Criteo Collaborates with Microsoft Advertising to Drive Retail Media Growth

Expanded relationship intended to help address fragmentation in the fast-growing retail media landscape

NEW YORK – July 11, 2024 - <u>Criteo</u> (Nasdaq: CRTO), the commerce media company today announced a strategic collaboration with <u>Microsoft Advertising</u> to bring Microsoft Advertising's extensive demand to Criteo's global network of 225 retailers. Microsoft Advertising also intends to work with Criteo as its preferred onsite media partner, extending Criteo's monetization technology to Microsoft Advertising's retailer clients, creating an even more unified retail media ecosystem.

Retail media is one of the fastest-growing sectors in advertising and is expected to represent over \$150 billion in global ad spend by 2026, according to GroupM. But 93% of marketers worldwide cite market fragmentation as a significant challenge. Criteo and Microsoft Advertising intend to help move the industry forward by tapping into Criteo's vast network of retailers and developing a more unified buying experience for global advertisers.

This collaboration would expand the companies' longstanding relationship and is expected to bring new revenue to Criteo's retail media network partners. In turn, it would empower Microsoft Advertising's 500,000+ active advertiser clients that operate across 187 global markets to achieve stronger, measurable performance for their campaigns within a singular, unified platform.

"We're thrilled to expand our relationship with Microsoft Advertising to make it easier for brands to buy retail media and for retailers to expand demand into their media solutions," said Brian Gleason, Chief Revenue Officer at Criteo. "We look forward to continuing to evolve our collaboration and help drive growth across retail media."

Criteo is also exploring the potential to tap into Microsoft Advertising's leadership in generative Al and innovations, such as its Al-powered Retail Media Creative Studio, which makes it easier for advertisers to create and optimize their ad creatives at scale with the power of generative Al.

"Together, Microsoft Advertising and Criteo can <u>chart a new path forward for retail media</u>, empowering the entire ecosystem with scale, simplicity, and innovation," said Lynne Kjolso, Vice President of Global Partnerships and Retail Media at Microsoft Advertising. "We're pleased to further our integration with Criteo, a leader in retail media and performance advertising, and look forward to exploring future opportunities."

The demand integration and preferred onsite collaboration are expected to roll out in the second half of 2024.

For more information on Criteo's retail media solutions and its retail media ecosystem, click here.

About Criteo

<u>Criteo</u> (NASDAQ: CRTO) is the global commerce media company that enables marketers and media owners to drive better commerce outcomes. Its industry leading Commerce Media Platform

connects thousands of marketers and media owners to deliver richer consumer experiences from product discovery to purchase. By powering trusted and impactful advertising, Criteo supports an open internet that encourages discovery, innovation, and choice. For more information, please visit www.criteo.com.

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