25 fourth quarter of 2017 and full year 2017 by filing a non-timely annual report with the  
26 SEC on Form 10-K, along with a Form 12b-25 indicating that YogaWorks was unable  
27 to timely file its annual report "due to a delay in finalizing a goodwill impairment  
28 charge related to the book value of the Company, relative to the Company's currently  
market capitalization"). For 2017, YogaWorks recorded net revenue of \$54.5 million

1 (as compared to \$55.1 million in 2016) and a net loss of \$23.4 million – more than  
2 double the \$9.5 million loss recorded in 2016. YogaWorks’ hand-picked non-GAAP  
3 metric Studio-Level EBITDA also declined from \$12.4 million to \$10.7 million.

4 106. Additionally, for the fourth quarter of 2017, YogaWorks recorded  
5 \$454,000 in stock base compensation expenses, an increase from the \$2,000 expenses  
6 recorded in the prior year, and capping a fiscal year where the Company doled out  
7 nearly \$2.6 million in stock-based compensation to management who oversaw the  
8 deterioration of YogaWorks’ financial condition.

9 107. For 2017, YogaWorks recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$7.5  
10 million, which represented over one-third of its’ prior goodwill asset, “primarily due  
11 to projected cash flows and the Company’s decline in market capitalization since the  
12 launch of the IPO.”

13 108. On this news, YogaWorks’ stock price fell from \$2.88 per share on April  
14 2, 2018 to \$2.35 per share on April 3, 2018, a 18.4% decline and over 50% below the  
15 IPO price.

16 109. On August 14, 2018, YogaWorks announced its financial results for the  
17 second quarter of 2018. YogaWorks reported a \$2.4 million increase in net revenues  
18 over the same quarter of 2017, but a \$2.3 million increase in net loss, despite the fact  
19 that YogaWorks raised its studio count during the quarter.

20 110. Making matters worse, YogaWorks again recorded a goodwill  
21 impairment during the second quarter of 2018, recording an additional \$2.5 million  
22 impairment for the quarter.

23 111. On August 15, 2018, YogaWorks’ stock price fell an additional 40%,  
24 closing at \$1.09 per share.

25 112. On December 12, 2018, YogaWorks filed an 8-K with the SEC,  
26 announcing that on December 6, 2018 it received a letter from NASDAQ stating that  
27 the market value of the publicly held shares of YogaWorks for the prior thirty business  
28 days fell below the exchange’s \$5 million minimum value and thus, YogaWorks was

1 subject to delisting if it was unable to regain compliance. YogaWorks then received  
2 another similar letter from NASDAQ on December 12, 2018 for its noncompliance  
3 with the exchanges \$1.00 minimum share price requirement.

4 113. At the time of the filing of this complaint, YogaWorks' stock is trading at  
5 approximately \$0.45 or over 91% below the IPO price.

6 114. As stated herein, YogaWorks' statements in the Offering Materials, taken  
7 individually and collectively, were materially false and misleading because they failed  
8 to disclose and misrepresented adverse facts that existed at the time of the IPO.

9 115. Accordingly. Plaintiff and the Class has been injured.

10 116. Defendants violated their disclosure obligations because the Offering  
11 Materials materially misrepresented and failed to adequately disclose the truth  
12 concerning the several known trends negatively impacting YogaWorks' business at the  
13 time of the IPO, including, *inter alia*: (i) declining studio profitability; (ii) the impact  
14 of increased corporate overhead; (iii) declining financial metrics that would ultimately  
15 lead to a substantial impairment charge and (iv) the conditions that led to the  
16 Defendants to postpone the initial offering.

17 **PLAINTIFF'S CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

18 117. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of  
19 Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) on behalf of a class consisting of all persons other than  
20 Defendants who purchased or otherwise acquired YogaWorks securities in its IPO,  
21 which closed on August 16, 2017, or purchased YogaWorks securities thereafter in the  
22 stock market pursuant and/or traceable to the Company's Offering Materials issued in  
23 connection with the IPO and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Class are  
24 Defendants, the officers and directors of the Company, members of the Individual  
25 Defendants' immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or  
26 assigns and any entity in which the officers and directors of the Company have or had

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1           118. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is  
2 impracticable. There were 7.3 million shares were sold in the IPO. Since the IPO, the  
3 Company's common stock has actively traded on NASDAQ. While the exact number  
4 of Class members is unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can be ascertained only  
5 through appropriate discovery, Plaintiff believes that there are hundreds, if not  
6 thousands of members in the proposed Class. Record owners and other members of the  
7 Class may be identified from records maintained by YogaWorks or its transfer agent  
8 and may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail, using the form of notice  
9 similar to that customarily used in securities class actions.

10           119. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class as  
11 all members of the Class are similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct in  
12 violation of federal law that is complained of herein.

13           120. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of  
14 the Class and has retained counsel competent and experienced in class and securities  
15 litigation. Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to or in conflict with those of the Class.

16           121. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class  
17 would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudication with respect to individual  
18 members of the Class that would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the  
19 party opposing the Class.

20           122. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class  
21 and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the Class.  
22 Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are:

- 23           (a) Whether the Securities Act was violated by Defendants as alleged herein;  
24           (b) Whether the Offering Materials were negligently prepared and contained  
25                 materially misleading statements and/or omitted material information  
26                 required to be stated therein;  
27           (c) the extent to which members of the Class have sustained damages and the  
28                 proper measure of damages

1 (d) A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and  
2 efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is  
3 impracticable. Furthermore, as the damages suffered by individual Class  
4 members may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual  
5 litigation make it impossible for members of the Class to individually  
6 redress the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the  
7 management of this action as a class action.

8 123. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and  
9 efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is impracticable.  
10 Furthermore, as the damages suffered by individual Class members may be relatively  
11 small, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it impossible for members  
12 of the Class to individually redress the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty  
13 in the management of this action as a class action.

14 **FIRST CLAIM**  
15 **Violation of Section 11 of**  
16 **The Securities Act Against All Defendants**

17 124. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates each and every allegation contained  
18 above as if fully set forth herein, except any allegation of fraud, recklessness or  
19 intentional misconduct.

20 125. This Count is brought pursuant to Section 11 of the Securities Act, 15  
21 U.S.C. §77k, on behalf of the Class, against Defendants.

22 126. The Registration Statement for the IPO was inaccurate and misleading,  
23 contained untrue statements of material facts, omitted to state other facts necessary to  
24 make the statements made not misleading, and omitted to state material facts required  
25 to be stated therein.

26 127. YogaWorks is the registrant for the IPO. Defendants named herein were  
27 responsible for the contents and dissemination of the Registration Statement.  
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1 128. As issuer of the shares, YogaWorks is strictly liable to Plaintiff and the  
2 Class for the misstatements and omissions.

3 129. None of the Defendants named herein made a reasonable investigation or  
4 possessed reasonable grounds for the belief that the statements contained in the  
5 Registration Statement were true and without omissions of any material facts and were  
6 not misleading.

7 130. By reasons of the conduct herein alleged, each Defendant violated, and/or  
8 controlled a person who violated Section 11 of the Securities Act.

9 131. Plaintiff acquired YogaWorks shares pursuant and/or traceable to the  
10 Registration Statement for the IPO.

11 132. Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages. The value of YogaWorks  
12 securities has declined substantially subsequent to and due to Defendants' violations.

13 **SECOND CLAIM**  
14 **Violation of Section 12(a)(2) of**  
15 **The Securities Act Against All Defendants**

16 133. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates each and every allegation contained  
17 above as if fully set forth herein.

18 134. This Count does not sound in fraud. Any proceeding allegations of fraud,  
19 fraudulent conduct, or improper motive are specifically excluded from this Count.  
20 Plaintiff does not allege that Defendants had scienter or fraudulent intent, which are  
21 not elements of this claim.

22 135. Defendants offered, sold and/or solicited a security, namely shares of  
23 YogaWorks' securities by means of the IPO identified above, or were-controlling  
24 persons of YogaWorks or of those who offered and sold YogaWorks securities. The  
25 Offering Materials' contained untrue and/or misleading statements of material fact that  
26 the Defendants in the exercise of reasonable care should have known were false.

27 136. Defendants actively solicited the sale of YogaWorks to serve their own  
28 financial interests.

1 137. At the time of purchase of YogaWorks' securities, Plaintiff and other  
2 members of the Class did not know that the representations made to them by the  
3 Defendants in connection with the distribution of shares and the matters described  
4 above were untrue, and did not know the above described omitted material facts, were  
5 not disclosed.

6 138. As a result, Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to tender YogaWorks  
7 they purchased and receive from Defendants the consideration paid for those shares  
8 with interest thereon, less the amount of any income received thereon, or damages  
9 resulting from Defendants' conduct.

10 139. Defendants are liable to Plaintiff and Class members pursuant to Section  
11 12 (a)(2) of the Securities Act, as seller of the securities in connection with the IPO.

12 140. This Action is brought within three years from the time that the securities  
13 upon this Count is brought were sold to the public, and within one year from the time  
14 when Plaintiff discovered or reasonably could have discovered the facts upon which  
15 this Count is based.

16 **THIRD CLAIM**  
17 **Violation of Section 15 of**  
18 **The Securities Act Against Individual Defendants**

19 141. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates each and every allegation contained  
20 above as if fully set forth herein, except any allegation of fraud, recklessness or  
21 intentional misconduct.

22 142. This count is asserted against the Individual Defendants and is based upon  
23 Section 15 of the Securities Act.

24 143. Individual Defendants, by virtue of their offices, directorship, and specific  
25 acts were, at the time of the wrongs alleged herein and as set forth herein, controlling  
26 persons of YogaWorks within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act.  
27 Individual Defendants had the power and influence and exercised the same to cause  
28 YogaWorks to engage in the acts described herein.

1 144. Individual Defendants' positions made them privy to and provided them  
2 with actual knowledge of the material facts concealed from Plaintiff and the Class.

3 145. By virtue of the conduct alleged herein, the Individual Defendants are  
4 liable for the aforesaid wrongful conduct and are liable to Plaintiff and the Class for  
5 damages suffered.

6 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

7 a. Determining that this action is a proper class action, designating Plaintiff  
8 as Lead Plaintiff and certifying Plaintiff as a class representative under Rule 23 of the  
9 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Plaintiff's counsel as Lead Counsel;

10 b. Awarding compensatory damages in favor of Plaintiff and the other Class  
11 members against all Defendants, jointly and severally, for all damages sustained as a  
12 result of Defendants' wrongdoing, in an amount to be proven at trial, including interest  
13 thereon;

14 c. Awarding Plaintiff and the Class their reasonable costs and expenses  
15 incurred in this action, including counsel fees and expert fees; and

16 d. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

17 **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

18 Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

19 Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

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