

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

BRUNO FORTIN, Individually and on Behalf
of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

TABOOLA.COM LTD., ADAM
SINGOLDA, and STEPHEN WALKER,

Defendants.

Case No.

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

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff Bruno Fortin (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through his attorneys, alleges the following upon information and belief, except as to those allegations concerning Plaintiff, which are alleged upon personal knowledge. Plaintiff’s information and belief is based upon, among other things, his counsel’s investigation, which includes without limitation: (a) review and analysis of regulatory filings made by Taboola.com Ltd. (“Taboola” or the “Company”) with the United States (“U.S.”) Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”); (b) review and analysis of press releases and media reports issued by and disseminated by Taboola; and (c) review of other publicly available information concerning Taboola.

NATURE OF THE ACTION AND OVERVIEW

1. This is a class action on behalf of persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired Taboola securities between May 6, 2026 and August 4, 2026, inclusive (the “Class Period”). Plaintiff pursues claims against the Defendants under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”).

2. Taboola operates a platform that partners with websites, devices, and mobile apps to recommend editorial content and advertisements on the open web. Taboola works by placing ads on publisher sites, mobile apps, and devices, collectively referred to as digital properties.

3. On August 5, 2026, before the market opened, Taboola reported second quarter 2026 earnings, including revenue of \$476.8 million, falling short of previously issued second quarter guidance of \$492-\$505 million. The Company also cut its previously issued full year 2026 guidance, reducing expected revenue by \$91 million at the midpoint to \$1,930-\$1,956 million and further cut expected gross profit \$10 million at the midpoint to \$605-\$615 million.

4. On the same date, also before the market opened, Taboola held an earnings call, during which the Company's Chief Financial Officer Stephen Walker said that¹ ***“[r]evenue was below our guidance this quarter”*** in part because the Company took ***“a more aggressive approach in the second quarter by exiting publisher relationships that did not meet our standards for advertiser success.”*** The Company's Chief Executive Officer Adam Singolda further said that the quarter experienced headwinds due to the ***“decision to remove low-quality publishers that were not delivering value for advertisers.”***

5. On this news, Taboola's share price fell \$1.45 or 27.41%, to close at \$3.84 on August 5, 2026, on unusually heavy trading volume.

6. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants made materially false and/or misleading statements, as well as failed to disclose material adverse facts about the Company's business, operations, and prospects. Specifically, Defendants failed to disclose to investors: (1) the Company was seeing an increase in low-quality publishers; (2) as a result, the Company would need to take an aggressive approach to exiting these low-quality publisher relationships, impacting earnings; (3) as a result, the value of the Company's publisher relationships was overstated; and (4) that, as a result of the foregoing, Defendants' positive statements about the Company's business, operations, and prospects were materially misleading and/or lacked a reasonable basis.

7. As a result of Defendants' wrongful acts and omissions, and the precipitous decline in the market value of the Company's securities, Plaintiff and other Class members have suffered significant losses and damages.

¹ Unless otherwise stated, all emphasis in bold and italics hereinafter is added, and all footnotes are omitted.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. The claims asserted herein arise under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a)) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC (17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5).

9. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and Section 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa).

10. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and Section 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa(a)). Substantial acts in furtherance of the alleged fraud or the effects of the fraud have occurred in this Judicial District. Many of the acts charged herein, including the dissemination of materially false and/or misleading information, occurred in substantial part in this Judicial District. In addition, the Company's principal executive offices are in this District.

11. In connection with the acts, transactions, and conduct alleged herein, Defendants directly and indirectly used the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, including the United States mail, interstate telephone communications, and the facilities of a national securities exchange.

PARTIES

12. Plaintiff Bruno Fortin, as set forth in the accompanying certification, incorporated by reference herein, purchased Taboola securities during the Class Period, and suffered damages as a result of the federal securities law violations and false and/or misleading statements and/or material omissions alleged herein.

13. Defendant Taboola is incorporated under the laws of Israel with its principal executive offices located in New York, New York. Taboola's ordinary shares trade on the NASDAQ exchange under the symbol "TBLA."

14. Defendant Adam Singolda (“Singolda”) was the Company’s Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) at all relevant times.

15. Defendant Stephen Walker (“Walker”) was the Company’s Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) at all relevant times.

16. Defendants Singolda and Walker (together, the “Individual Defendants”), because of their positions with the Company, possessed the power and authority to control the contents of the Company’s reports to the SEC, press releases and presentations to securities analysts, money and portfolio managers and institutional investors, i.e., the market. The Individual Defendants were provided with copies of the Company’s reports and press releases alleged herein to be misleading prior to, or shortly after, their issuance and had the ability and opportunity to prevent their issuance or cause them to be corrected. Because of their positions and access to material non-public information available to them, the Individual Defendants knew that the adverse facts specified herein had not been disclosed to, and were being concealed from, the public, and that the positive representations which were being made were then materially false and/or misleading. The Individual Defendants are liable for the false statements pleaded herein.

SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

Background

17. Taboola operates a platform that partners with websites, devices, and mobile apps to recommend editorial content and advertisements on the open web. Taboola works by placing ads on publisher sites, mobile apps, and devices, collectively referred to as digital properties.

Materially False and Misleading

Statements Issued During the Class Period

18. The Class Period begins on May 6, 2026. On that day, Taboola issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter of 2026. The press release touted the

Company's financial results, including touting that these results were "driven by advertiser success" as well as the Company's "unique data, AI, and distribution." The press release further supported second quarter and full year 2026 guidance. Specifically, the press release stated as follows, in relevant part:

"We're starting the year strong, exceeding the high end of our guidance across all metrics and raising our full-year outlook, reflecting accelerated growth," said Adam Singolda, CEO of Taboola. "We're seeing steady progress toward consistent double-digit growth, driven by *advertiser success on Realize. Our unique data, AI, and distribution continue to deliver real performance outcomes.* We remain focused on growing the budgets we manage, returning capital through an aggressive share repurchase program, and strengthening our position as a leader in performance advertising beyond search and social."

First Quarter 2026 Financial Results

(All comparisons are to the first quarter of 2025 unless otherwise noted.)

- Revenues of \$466.4 million, an increase of 9.1%.
- Gross Profit of \$129.6 million, an increase of 8.6%. ex-TAC Gross Profit was \$168.1 million, an increase of 10.8%.
- Net Income was \$59.1 million, improved from a Net loss of \$8.8 million. Adjusted EBITDA was \$26.7 million, down (25.7)%. Adjusted EBITDA margins in the quarter was 15.9%.
- Cash Flow generated by operating activities was \$108.7 million, compared to \$48.1 million. Free Cash Flow was \$90.3 million, compared to \$36.1 million.

Second Quarter and Full Year 2026 Guidance

For the Second Quarter and Full Year 2026, the Company currently expects (dollars in millions):

	Q2 2026 Guidance	FY 2026 Guidance
	Unaudited	
	(dollars in millions)	
Revenues	\$492 - \$505	\$2,006 - \$2,062
Gross profit	\$147 - \$152	\$610 - \$630
ex-TAC Gross Profit*	\$189 - \$194	\$760 - \$781
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$49 - \$55	\$222 - \$240
Non-GAAP Net Income*	\$36 - \$43	\$167 - \$191

19. On May 6, 2026, the Company submitted its quarterly report for the period ended March 31, 2026 on a Form 10-Q filed with the SEC, affirming the previously reported financial results and further providing additional financial results, including the value of its publisher relationships, as follows in relevant part:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2026	2025
	Unaudited	
Revenues (1)	\$ 466,395	\$ 427,493
Cost of revenues:		
Traffic acquisition cost (2)	302,379	279,797
Other cost of revenues	34,439	28,389
Total cost of revenues	336,818	308,186
Gross profit	129,577	119,307
Operating expenses:		
Research and development, net	39,580	35,956
Sales and marketing	72,565	65,890
General and administrative	25,048	23,723
Other income, net (3)	(77,000)	—
Total operating expenses	60,193	125,569
Operating income (loss)	69,384	(6,262)
Finance expenses, net (4)	(245)	(4,500)
Income (loss) before income taxes	69,139	(10,762)
Income tax benefit (expenses)	(10,073)	2,012
Net income (loss)	\$ 59,066	\$ (8,750)

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Intangible Assets, Net

Definite-lived intangible assets, net consist of the following:

March 31, 2026	Gross Fair Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Merchant/Network affiliate relationships	\$ 146,547	\$ (146,547)	\$ —
Technology	74,193	(69,428)	4,765
Publisher relationships	42,934	(42,934)	—
Tradenames	24,397	(24,156)	241
Customer relationship	13,473	(12,942)	531
Total (unaudited)	\$ 301,544	\$ (296,007)	\$ 5,537

20. The above statements identified in ¶¶ 18-19 were materially false and/or misleading, and failed to disclose material adverse facts about the Company's business, operations, and prospects. Specifically, Defendants failed to disclose to investors: (1) the Company was seeing an increase in low-quality publishers; (2) as a result, the Company would need to take an aggressive approach to exiting these low-quality publisher relationships, impacting earnings; (3) as a result, the value of the Company's publisher relationships was overstated; and (4) that, as a result of the foregoing, Defendants' positive statements about the Company's business, operations, and prospects were materially misleading and/or lacked a reasonable basis.

Disclosures at the End of the Class Period

21. On August 5, 2026, before the market opened, Taboola reported second quarter 2026 earnings, including revenue of \$476.8 million, falling short of previously issued second quarter guidance of \$492-\$505 million. The Company also cut its previously issued full year 2026 guidance, reducing expected revenue by \$91 million at the midpoint to \$1,930-\$1,956 million and further cut expected gross profit \$10 million at the midpoint to \$605-\$615 million. Specifically, on that date, the Company issued a press release which stated as follows, in relevant part:

Second Quarter 2026 Financial Results

(All comparisons are to the second quarter of 2025 unless otherwise noted.)

Revenues of \$476.8 million, an increase of 2.4%.

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Third Quarter and Full Year 2026 Guidance

For the Third Quarter and Full Year 2026, the Company currently expects (dollars in millions):

	Q3 2026 Guidance	FY 2026 Guidance
	Unaudited	
	(dollars in millions)	
Revenues	\$460 - \$473	\$1,930 - \$1,956
Gross profit	\$148 - \$152	\$605 - \$615
ex-TAC Gross Profit*	\$184 - \$190	\$772 - \$783
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$51.5 - \$56.5	\$228 - \$240
Non-GAAP Net Income (Loss)*	\$38 - \$42	\$168 - \$176

22. On the same date, also before the market opened, the Company held an earnings call, during which the Company’s CFO, Defendant Walker said that “[r]evenue was *below our guidance this quarter*” in part because the Company took “*a more aggressive approach in the second quarter by exiting publisher relationships that did not meet our standards for advertiser success.*” The Company’s CEO, Defendant Singolda further said that the quarter experienced headwinds due to the “*decision to remove low-quality publishers that were not delivering value for advertisers.*” Specifically, during the earnings call, Defendants Walker and Singolda stated the following, respectively:

Adam Singolda, *Founder, CEO & Director*

Thanks, Aadam. Good morning, everyone, and thank you for joining us today. The second quarter was another important step forward for Taboola. We continue to execute and delivered results above our guidance across our key metrics despite dealing with 2 *headwinds during the quarter*. The first was a Google policy change that deprecated our explore more product and the second was *our decision to remove low-quality publishers that were not delivering value for advertisers.*

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Stephen Walker, *Chief Financial Officer*

Thanks, Adam, and good morning, everyone. We’re pleased with our performance in the second quarter. We continue to execute against our strategy and delivered

results above our guidance across our key metrics. In the second quarter, revenues grew 2% year-over-year to \$476.8 million. ***Revenue was below our guidance this quarter, primarily as a result of 2 factors. The first was our continuing effort to optimize supply quality. As part of our ongoing focus on improving the quality and performance of our publisher network, we took a more aggressive approach in the second quarter by exiting publisher relationships that did not meet our standards for advertiser success.***

23. On this news, Taboola's share price fell \$1.45 or 27.41%, to close at \$3.84 on August 5, 2026, on unusually heavy trading volume.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

24. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) on behalf of a class, consisting of all persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired Taboola securities between May 6, 2026 and August 4, 2026, inclusive, and who were damaged thereby (the "Class"). Excluded from the Class are Defendants, the officers and directors of the Company, at all relevant times, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns, and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest.

25. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Throughout the Class Period, Taboola's shares actively traded on the NASDAQ. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate discovery, Plaintiff believes that there are at least hundreds or thousands of members in the proposed Class. Millions of Taboola shares were traded publicly during the Class Period on the NASDAQ. Record owners and other members of the Class may be identified from records maintained by Taboola or its transfer agent and may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail, using the form of notice similar to that customarily used in securities class actions.

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

27. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the Class and has retained counsel competent and experienced in class and securities litigation.

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

(a) whether the federal securities laws were violated by Defendants' acts as alleged herein;

(b) whether statements made by Defendants to the investing public during the Class Period omitted and/or misrepresented material facts about the business, operations, and prospects of Taboola; and

(c) to what extent the members of the Class have sustained damages and the proper measure of damages.

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

UNDISCLOSED ADVERSE FACTS

30. The market for Taboola's securities was open, well-developed and efficient at all relevant times. As a result of these materially false and/or misleading statements, and/or failures to disclose, Taboola's securities traded at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period.

Plaintiff and other members of the Class purchased or otherwise acquired Taboola's securities relying upon the integrity of the market price of the Company's securities and market information relating to Taboola, and have been damaged thereby.

31. During the Class Period, Defendants materially misled the investing public, thereby inflating the price of Taboola's securities, by publicly issuing false and/or misleading statements and/or omitting to disclose material facts necessary to make Defendants' statements, as set forth herein, not false and/or misleading. The statements and omissions were materially false and/or misleading because they failed to disclose material adverse information and/or misrepresented the truth about Taboola's business, operations, and prospects as alleged herein.

32. At all relevant times, the material misrepresentations and omissions particularized in this Complaint directly or proximately caused or were a substantial contributing cause of the damages sustained by Plaintiff and other members of the Class. As described herein, during the Class Period, Defendants made or caused to be made a series of materially false and/or misleading statements about Taboola's financial well-being and prospects. These material misstatements and/or omissions had the cause and effect of creating in the market an unrealistically positive assessment of the Company and its financial well-being and prospects, thus causing the Company's securities to be overvalued and artificially inflated at all relevant times. Defendants' materially false and/or misleading statements during the Class Period resulted in Plaintiff and other members of the Class purchasing the Company's securities at artificially inflated prices, thus causing the damages complained of herein when the truth was revealed.

LOSS CAUSATION

33. Defendants' wrongful conduct, as alleged herein, directly and proximately caused the economic loss suffered by Plaintiff and the Class.

34. During the Class Period, Plaintiff and the Class purchased Taboola's securities at artificially inflated prices and were damaged thereby. The price of the Company's securities significantly declined when the misrepresentations made to the market, and/or the information alleged herein to have been concealed from the market, and/or the effects thereof, were revealed, causing investors' losses.

SCIENTER ALLEGATIONS

35. As alleged herein, Defendants acted with scienter since Defendants knew that the public documents and statements issued or disseminated in the name of the Company were materially false and/or misleading; knew that such statements or documents would be issued or disseminated to the investing public; and knowingly and substantially participated or acquiesced in the issuance or dissemination of such statements or documents as primary violations of the federal securities laws. As set forth elsewhere herein in detail, the Individual Defendants, by virtue of their receipt of information reflecting the true facts regarding Taboola, their control over, and/or receipt and/or modification of Taboola's allegedly materially misleading misstatements and/or their associations with the Company which made them privy to confidential proprietary information concerning Taboola, participated in the fraudulent scheme alleged herein.

APPLICABILITY OF PRESUMPTION OF RELIANCE

(FRAUD-ON-THE-MARKET DOCTRINE)

36. The market for Taboola's securities was open, well-developed and efficient at all relevant times. As a result of the materially false and/or misleading statements and/or failures to disclose, Taboola's securities traded at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period. On July 9, 2026, the Company's share price closed at a Class Period high of \$5.58 per share. Plaintiff and other members of the Class purchased or otherwise acquired the Company's securities relying

upon the integrity of the market price of Taboola's securities and market information relating to Taboola, and have been damaged thereby.

37. During the Class Period, the artificial inflation of Taboola's shares was caused by the material misrepresentations and/or omissions particularized in this Complaint causing the damages sustained by Plaintiff and other members of the Class. As described herein, during the Class Period, Defendants made or caused to be made a series of materially false and/or misleading statements about Taboola's business, prospects, and operations. These material misstatements and/or omissions created an unrealistically positive assessment of Taboola and its business, operations, and prospects, thus causing the price of the Company's securities to be artificially inflated at all relevant times, and when disclosed, negatively affected the value of the Company shares. Defendants' materially false and/or misleading statements during the Class Period resulted in Plaintiff and other members of the Class purchasing the Company's securities at such artificially inflated prices, and each of them has been damaged as a result.

38. At all relevant times, the market for Taboola's securities was an efficient market for the following reasons, among others:

(a) Taboola shares met the requirements for listing, and was listed and actively traded on the NASDAQ, a highly efficient and automated market;

(b) As a regulated issuer, Taboola filed periodic public reports with the SEC and/or the NASDAQ;

(c) Taboola regularly communicated with public investors via established market communication mechanisms, including through regular dissemination of press releases on the national circuits of major newswire services and through other wide-ranging public disclosures, such as communications with the financial press and other similar reporting services; and/or

(d) Taboola was followed by securities analysts employed by brokerage firms who wrote reports about the Company, and these reports were distributed to the sales force and certain customers of their respective brokerage firms. Each of these reports was publicly available and entered the public marketplace.

39. As a result of the foregoing, the market for Taboola's securities promptly digested current information regarding Taboola from all publicly available sources and reflected such information in Taboola's share price. Under these circumstances, all purchasers of Taboola's securities during the Class Period suffered similar injury through their purchase of Taboola's securities at artificially inflated prices and a presumption of reliance applies.

40. A Class-wide presumption of reliance is also appropriate in this action under the Supreme Court's holding in *Affiliated Ute Citizens of Utah v. United States*, 406 U.S. 128 (1972), because the Class's claims are, in large part, grounded on Defendants' material misstatements and/or omissions. Because this action involves Defendants' failure to disclose material adverse information regarding the Company's business operations and financial prospects—information that Defendants were obligated to disclose—positive proof of reliance is not a prerequisite to recovery. All that is necessary is that the facts withheld be material in the sense that a reasonable investor might have considered them important in making investment decisions. Given the importance of the Class Period material misstatements and omissions set forth above, that requirement is satisfied here.

NO SAFE HARBOR

41. The statutory safe harbor provided for forward-looking statements under certain circumstances does not apply to any of the allegedly false statements pleaded in this Complaint. The statements alleged to be false and misleading herein all relate to then-existing facts and conditions. In addition, to the extent certain of the statements alleged to be false may be

characterized as forward looking, they were not identified as “forward-looking statements” when made and there were no meaningful cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the purportedly forward-looking statements. In the alternative, to the extent that the statutory safe harbor is determined to apply to any forward-looking statements pleaded herein, Defendants are liable for those false forward-looking statements because at the time each of those forward-looking statements was made, the speaker had actual knowledge that the forward-looking statement was materially false or misleading, and/or the forward-looking statement was authorized or approved by an executive officer of Taboola who knew that the statement was false when made.

FIRST CLAIM

Violation of Section 10(b) of The Exchange Act and

Rule 10b-5 Promulgated Thereunder

Against All Defendants

42. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.

43. During the Class Period, Defendants carried out a plan, scheme and course of conduct which was intended to and, throughout the Class Period, did: (i) deceive the investing public, including Plaintiff and other Class members, as alleged herein; and (ii) cause Plaintiff and other members of the Class to purchase Taboola’s securities at artificially inflated prices. In furtherance of this unlawful scheme, plan and course of conduct, Defendants, and each defendant, took the actions set forth herein.

44. Defendants (i) employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud; (ii) made untrue statements of material fact and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading; and (iii) engaged in acts, practices, and a course of business which

operated as a fraud and deceit upon the purchasers of the Company's securities in an effort to maintain artificially high market prices for Taboola's securities in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5. All Defendants are sued either as primary participants in the wrongful and illegal conduct charged herein or as controlling persons as alleged below.

45. Defendants, individually and in concert, directly and indirectly, by the use, means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce and/or of the mails, engaged and participated in a continuous course of conduct to conceal adverse material information about Taboola's financial well-being and prospects, as specified herein.

46. Defendants employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud, while in possession of material adverse non-public information and engaged in acts, practices, and a course of conduct as alleged herein in an effort to assure investors of Taboola's value and performance and continued substantial growth, which included the making of, or the participation in the making of, untrue statements of material facts and/or omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made about Taboola and its business operations and future prospects in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, as set forth more particularly herein, and engaged in transactions, practices and a course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon the purchasers of the Company's securities during the Class Period.

47. Each of the Individual Defendants' primary liability and controlling person liability arises from the following facts: (i) the Individual Defendants were high-level executives and/or directors at the Company during the Class Period and members of the Company's management team or had control thereof; (ii) each of these defendants, by virtue of their responsibilities and activities as a senior officer and/or director of the Company, was privy to and participated in the creation, development and reporting of the Company's internal budgets, plans, projections and/or

reports; (iii) each of these defendants enjoyed significant personal contact and familiarity with the other defendants and was advised of, and had access to, other members of the Company's management team, internal reports and other data and information about the Company's finances, operations, and sales at all relevant times; and (iv) each of these defendants was aware of the Company's dissemination of information to the investing public which they knew and/or recklessly disregarded was materially false and misleading.

48. Defendants had actual knowledge of the misrepresentations and/or omissions of material facts set forth herein, or acted with reckless disregard for the truth in that they failed to ascertain and to disclose such facts, even though such facts were available to them. Such defendants' material misrepresentations and/or omissions were done knowingly or recklessly and for the purpose and effect of concealing Taboola's financial well-being and prospects from the investing public and supporting the artificially inflated price of its securities. As demonstrated by Defendants' overstatements and/or misstatements of the Company's business, operations, financial well-being, and prospects throughout the Class Period, Defendants, if they did not have actual knowledge of the misrepresentations and/or omissions alleged, were reckless in failing to obtain such knowledge by deliberately refraining from taking those steps necessary to discover whether those statements were false or misleading.

49. As a result of the dissemination of the materially false and/or misleading information and/or failure to disclose material facts, as set forth above, the market price of Taboola's securities was artificially inflated during the Class Period. In ignorance of the fact that market prices of the Company's securities were artificially inflated, and relying directly or indirectly on the false and misleading statements made by Defendants, or upon the integrity of the market in which the securities trades, and/or in the absence of material adverse information that

was known to or recklessly disregarded by Defendants, but not disclosed in public statements by Defendants during the Class Period, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class acquired Taboola's securities during the Class Period at artificially high prices and were damaged thereby.

50. At the time of said misrepresentations and/or omissions, Plaintiff and other members of the Class were ignorant of their falsity, and believed them to be true. Had Plaintiff and the other members of the Class and the marketplace known the truth regarding the problems that Taboola was experiencing, which were not disclosed by Defendants, Plaintiff and other members of the Class would not have purchased or otherwise acquired their Taboola securities, or, if they had acquired such securities during the Class Period, they would not have done so at the artificially inflated prices which they paid.

51. By virtue of the foregoing, Defendants violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder.

52. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class suffered damages in connection with their respective purchases and sales of the Company's securities during the Class Period.

SECOND CLAIM

Violation of Section 20(a) of The Exchange Act

Against the Individual Defendants

53. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.

54. Individual Defendants acted as controlling persons of Taboola within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act as alleged herein. By virtue of their high-level positions and their ownership and contractual rights, participation in, and/or awareness of the Company's operations and intimate knowledge of the false financial statements filed by the Company with the

SEC and disseminated to the investing public, Individual Defendants had the power to influence and control and did influence and control, directly or indirectly, the decision-making of the Company, including the content and dissemination of the various statements which Plaintiff contends are false and misleading. Individual Defendants were provided with or had unlimited access to copies of the Company's reports, press releases, public filings, and other statements alleged by Plaintiff to be misleading prior to and/or shortly after these statements were issued and had the ability to prevent the issuance of the statements or cause the statements to be corrected.

55. In particular, Individual Defendants had direct and supervisory involvement in the day-to-day operations of the Company and, therefore, had the power to control or influence the particular transactions giving rise to the securities violations as alleged herein, and exercised the same.

56. As set forth above, Taboola and Individual Defendants each violated Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 by their acts and omissions as alleged in this Complaint. By virtue of their position as controlling persons, Individual Defendants are liable pursuant to Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff and other members of the Class suffered damages in connection with their purchases of the Company's securities during the Class Period.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

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

- (a) Determining that this action is a proper class action under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
- (b) Awarding compensatory damages in favor of Plaintiff and the other Class members against all defendants, jointly and severally, for all damages sustained as a result of Defendants' wrongdoing, in an amount to be proven at trial, including interest thereon;