# **EARLIFE TO THE FULLEST**

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### **Corporate Overview**

Estimated >\$30 Billion TAM with Significant Unmet Need	<ul> <li>We estimate that more than 45M U.S. adults have hearing loss<sup>1,2</sup>, but only ~25% have used a hearing aid<sup>3</sup></li> <li>Low penetration due to stigma, discomfort, high cost, and inconvenient, cumbersome experience / lack of access and awareness</li> <li>We believe OTC regulation in 2022 will simplify omni-channel distribution</li> </ul>	
Revolutionary Product	<ul> <li>Virtually invisible, comfortable all-day wear, rechargeable, high-quality audio</li> <li>Sound Match, Sound Adjust, performance in noise</li> <li>Mobile app</li> <li>Lower cost to consumer</li> </ul>	
Pioneering Business Model	<ul> <li>Sophisticated demand generation across media channels</li> <li>Empowering DTC experience: learn, shop, telecare support from home</li> <li>Omnichannel expertise across cash-pay<sup>4</sup>, insurance<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>	(B)
Significant Track Record of Success	<ul> <li>&gt;110,000 cumulative gross systems shipped</li> <li>Estimated 2/3 of Eargo customers are new to category – we believe we have expanded the market</li> <li>Aided brand awareness of 27%, up from 3% three years ago</li> </ul>	
Clear Milestones Aim to Drive Growth and Increase Penetration	<ul> <li>Further optimize cash-pay demand generation</li> <li>Priority is to re-enter insurance market</li> <li>Launch and scale physical retail partnerships and assets</li> </ul>	

1. Prevalence of Hearing Loss by Severity in the United States, Adele M. Goman, PhD, and Frank R. Lin, MD, PhD, 2016.

2. U.S. Census International Database.

4. The Company considers "cash-pay" to include upfront payment, credit card, third-party financing, and distributor payment.

5. Subject to ability to regain insurance coverage; Eargo is not currently accepting insurance benefits as a form of payment.

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<sup>3.</sup> National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. Hearing Loss and Hearing Aid Use. https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/news/multimedia/hearing-loss-and-hearing-aid-use

### Large, Underpenetrated Market

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45M U.S. Adults with Hearing Loss



Annual U.S. Hearing Aid Sales in 2019<sup>1</sup>

#### But only ~25% have ever used a hearing aid

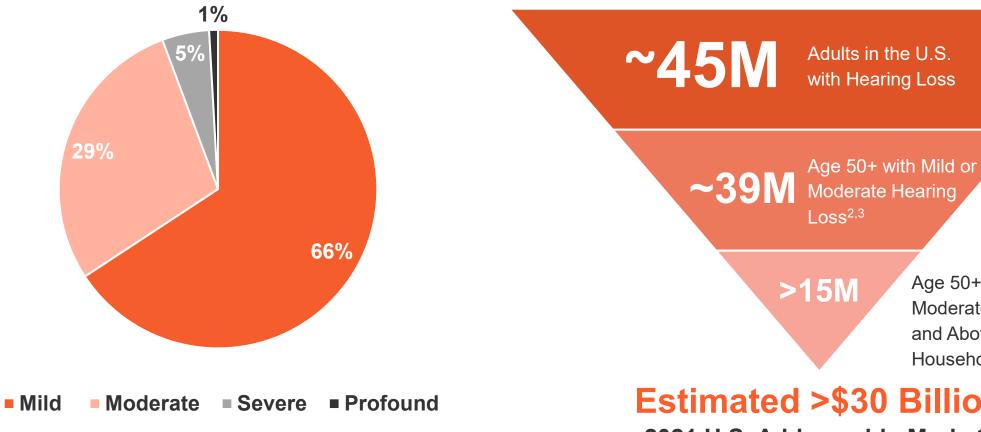
### Why?

- ✓ Low Awareness
- ✓ Low Accessibility
- ✓ High Stigma
- ✓ High Cost
- ✓ Highly Inconvenient

I. Hearing Review; Hearing Industries Association. Includes estimated spend by consumers in private sales (including Costco) and purchases by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which then distributes devices at no cost to end-users.

### Mild and Moderate Hearing Loss: Estimated 94% of **U.S. Market**

Hearing Loss Prevalence by Severity<sup>1</sup>



Eargo U.S. Addressable Market

Age 50+ with Mild or Moderate Hearing Loss and Above Median Household Income<sup>2,3</sup>

#### Estimated >\$30 Billion 2021 U.S. Addressable Market<sup>4</sup>

Lin, F. R., Niparko, J. K., & Ferrucci, L. (2011). Hearing Loss Prevalence in the United States. Archives of Internal Medicine, 171(20), 1851–1852.; Prevalence of Hearing Loss by Severity in the United States, Adele M. Goman, PhD, and Frank R. Lin, MD, PhD, 2016.

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U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2019 Annual Social and Economic Supplement. 3.

~15M consumers multiplied by Eargo average selling price as of December 31, 2021 of \$2,200.

### **Traditional Hearing Aids Have Significant Limitations**

	Behind-the-Ear Hearing Aids		In-the-Ear H	earing Aids
	Behind-the-Ear	Mini BTE	In-Ear	In-Canal
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	Approximately 87%	% market share <sup>1</sup>	Approximately 13	% market share <sup>1</sup>
Applicability	Fit the widest range of hearing loss		Mild to severe hearing loss	
Visibility	Most visible		Less visible	
Comfort and Occlusion	Most comfortable and least occlusive		Very occlusive	
Rechargeability	Some		Some	None
Average cost	\$4,600 <sup>2</sup>			
Trial period	Varies; average ~48 Days³			

The Hearing Review; Hearing Aid Sales Increase by 37% in 2021 (January 2022). 1.

Represents estimated average retail costs per pair of hearing aids sold through traditional channels in the United States. Hearing aids with custom features that reduce device visibility or 2.

improve comfort can retail for significantly more than the industry average.

3. Industry data, Eargo estimates.

### **Eargo Addresses Limitations of Traditional Hearing Aids**







Ear Canal Occlusion, Discomfort

Battery Changing Hassle

Disempowering, Cumbersome Process

B2B, Layers Of Cost

\$4,600 Average Cost<sup>1,2</sup>



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Virtually Invisible

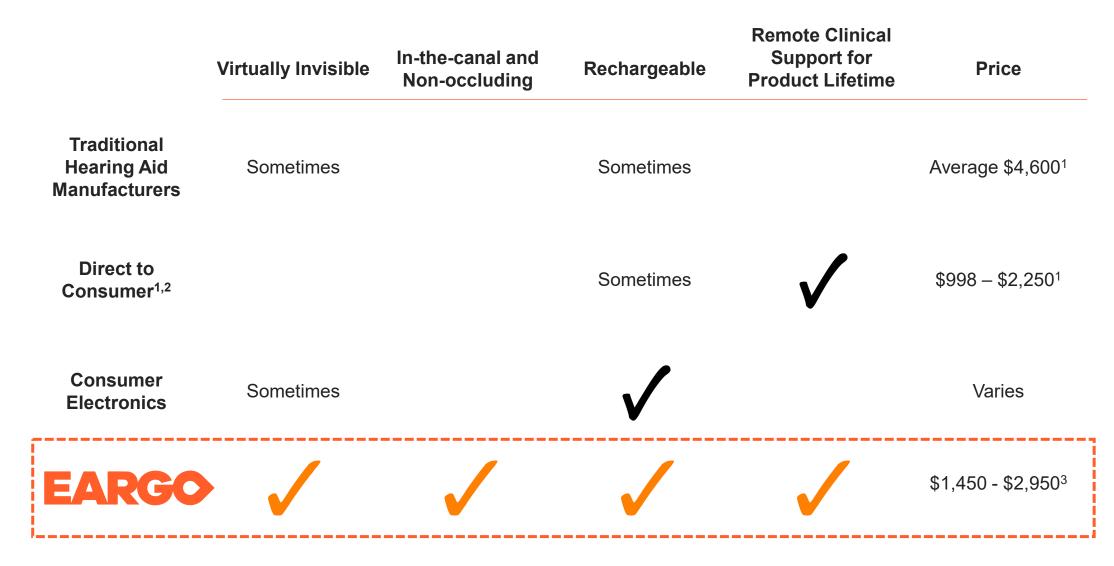
- Comfortable, Non-Occlusive
- Rechargeable, Easy-to-Use
- Empowering, Consumer-Centric Process
- **DTC**, Vertically Integrated

\$1,450 - \$2,950<sup>2</sup>

1. Eargo Estimates of hearing aids sold through traditional channels in the United States.

2. Cost data is on a per-pair basis.

### **Eargo Competitive Advantage**

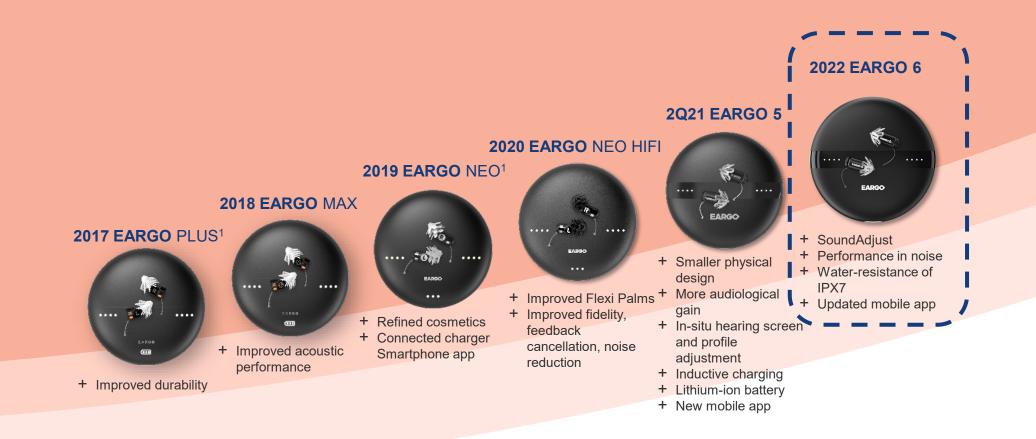


1. Cost could be reduced with potential insurance coverage.

2. Based on product offerings and advertised prices for Lively and Audicus.

3. Cost could be reduced with potential insurance coverage, subject to Eargo's ability to regain coverage; Eargo is not currently accepting insurance benefits as a form of payment.

### **High Cadence of Purposeful Innovation**



#### Improving Performance, Fit and Comfort

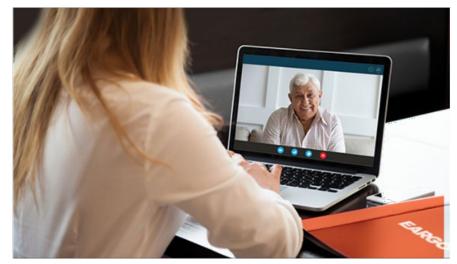
### **Telecare Model Transforms Consumer Journey**



### **Committed to Comprehensive Hearing Care**

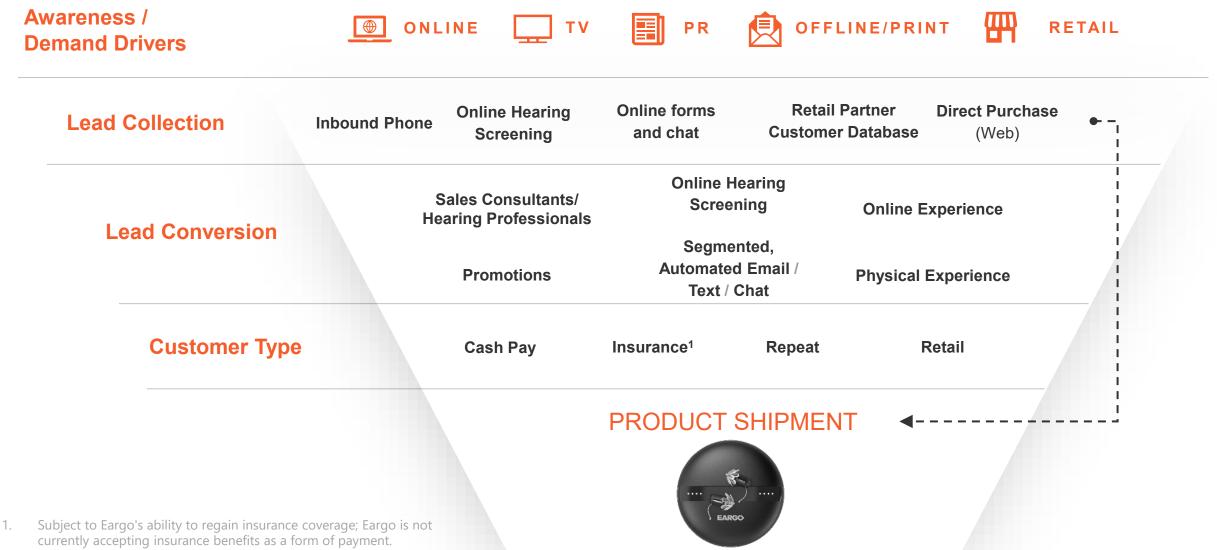
#### **Telecare Capabilities**

- Licensed Hearing Professionals with degrees in Audiology, speech and language pathology
- Telecare available both before and after receipt of hearing aids
- Hearing screening / results analysis
- Guidance on use, charging and cleaning
- Over 80% of customers access Telecare services within the first month of ownership

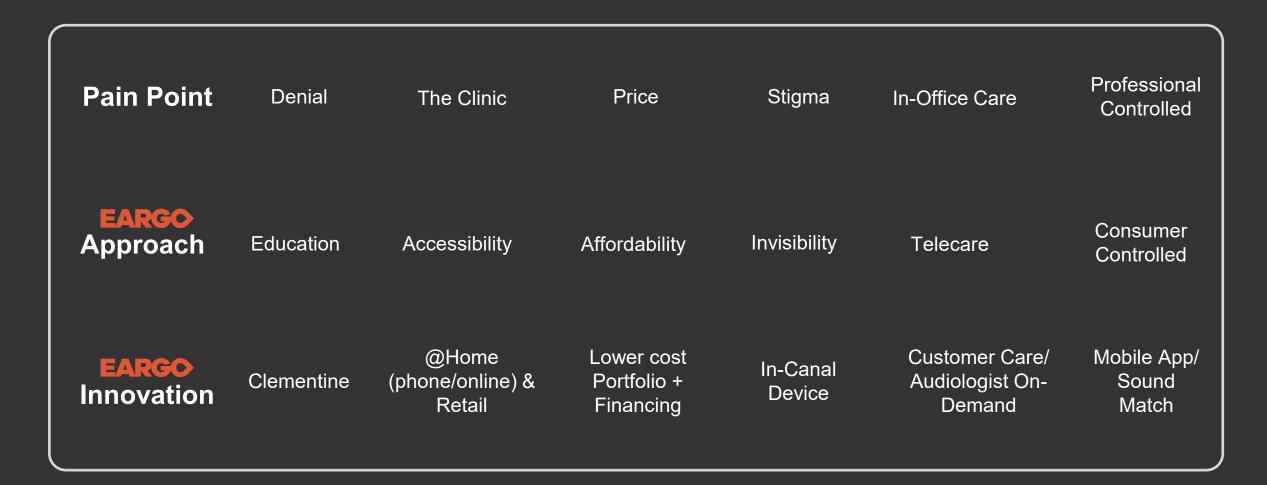


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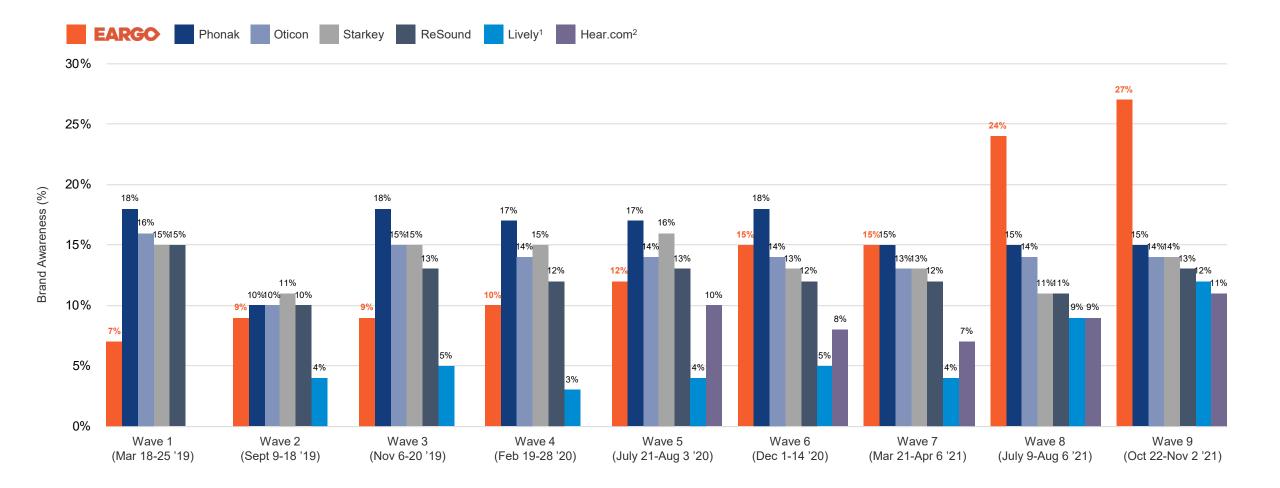
### Sophisticated, Multi-Channel Customer Acquisition



### **Marketing The Eargo Difference**



### **Increased Aided Brand Awareness**



Source: Eargo Brand Health Reports prepared by Northstar Research Partners.

Note: Reflects the percentage of respondents who indicated that they have previously heard of the above respective brands (Survey question: "Which of the following brands / companies have you heard of?")

1. Lively was not included in the survey until Wave 2.

2. Hear.com was not included in the survey until Wave 5.

### Where Is Eargo Today?

Product Update	Strong culture of innovation Launch of the EARGO 5 in July '21 and EARGO 6 Launch in January '22
DOJ Settlement	Reached civil settlement with DOJ, including payment of \$34.4M to resolve investigation into insurance reimbursement claims submitted under FEHB program OPM has agreed not to take administrative action seeking the exclusion of Eargo from FEHB; in recent meeting, OPM indicated that Eargo will need to work with the individual FEHB carriers to align on go-forward processes to demonstrate medical necessity
Channel Update	Cash-pay channel demonstrating strong conversion rates and reduced CAC despite headwinds Planning to engage in discussions with carriers to discuss go-forward processes to demonstrate medical necessity Conducting retail pilots and refining our strategy for an expanded retail presence in the future

### **Eargo Multi-Channel Market Opportunity**

Channel	Utilization in U.S.	Eargo Status
Cash-Pay & Repeat	Majority of market	<ul> <li>25K FY21 shipments</li> <li>CAGR shipments of 45%<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Post-DOJ settlement, adjusted media spend to dedicate efforts in cash-pay channel</li> <li>Cash-pay conversion rate averaged 10% in December 2021 to March 2022 (vs. 6% in January to November 2021)</li> <li>As a percentage of total volume, repeat shipments constituted approximately 11%, 14%, and 19-20% in 3Q21, 4Q21, and 1Q22 respectively</li> </ul>
Insurance <sup>1</sup>	Prior to DOJ, small but growing	<ul> <li>~50% total shipments in 2021, prior to DOJ</li> <li>44% of total FY21 shipments, due to Q4 DOJ impact</li> <li>CAGR shipments of 324%<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Working to engage with individual insurance carriers to align on go-forward processes to demonstrate medical necessity</li> </ul>
Retail	Untapped today but potential for substantial portion of the market	<ul> <li>If FDA's proposed rule is finalized in current form, we believe the purchase of certain hearing aids in physical locations without involvement of a licensed hearing professional should be simplified</li> <li>Focused on select retail pilots in preparation for OTC</li> </ul>

1. CAGR shipments from 2017 to 2021.

2. CAGR shipments from 2019 to 2021. No insurance sales in 2017 and 2018.

3. Subject to Eargo's ability to regain insurance coverage; Eargo is not currently accepting insurance benefits as a form of payment.

### **Eargo Multi-Channel Market Opportunity**

#### **Cash-Pay**

- Customer pays for hearing aid out of pocket (includes third-party financing options)
- Most common way to get a hearing aid but no longer the only way

#### Insurance<sup>1</sup>

- Customer reimbursed for some or all of hearing aid cost
- We estimate that more than 12M adults over 50 in the U.S. have both hearing loss and access to hearing aid benefits under FEHB and Medicare Advantage<sup>2</sup>

#### **Repeat (Cash-Pay)**

- Substantial portion of traditional hearing aid purchases are repeat customers
- Eargo installed base of >16,000 units >2 years old<sup>3</sup>

#### Retail

- If FDA's proposed rule is finalized in current form, we believe the purchase of certain hearing aids in physical locations without involvement of a licensed hearing professional should be simplified
- Potential sale of hearing aids through future partnered or Eargo owned retail locations
- Eargo is not currently accepting insurance benefits as a form of payment and is working to pursue insurance reimbursement and coverage in the future. Our estimates are based on available information and using the methodology set out in Prevalence of Hearing Loss by Severity in the United States, Adele M. Goman, PhD, and Frank R. Lin, MD, PhD, 2016. See also CMS; U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Kaiser Family Foundation; and US Census

### **Hearing Aid Insurance Landscape**

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#### Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB)

More than 1.2 million members have hearing loss and a hearing aid benefit<sup>3</sup> through enrollment in >200 plans

#### Third-Party Administrators (TPAs)

- Typically exclusive contracts that do not allow out of network benefits
- Most Medicare Advantage and some commercial plans use TPAs for hearing benefits

#### **Direct Health Plans**

- Offer funded hearing benefits directly to members
- Small but growing category

#### Strategy

- Working to engage with insurance carriers on potential path to regaining coverage of Eargo under FEHB program
- Educate payors on OTC and benefits of Eargo product / consumer journey
- Better understand how payors are viewing potential coverage of OTC hearing aids
- Rebuild internal reimbursement / payor access team and specialized sales force

3. OPM annual report and plan listing, 2021.

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### **OTC Hearing Aids: Proposed Rule**

Current State	Future State (If implemented as written)
Hearing aids can be purchased in a physical location from licensed hearing professionals or can be purchased direct-to-consumer online	Hearing aids will be available OTC in-person, online, through the mail or by prescription only through a licensed hearing professional.
	OTC hearing aids will not require the involvement of a licensed hearing professional. Any air conduction hearing aid that does not meet the OTC requirements becomes a prescription device.
Two regulatory classifications for air conduction HAs: Class I (874.3300) & Wireless Class II (874.3305) – exempt from premarket notification. A new classification was recently created describing self-fitting air conduction hearing aids as Class II devices with special controls (874.3325) – require 510(k) clearance.	<ul> <li>All air-conduction hearing aids under a single regulatory classification (874.3305).</li> <li>Exempt from premarket notification <ul> <li>Legacy hearing aid Class I for devices that are not wireless or self-fitting</li> <li>Wireless hearing aid Class II with special controls for wireless devices that are not self-fitting</li> </ul> </li> <li>Not exempt from premarket notification <ul> <li>Self-fitting hearing aid Class II with special controls</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Federal preemption applies to state laws related to the safety and effectiveness of medical devices that are different from or in addition to federal requirements.	The FDA intends to create a new preemption provision that prohibits state and local governments from restricting or interfering with OTC hearing aids. Prescription devices would be subject to state and local requirements for obtaining written or oral authorization from a practitioner.
PSAPs are not intended to compensate for impaired hearing and are not regulated by the FDA as medical devices.	Unchanged <sup>1</sup>

### **Retail Channel Strategy**



#### Self-Administered Hearing Screening\*

\* The Hearing Screening is a tool designed to give general information about a person's hearing. The Hearing Screening cannot diagnose hearing loss or any other disease or condition. It does not replace an audiological examination by a licensed hearing professional such as a physician or audiologist.

- Under existing regulations, currently conducting select retail pilots to refine strategy for expanded retail presence
- Leverage physical retail to facilitate the Eargo experience, accessing more consumers and augmenting digital efforts
- Self-administered hearing screener (acquired in 2Q21) expected to be key element to retail presence
- Continue to pursue additional opportunities for in-person customer engagement

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