Groupon, Inc. Form S-3ASR February 14, 2018 As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2018 Registration No. 333-UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 Form S-3 **REGISTRATION STATEMENT** UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 Groupon, Inc. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) 27-0903295 Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (IRS Employer Identification No.) 600 West Chicago Avenue Suite 400 Chicago, Illinois 60654 312-334-1579 (Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices) Groupon, Inc. 600 West Chicago Avenue Suite 400 Chicago, Illinois 60654 312-334-1579 (Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service) Copy to: Dane A. Drobny, Esq. Groupon, Inc. 600 West Chicago Avenue Suite 400 Chicago, Illinois 60654 312-334-1579 Steven J. Gavin, Esq. Karen A. Weber, Esq. Winston & Strawn LLP 35 West Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60601 312-558-5600 Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement. If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment

plans, check the following box." If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Pule 415 under the Securities Act of 1033, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest

Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x

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If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering."

If this form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. x

If this form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act. check the following box."

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Non-accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company " Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B)of the Securities Act."

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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to be Registered(1)	Registered(2)	Price Per Security(2)	Aggregate Offering Price(2)		
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Preferred Stock					
Debt Securities				_	
Warrants					
Subscription Rights					
Stock Purchase					
Contracts	_			_	
Stock Purchase Units		_			
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An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price or number of the securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be offered at indeterminate prices or upon conversion, exchange or exercise of

(1) securities registered hereunder to the extent any such securities are, by their terms, convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for, such securities. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable on conversion, exchange or exercise of other securities or that are issued in units.

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received for securities that are issuable on conversion, exchange or exercise of other securities or that are issued in units or represented by depositary shares.

(3) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act at 1933, as amended, Groupon, Inc. is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

PROSPECTUS Common Stock Preferred Stock **Debt Securities** Warrants Subscription Rights Stock Purchase Contracts **Stock Purchase Units** We or any selling securityholder may offer and sell, at any time and from time to time, in one or more offerings, any of the following securities: common stock; preferred stock; debt securities; warrants: subscription rights; stock purchase contracts; and stock purchase units. When we use the term "securities" in this prospectus, we mean any of the securities we or selling securityholders may

offer with this prospectus, unless we say otherwise. This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities and the general manner in which they may be offered. The specific terms of any securities to be offered, and the specific manner in which they may be offered, will be described in a supplement to this prospectus or incorporated into this prospectus by reference. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement may be used to offer securities for the account of persons other than us, including selling securityholders. We or any selling securityholders may offer and sell these securities to or through underwriters, dealers and agents or directly to purchasers. The applicable prospectus supplement for each offering of securities will describe in detail the plan of distribution for that offering, including any required information about the firms we use and the discounts or commissions we may pay them for their services. Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise, we will not receive any proceeds from the sale of securities by the selling securityholders. For general information about the distribution of securities offered, please see "Plan of Distribution" on page 12 of this prospectus.

You should read this prospectus and any supplement carefully before you invest. Each prospectus supplement will indicate if the securities offered thereby will be listed or quoted on a securities exchange or quotation system. Neither we nor any selling securityholders may use this prospectus to sell securities unless it includes a prospectus supplement.

If any securities are to be listed or quoted on a securities exchange or quotation system, our prospectus supplement will say so. Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market ("NASDAQ") and trades under the symbol "GRPN."

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities, or determined if this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is February 14, 2018.

Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully read and consider the risk factors included in this prospectus under the section entitled "Risk Factors" on page 2 of this prospectus, in any applicable prospectus supplement relating to a specific offering of securities, in our periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and in any other documents we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of an "automatic shelf" registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") as a "well-known seasoned issuer" as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act at 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). By using a shelf registration statement, we and certain securityholders may sell, at any time and from time to time, in one or more offerings, any combination of the securities described in this prospectus.

This prospectus provides you with only a general description of the securities we or selling securityholders may offer. It is not meant to be a complete description of any security. Each time we or selling securityholders sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering, including the specific amounts, prices and terms of the securities offered. We and any underwriter or agent that we may from time to time retain may also provide other information relating to an offering, which we refer to as "other offering material." The prospectus supplement as well as the other offering material may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus or in the documents we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should read this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, and any other offering material (including any free writing prospectus) prepared by or on behalf of us for a specific offering of securities, together with additional information described in the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" and any other offering material. Throughout this prospectus, where we indicate that information may be supplemented in an applicable prospectus supplement or supplements, that information may also be supplemented in other offering material. If there is any inconsistency between this prospectus and the information contained in a prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms "Groupon," "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Groupon, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries. When we refer to "you" in this section, we mean all purchasers of the securities being offered by this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, whether they are the holders or only indirect owners of those securities.

ABOUT GROUPON, INC.

Groupon is a global leader in local commerce, making it easy for people around the world to search and discover great businesses and merchandise. Our vision is to connect local commerce, increasing consumer buying power while driving more business to merchants through price and discovery. We want Groupon to be the destination that consumers check first when they are out and about; the place they start when they are looking to buy just about anything, anywhere, anytime. By bringing the brick and mortar world of local commerce onto the Internet, Groupon is helping local merchants to attract customers and sell goods and services.

Groupon operates online local commerce marketplaces throughout the world that connect merchants to consumers by offering goods and services, generally at a discount. Consumers access those marketplaces through our websites, primarily localized groupon.com sites in many countries, and our mobile applications. More than two-thirds of the transactions on our platform are completed on mobile devices.

Our principal executive offices are located at 600 West Chicago Avenue, Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60654. Our telephone number is (312) 334-1579. Our website address is www.groupon.com. The information on or accessible through our website is not part of this prospectus and should not be relied upon in connection with making any investment decision with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors described below, as well as the risk factors in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as the same may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by our filings under the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as well as any applicable prospectus supplement. Before making any investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus or in any applicable prospectus supplement. For more information, see the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" on page 15 of this prospectus. These risks could materially affect our business, results of operations or financial condition and affect the value of our securities. You could lose all or part of your investment. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business, results of operations or financial conditions.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Other risks, uncertainties and factors, including the risk factors discussed under "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and those discussed in our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our other reports filed from time to time with the SEC, could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements. Except as required under the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC, we do not have any intention or obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements after the distribution of this prospectus, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in assumptions or otherwise.

This prospectus and other documents we file with the SEC contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), including statements regarding our future results of operations and financial position, business strategy and plans and our objectives for future operations. The words "may," "will," "should," "could," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "intend," "continue" and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We have based these forward looking statements largely on current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy, short-term and long-term business operations and objectives, and financial needs. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, risk related to volatility in our operating results; execution of our business and marketing strategies; retaining existing customers and adding new customers; challenges arising from our international operations, including fluctuations in currency exchange rates, legal and regulatory developments and any potential adverse impact from the United Kingdom's likely exit from the European Union; retaining and adding high quality merchants; our voucherless offerings; cybersecurity breaches; competing successfully in our industry; changes to merchant payment terms; providing a strong mobile experience for our customers; maintaining our information technology infrastructure; delivery and routing of our emails; claims related to product and service offerings; managing inventory and order fulfillment risks; litigation; managing refund risks; retaining and attracting members of our executive team; completing and realizing the anticipated benefits from acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures and strategic investments; lack of control over minority investments; tax liabilities; tax legislation; compliance with domestic and foreign laws and regulations, including the CARD Act, GDPR and regulation of the Internet and e-commerce; classification of our independent contractors; protecting our intellectual property; maintaining a strong brand; customer and merchant fraud; payment-related risks; our ability to raise capital if necessary and our outstanding indebtedness; global economic uncertainty; our common stock, including volatility in our stock price; our senior convertible notes; and our ability to realize the anticipated benefits from the hedge and warrant transactions.

We operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time. It is not possible for our management to predict all risks, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. We do not intend, and undertake no obligation, to update any of our forward-looking statements after the date of this prospectus to reflect actual results or future events or

circumstances.

Given these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the net proceeds we receive from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement will be used for working capital and other general corporate purposes. We will have significant discretion in the use of any net proceeds. General corporate purposes may include, but are not limited to:

the repayment or refinancing of debt;

eapital expenditures; or

the financing of possible acquisitions or business expansion.

The net proceeds from the sale of securities may be invested temporarily or applied to repay short-term debt until they are used for their stated purpose. When particular securities are offered, we will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement our intended use for the net proceeds received from the sale of such securities.

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise, we will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of our securities by selling securityholders.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges on a historical basis for the periods indicated. You should read this table in conjunction with the financial statements and notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus. See "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Information Incorporated by Reference."

Year Ended December 31,

2017 2016 2015 2014 2013

Ratio of earnings to fixed charges ⁽¹⁾ 1.8 - - -

(1) For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 our earnings were insufficient to cover by \$184.0 million, \$109.3 million, \$4.6 million, and \$1.4 million, respectively. As a result of such deficiencies, the ratios are not presented above.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

General

The following description of our capital stock and of certain provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws and certain provisions of Delaware law do not purport to be complete and are subject to and qualified in their entirety by reference to our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated by-laws and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"). Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws are filed herewith and incorporated herein by reference. References in this section to the "Company," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Groupon, Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries. Common Stock

Pursuant to our Restated Certificate, our board of directors has the authority to issue up to a total of 2,010,000,000 shares of Common Stock. Each holder of Common Stock shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each such share on any matter that is submitted to a vote of stockholders and shall otherwise have the rights conferred by the DGCL in respect of such shares. In addition, holders of the Common Stock will vote as a single class of stock on any matter that is submitted to a vote of stockholders.

As of the date hereof, our authorized capital stock consists of 2,010,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.0001 par value, and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value. All of our outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable.

Preferred Stock

Pursuant to our restated certificate of incorporation, our board of directors has the authority, without approval by the stockholders, to issue up to a total of 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series. Our board of directors may establish the number of shares to be included in each such series and may fix the designations, preferences, powers and other rights of the shares of a series of preferred stock. Our board of directors could authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could dilute the voting power or rights of the holders of our common stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could, among other things, have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the Company and might harm the market price of our common stock. Elimination of Liability in Certain Circumstances

Our restated certificate of incorporation eliminates the liability of our directors to us or our stockholders for monetary damages resulting from breaches of their fiduciary duties as directors. Directors will remain liable for breaches of their duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders, as well as for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, and transactions from which a director derives improper personal benefit. Our restated certificate of incorporation will not absolve directors of liability for payment of dividends or stock purchases or redemptions by us in violation of Section 174 (or any successor provision of the DGCL). The effect of this provision is to eliminate the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for actions

involving a breach of their fiduciary duty of care, including any such actions involving gross negligence. We do not believe that this provision eliminates the liability of our directors to us or our stockholders for monetary damages under the federal securities laws. Our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated by-laws provide indemnification for the benefit of our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL as it may be amended from time to time, including most circumstances under which indemnification otherwise would be discretionary. Anti-Takeover Effects of Delaware Law, Our Restated Certificate and Our Amended and Restated By-Laws Number of Directors; Removal; Vacancies. We currently have nine directors and our amended and restated by-laws provide that we shall have such number of directors as is determined by a resolution of the board of directors then in office. Vacancies on the board of directors may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office. Our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated by-laws provide that directors may be removed with or without cause by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

Special Meetings of Stockholders; Limitations on Stockholder Action by Written Consent. Our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated by-laws provide that special meetings of our stockholders may be called only by our Chairman of the board, our Chief Executive Officer, our board of directors or holders of not less than a majority of our issued and outstanding voting stock. Any action required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders must be effected at an annual or special meeting of stockholders and may not be effected by written consent unless the action to be effected and the taking of such action by written consent have been approved in advance by our board of directors.

Amendments; Vote Requirements. Certain provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated by-laws provide that the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares entitled to vote on any matter is required for stockholders to amend our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated by-laws, including those provisions relating to action by written consent and the ability of stockholders to call special meetings. Authorized but Unissued Shares; Undesignated Preferred Stock. The authorized but unissued shares of our common stock will be available for future issuance without stockholder approval. These additional shares may be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital, corporate acquisitions and employee benefit plans. In addition, our board of directors may authorize, without stockholder approval, undesignated preferred stock with voting rights or other rights or preferences that could impede the success of any attempt to acquire us. The existence of authorized but unissued shares of common stock or preferred stock could render it more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of us by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

Advance Notice Requirements for Stockholder Proposals and Nomination of Directors. Our amended and restated by-laws provide that stockholders seeking to bring business before an annual meeting of stockholders, or to nominate individuals for election as directors at an annual meeting of stockholders, must provide timely notice in writing. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at our principal executive offices not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders. However, in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within 30 days before or 60 days after such anniversary date, such notice will be timely only if received not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which a public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was made. Our amended and restated by-laws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice. Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. We are subject to Section 203 of the DGCL, which prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder for a period of three years after the date that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, with the following exceptions: before such date, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction began, excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding (but not the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder) those shares owned (i) by persons who are directors and also officers and (ii) employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or

on or after such date, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

In addition, pursuant to that certain investment agreement, dated April 3, 2016, between the Company and A-G Holdings, L.P., as amended (the "Investment Agreement," and the transactions contemplated thereby, the "Atairos Transaction"), we have exempted the Atairos Transaction and all actions taken pursuant to or in connection with such transaction from the restrictions of Section 203.

In general, Section 203 defines a business combination to include the following:

any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;

any sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition of 10% or more of the assets of the corporation involving the interested stockholder;

subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder;

any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock or any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; or

the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loss, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits by or through the corporation.

In general, Section 203 defines an "interested stockholder" as an entity or person who, together with the person's affiliates and associates, beneficially owns, or within three years prior to the time of determination of interested stockholder status did own, 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation. Choice of Forum

Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware will be the exclusive forum for: (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf; (ii) any action asserting a breach of fiduciary duty; (iii) any action asserting a claim against us arising pursuant to the DGCL, our amended certificate of incorporation or our amended and restated by-laws; or (iv) any action asserting a claim against us that is governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Computershare Trust Company, N.A. The transfer agent's address is 250 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "GRPN."

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements and in any related free writing prospectuses, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the debt securities that we may offer under this prospectus. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any debt securities that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any debt securities in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any debt securities offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below.

We may issue debt securities from time to time in one or more distinct series. The debt securities may be senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities. Senior debt securities may be issued under a senior indenture and subordinated debt securities may be issued under a subordinated indenture. If we issue debt securities pursuant to an indenture, in the applicable prospectus supplement we will specify the trustee under such indenture. We will include in a supplement to this prospectus the specific terms of debt securities being offered, including the terms, if any, on which debt securities may be convertible into or exchangeable for common stock, preferred stock or other debt securities and any indentures are summaries of these provisions and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the debt securities and the indentures (including any amendments or supplements we may enter into from time to time which are permitted under the debt securities or any indenture). Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be direct unsecured obligations of Groupon, Inc. Any debt securities designated as senior will rank equally with any of our other senior and unsubordinated debt. Any debt securities designated as subordinated will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to any senior indebtedness. There may be subordinated debt securities that are senior or junior to other series of subordinated debt securities.

The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of the debt securities or any series thereof, including, if applicable:

the title of the debt securities and whether the debt securities will be senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities;

any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;

whether the debt securities will be issued as registered securities, bearer securities or both, and any restrictions on the exchange of one form of debt securities for another and on the offer, sale and delivery of the debt securities in either form;

the date or dates on which the principal amount of the debt securities will mature;

if the debt securities bear interest, the rate or rates at which the debt securities bear interest and the date or dates from which interest will accrue;

if the debt securities bear interest, the dates on which interest will be payable and the regular record dates for interest payments;

the place or places where the payment of principal, any premium and interest will be made, where the debt securities may be surrendered for transfer or exchange and where notices or demands to or upon us may be served; the price at which we originally issue the debt security, expressed as a percentage of the principal amount, and the original issue date;

any optional redemption provisions, which would allow us to redeem the debt securities in whole or in part; any sinking fund or other provisions that would obligate us to redeem, repay or purchase the debt securities; if the currency in which the debt securities will be issuable is U.S. dollars, the denominations in which any registered securities will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, and the denominations in which any bearer securities will be issuable, if other than the denomination of \$5,000; if other than the entire principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of debt securities which will be payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity of the debt securities;

the events of default and covenants relevant to the debt securities, including the inapplicability of any event of default or covenant set forth in the indenture relating to the debt securities, or the applicability of any other events of default or covenants in addition to the events of default or covenants set forth in the indenture relating to the debt securities; the name and location of the corporate trust office of the applicable trustee under the indenture for such series of notes;

if other than U.S. dollars, the currency in which the debt securities will be paid or denominated;

if the debt securities are to be payable, at our election or the election of a holder of the debt securities, in a currency other than that in which the debt securities are denominated or stated to be payable, the terms and conditions upon which that election may be made, and the time and manner of determining the exchange rate between the currency in which the debt securities are denominated or stated to be payable and the currency in which the debt securities are to be so payable;

the designation of the original currency determination agent, if any;

if the debt securities do not bear interest, the dates on which we will furnish to the applicable trustee the names and addresses of the holders of the debt securities;

if the debt security is also an original issue discount debt security, the yield to maturity;

if other than as set forth in an indenture, provisions for the satisfaction and discharge or defeasance or covenant defeasance of that indenture with respect to the debt securities issued under that indenture;

the date as of which any bearer securities and any global security will be dated if other than the date of original issuance of the first debt security of a particular series to be issued;

whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts to non-U.S. holders in respect of any tax assessment or government charge;

whether the debt securities will be issued in whole or in part in the form of a global security or securities and, in that ease, any depositary and global exchange agent for the global security or securities, whether the global form shall be permanent or temporary and, if applicable, the exchange date;

if debt securities are to be issuable initially in the form of a temporary global security, the circumstances under which the temporary global security can be exchanged for definitive debt securities and whether the definitive debt securities will be registered securities, bearer securities or will be in global form and provisions relating to the payment of interest in respect of any portion of a global security payable in respect of an interest payment date prior to the exchange date;

the extent and manner to which payment on or in respect of debt securities will be subordinated to the prior payment of our other liabilities and obligations;

the assets, if any, that will be pledged as security for the payment of the debt security;

whether payment of any amount due under the debt securities will be guaranteed by one or more guarantors, including one or more of our subsidiaries;

the forms of the debt securities; and

any other terms of the debt securities, which terms shall not be inconsistent with the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

In addition, any debt securities offered hereby may be convertible into or exchangeable for common stock, preferred stock or other debt securities. The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the terms and conditions of such conversion or exchange, including, if applicable:

the conversion or exchange price;

the conversion or exchange period;

provisions regarding our ability or that of the holder to convert or exchange the debt securities;

events requiring adjustment to the conversion or exchange price; and

provisions affecting conversion or exchange in the event of our redemption of such debt securities.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that provides that we may issue debt securities from time to time in one or more series under one or more indentures, in each case with the same or various maturities, at par or at a discount. Unless indicated in a prospectus supplement, we may issue additional debt securities of a particular series without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of such series outstanding at the time of the issuance. Any such additional debt securities, together with all other outstanding debt securities of that series, will constitute a single series of debt securities under the applicable indenture.

We intend to disclose any restrictive covenants for any issuance or series of debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We expect the following provisions will generally apply to warrants we may offer, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may issue warrants for the purchase of common stock, preferred stock or debt securities (collectively "warrants"). Warrants may be issued independently or together with common stock, preferred stock or debt securities and may be attached to or separate from any offered securities. Each series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement (a "warrant agreement") to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent (the "warrant agent"). The warrant agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the warrants and will not have any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders or beneficial owners of warrants. The statements and descriptions in this prospectus or in any prospectus supplement regarding provisions of the warrants are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, the provisions of the warrant agreement.

If we offer warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, the related prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the warrants, including, if applicable:

•he title of the warrants;

the offering price, if any;

the aggregate number of the warrants;

the designation, terms and principal amount of the common stock, preferred stock or debt securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants and the initial price at which such securities may be purchased upon exercise;

the date on which the right to exercise the warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire;

if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities that the warrants are issued with and the number of warrants issued with each security;

if applicable, the date from and after which the warrants and any securities issued with the warrants will be separately transferable;

if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of the warrants that may be exercised at any one time;

a discussion of certain federal income tax considerations, if applicable;

the redemption or call provisions, if

any;

the currency, currencies or currency units in which the offering price, if any, and exercise price are payable; the antidilution provisions of the warrants; and

any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures, and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the warrants.

The shares of common or preferred stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants will, when issued in accordance with the warrant agreement, be fully paid and non-assessable.

No Rights

Holders of warrants will not be entitled, by virtue of being such holders, to any rights of holders of the underlying securities. For example, holders of warrants will have no rights to:

vote or consent;

receive dividends;

payments of principal of and interest, if any, on the securities;

receive notice as stockholders with respect to any meeting of stockholders for the election of our directors or any other matter; or

exercise any rights whatsoever as our stockholders.

Exchange of Warrant Certificate

Warrant certificates may be exchanged for new warrant certificates of different denominations and may (if in registered form) be presented for registration of transfer at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent, which will be listed in the related prospectus supplement, or at such other office as may be set forth therein.

Exercise of Warrants

Warrants may be exercised by surrendering the warrant certificate at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent, with the form of election to purchase on the reverse side of the warrant certificate properly completed and executed, and by payment in full of the exercise price, as set forth in the prospectus supplement. Upon the exercise of warrants, the warrant agent will, as soon as practicable, deliver the securities in authorized denominations in accordance with the instructions of the exercising warrant holder and at the sole cost and risk of such holder. If less than all of the warrants evidenced by the warrant certificate are exercised, a new warrant certificate will be issued for the remaining amount of warrants.

DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS

We may issue subscription rights to purchase debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities. These subscription rights may be issued independently or together with any other security offered hereby and may or may not be transferable by the stockholder receiving the subscription rights in such offering. In connection with any offering of subscription rights, we may enter into a standby arrangement with one or more underwriters or other purchasers pursuant to which the underwriters or other purchasers may be required to purchase any securities remaining unsubscribed after such offering.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of any offering of subscription rights for which this prospectus is being delivered. A holder or prospective holder of subscription rights should refer to the applicable prospectus supplement for more specific information.

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND STOCK PURCHASE UNITS

We may issue stock purchase contracts, representing contracts obligating holders to purchase from us, and requiring us to sell to the holders, a specified number of shares of common stock at a future date or dates.

The price per share of common stock may be fixed at the time the stock purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may be issued separately or as a part of units, or stock purchase units, consisting of a stock purchase contract and either (x) senior debt securities, senior subordinated debt securities, subordinated debt securities or junior subordinated debt securities, or (y) debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury securities, in each case, securing the holder's obligations to purchase our common stock under the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the stock purchase contracts may require holders to secure their obligations thereunder in a specified manner and in certain circumstances we may deliver newly issued prepaid stock purchase contracts, or prepaid securities, upon release to a holder of any collateral securing such holder's obligations under the original stock purchase contract. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units and, if applicable, prepaid securities.

SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

Information about selling securityholders, if any, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement. PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We or any selling securityholder may sell common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, subscription rights, stock purchase contracts, and/or stock purchase units in one or more of the following ways from time to time: to or through underwriters or dealers;

through agents;

through a combination of any of these methods of sale; or

through any other methods described in a prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplements relating to an offering of securities will set forth the terms of such offering, including: the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents;

the purchase price of the offered securities and the proceeds to us from the sale;

any underwriting discounts and commissions or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters' or agents' compensation; and

any public offering price, any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers and any securities exchanges on which such offered securities may be listed.

Any public offering prices, discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

If underwriters are used in the sale, the underwriters will acquire the offered securities for their own account and may resell them from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The offered securities may be offered either to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or by one or more underwriters without a syndicate. Unless otherwise set forth in a prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase any series of securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of such series of securities if any are purchased.

In connection with underwritten offerings of the offered securities and in accordance with applicable law and industry practice, underwriters may over-allot or effect transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the offered securities at levels above those that might otherwise prevail in the open market, including by entering stabilizing bids, effecting syndicate covering transactions or imposing penalty bids, each of which is described below: A stabilizing bid means the placing of any bid, or the effecting of any purchase, for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of a security.

A syndicate covering transaction means the placing of any bid on behalf of the underwriting syndicate or the effecting of any purchase to reduce a short position created in connection with the offering.

A penalty bid means an arrangement that permits the managing underwriter to reclaim a selling concession

• from a syndicate member in connection with the offering when offered securities originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in syndicate covering transactions.

These transactions may be effected on the NASDAQ, in the over-the-counter market, or otherwise. Underwriters are not required to engage in any of these activities, or to continue such activities if commenced.

If a dealer is used in the sale, we will sell such offered securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell the offered securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by that dealer at the time for resale. The names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to that transaction.

Offered securities may be sold directly by us to one or more institutional purchasers, or through agents designated by us from time to time, at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of the offered securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered

will be named, and any commissions payable by us to such agent will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to that offering, unless otherwise indicated in such prospectus supplement, any such agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may be entitled under agreements entered into with us to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments that the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make in respect thereof. Underwriters, dealers and agents may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us and our affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

Under the securities laws of some states, the securities offered by this prospectus may be sold in those states only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers.

Any person participating in the distribution of common stock registered under the registration statement that includes this prospectus will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act, and applicable SEC rules and regulations, including, among others, Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of our common stock by any such person. Furthermore, Regulation M may restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution of our common stock to engage in market-making activities with respect to our common stock. These restrictions may affect the marketability of our common stock and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities with respect to our common stock.

Other than our common stock, which is listed on the NASDAQ, each of the securities issued hereunder will be a new issue of securities, will have no prior trading market, and may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. Any common stock sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement will be listed on the NASDAQ, subject to official notice of issuance. Any underwriters to whom we or any selling securityholder sell securities for public offering and sale may make a market in the securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We cannot assure you that there will be a market for the offered securities.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities being offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Winston & Strawn LLP, Chicago, Illinois. Any underwriters, dealers, agents or selling securityholders will also be advised about the validity of the securities and other legal matters by their own counsel, which will be named in the prospectus supplement. EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements, and the related financial statement schedule, incorporated in this prospectus by reference from Groupon's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the effectiveness of Groupon, Inc. and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and financial statement schedule have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Groupon, Inc. as of December 31, 2016 and for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2016 appearing in Groupon, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 including the financial statement schedule listed in Item 15(2) for 2016 and 2015, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements and schedule are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Monster Holdings LP as of December 31, 2015 and for the period from May 27, 2015 through December 31, 2015 appearing in Groupon, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 have been audited by Ernst & Young Han Young, as set forth in their report thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing. WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act with the SEC to register the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus, which constitutes a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement or the exhibits and schedules which are a part of the registration statement. For further information with respect to us and our securities, please refer to the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules filed with it. You may read and copy any document which we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements, and other information with the SEC at http://www.sec.gov. We are also subject to the information and periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements, and other information with the SEC to comply with the Exchange Act. INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus and information we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. The documents we are incorporating by reference as of their respective dates of filing are as follows:

(a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017;

(b)Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 19, 2018; and

(c) the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed with the Commission on October 31, 2016, pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act.

All documents we file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus but before the termination of the offering by this prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of those documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for all purposes to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus, or in any other subsequently filed document which is also incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

You may request, orally or in writing, a copy of these documents, which will be provided to you at no cost, by contacting Groupon, Inc., 600 West Chicago Avenue, Suite 400, Chicago, Illinois 60654, phone number 312 334 1579.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

The following is an estimate, subject to future contingencies of the expenses to be incurred by Groupon in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered:

SEC registration fee	\$*			
Legal fees and expenses	**			
Accounting fees and expenses	**			
Printing fees and expenses				
Miscellaneous fees and expenses	**			
Total	\$**			
	× 1			

*In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act at 1933, as amended, Groupon, Inc. is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

Estimated expenses are not presently known. The foregoing sets forth the general categories of expenses (other than underwriting discounts and commissions) that we anticipate we will incur in connection with the offering of

** and of writing discounts and commissions) that we underpade we will near in connection with the offering of securities under this registration statement. An estimate of the aggregate expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of securities being offered will be included in the applicable prospectus supplement.

ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Delaware General Corporation Law

Groupon is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Groupon's restated certificate of incorporation and by-laws each provide for the indemnification of Groupon's directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted under the DGCL. Section 145 of the DGCL provides that a corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement or conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the person's conduct was unlawful.

As permitted by Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, Groupon's restated certificate of incorporation includes provisions that eliminate the personal liability of its directors and officers for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duty as directors and officers, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases, redemptions or other distributions, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. In addition, as permitted by Section 145 of the DGCL, Groupon's amended and restated by-laws provide that Groupon shall indemnify its directors and officers for serving Groupon in those capacities or for serving other business enterprises at Groupon's request, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. Delaware law provides that a

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corporation may indemnify such person if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of Groupon and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful.

Groupon may, in its discretion, indemnify employees and agents in those circumstances where indemnification is permitted by applicable law.

Groupon is required to advance expenses, as incurred, to its directors and officers in connection with defending a proceeding, except that such director or officer shall undertake to repay such advances if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to indemnification.

Groupon will not be obligated pursuant to its amended and restated by-laws to indemnify a person with respect to proceedings initiated by that person, except with respect to proceedings authorized by Groupon's board of directors or brought to enforce a right to indemnification.

The rights conferred in Groupon's amended and restated by-laws are not exclusive, and Groupon is authorized to enter into indemnification agreements with its directors, officers, employees and agents and to obtain insurance to indemnify such persons.

Groupon may not retroactively amend the by-law provisions to reduce its indemnification obligations to directors, officers, employees and agents.

Indemnification Agreements

Groupon has entered into separate indemnification agreements with certain directors and executive officers that provide the maximum indemnity allowed to directors and executive officers by Section 145 of the DGCL and certain additional procedural protections. Groupon also maintains directors and officers insurance to insure such persons against certain liabilities. These indemnification provisions and the indemnification agreements entered into between Groupon and its directors and executive officers may be sufficiently broad to permit indemnification of Groupon's directors and executive officers for liabilities (including reimbursement of expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act.

ITEM 16. EXHIBITS

The Exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index of this registration statement are filed herewith or are incorporated herein by reference to other filings.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description	Form	File No.	Exhibit	Filing Date	Filed Herewith
1.1*	Form of underwriting agreement					There with
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation	8-A/A	001-35335	3.1	October 31, 2016	
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws	S-1	333-174661	3.2	November 1, 2011	
4.1	Form of Indenture relating to the senior debt securities					Х
4.2	Form of Indenture relating to the subordinated debt securities					Х
4.3	Specimen Stock Certificate of Common Stock	8-A/A	001-35335	4.1	October 31, 2016	
4.4*	Form of warrant agreement					
4.5*	Form of warrant certificate					
4.6*	Form of preferred stock certificate					
5.1	Opinion of Winston & Strawn LLP regarding legality of the securities being registered					Х
12.1	Statement re Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges					X
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm – Deloitte & Touche LLP					Х
23.2	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm – Ernst & Young LLP					Х
23.3	Consent of Independent Auditors – Ernst & Young Han Young					Х
23.4	Consent of Winston & Strawn LLP (included in					Х
	Exhibit 5.1 to this registration statement on Form S-3)					
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page)					Х
	Form of T-1 Statement of Eligibility and Qualification					
25.1**	under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of the Trustee					
	under any indenture constituting Exhibit 4.1 hereto					
	Form of T-1 Statement of Eligibility and Qualification					
25.2**	under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of the Trustee					
	under any indenture constituting Exhibit 4.2 hereto					

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