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SECOND QUARTER 2020 RESULTS

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SECOND QUARTER 2020 CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

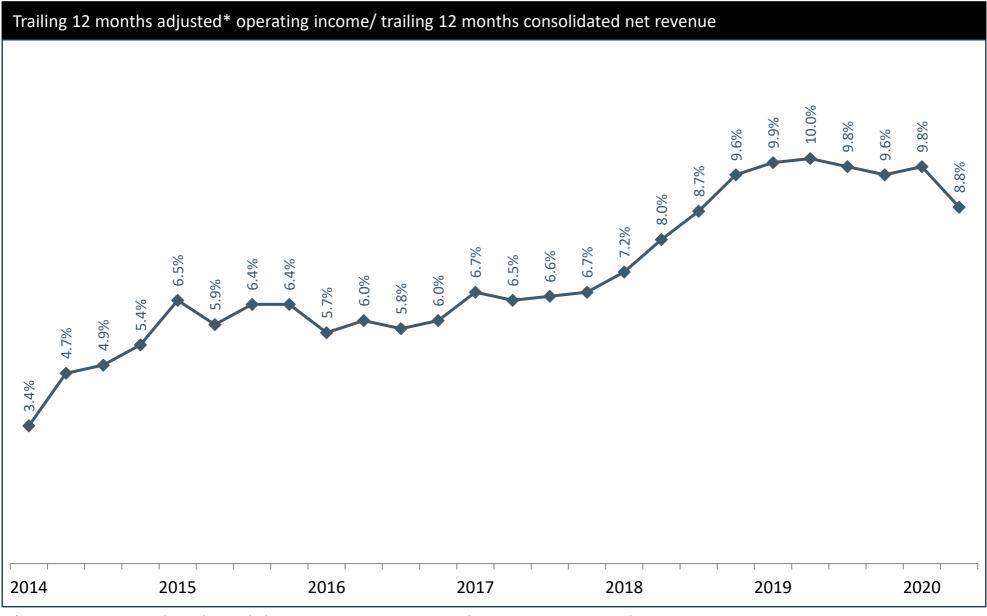
- Net revenue of \$145.6 million
- Operating loss of \$24.0 million and operating margin of (16.5%) reflect a non-cash impairment charge of \$33.0 million
- Adjusted operating income of \$9.0 million and adjusted operating margin of 6.2%
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$12.4 million and adjusted EBITDA margin of 8.5%
- Maintain \$0.15 cash dividend
- Liquidity of \$360.3 million at quarter-end
- Implementing restructuring plan in 2020 third quarter to optimize future growth and profitability
- Expect annual cost savings of \$30 million to \$40 million

SECOND QUARTER 2020 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

\$ in millions except Diluted EPS



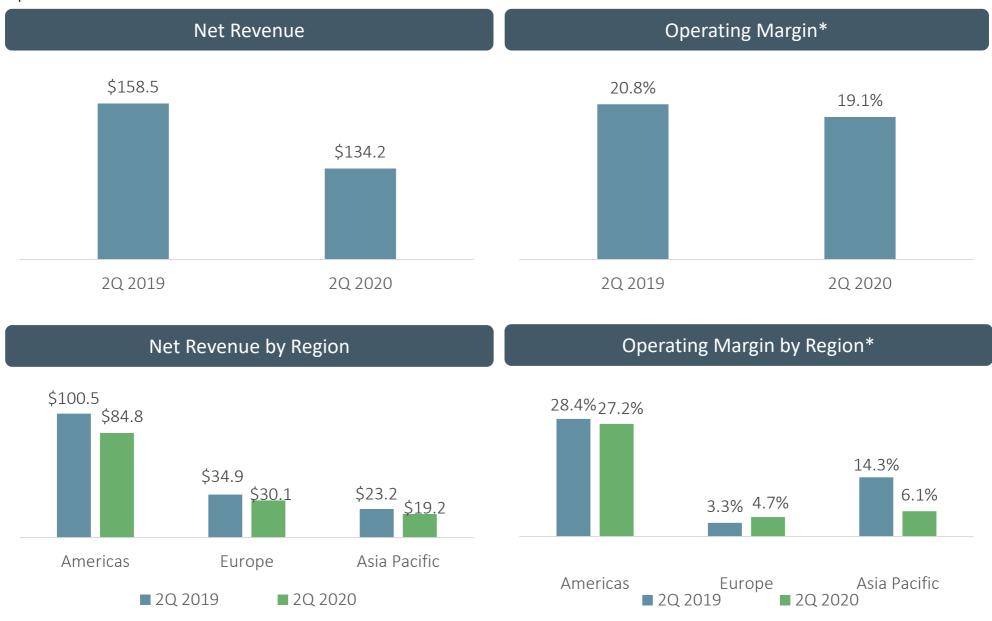
TRAILING 12-MONTH CONSOLIDATED OPERATING MARGIN*



* Operating margins adjusted to exclude restructuring & impairment charges in 2017, 2019 and 2020

EXECUTIVE SEARCH – 2Q 2020 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

\$ in millions

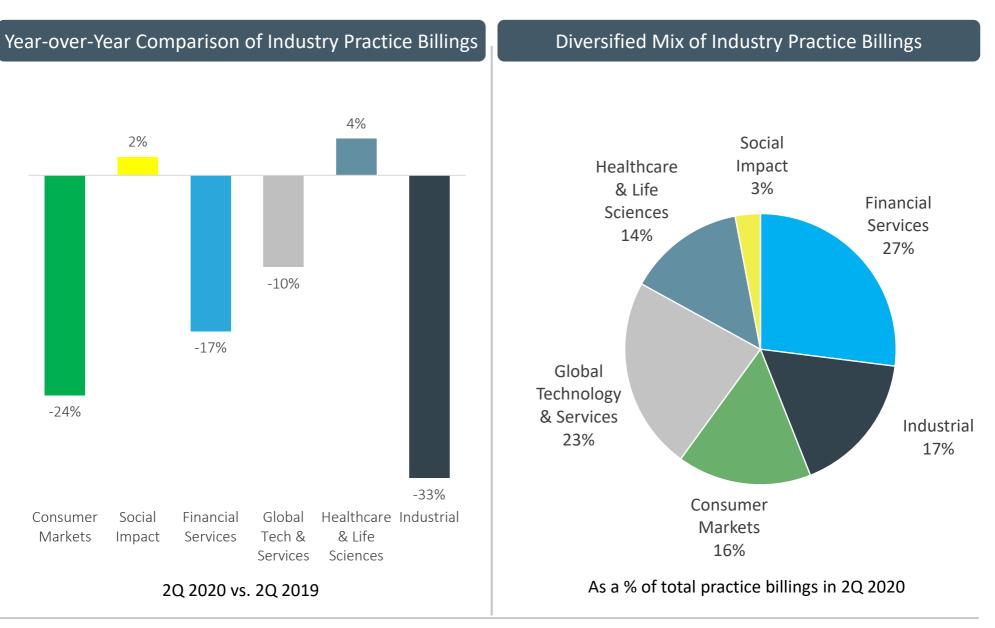


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EXECUTIVE SEARCH OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

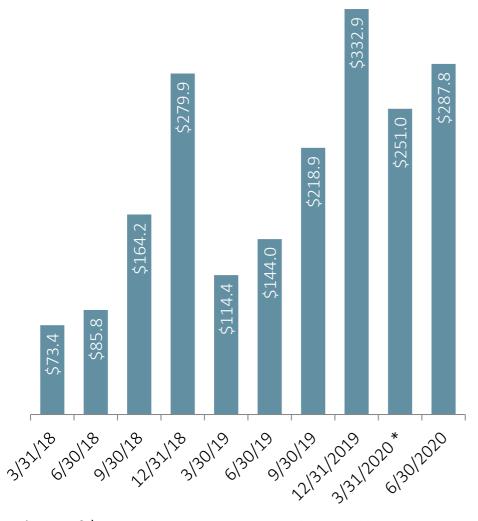


DIVERSIFIED MIX OF BUSINESS IN SEARCH



STRONG & FLEXIBLE BALANCE SHEET

Cash & Marketable Securities (\$ in millions)



Strong Liquidity (\$ in millions, as of 6/30/2020)



 In March 2020, the Company proactively drew down \$100 million of its credit facility to further increase its cash position and potentially execute on market opportunities

^{*} Net of \$205 million in bonuses paid in March 2020 related to 2019 performance

OUTLOOK AND INITIATIVES

KEY INITIATIVES IN 2020 SHOULD SUPPORT ADDITIONAL GROWTH



APPENDIX

ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN – SECOND QUARTER 2020

We define Adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, intangible amortization, equity-settled stock based compensation expense, acquisition-related earnout accretion, acquisition-related contingent compensation, restructuring charges, and other non-operating income or expense.

Revenue before reimbursements (net revenue)	т	hree Months	une 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,				
	2020		2019		2020		2019	
	\$	145,603	\$	173,122	\$	317,084	\$	344,716
Net income		(25,733)		14,280		(17,067)		26,367
Interest, net		339		(412)		(340)		(1,220)
Other, net		(3,076)		(708)		1,359		(2,351)
Provision for income taxes		4,484		5,193		10,214		11,948
Operating income (loss)		(23,986)		18,353		(5,834)		34,744
Adjustments								
Salaries and benefits								
Stock-based compensation expense		844		2,908		3,446		4,251
General and administrative expenses								
Depreciation		1,936		2,378		4,065		4,872
Intangible amortization		194		235		402		475
Earnout accretion		-		167		-		327
Acquisition contingent consideration		462		-		1,020		-
Restructuring charges		-		-		-		-
Impairment charges		32,970		-		32,970		-
Total adjustments		36,406		5,688		41,903		9,925
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	12,420	\$	24,041	\$	36,069	\$	44,669
Adjusted EBITDA margin		8.5%		13.9%		11.4%		13.0%

ADJUSTED NET INCOME & DILUTED EPS – SECOND QUARTER 2020

We define Adjusted Net Income as net income excluding impairment charges.

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2020		2019		2020		2019	
Net income (loss)	\$	(25,733)	\$	14,280	\$	(17,067)	\$	26,367
Adjustments								
Impairment charges, net of tax1		32,970		-		32,970		-
Total adjustments		32,970		-		32,970		-
Adjusted net income	\$	7,237	\$	14,280	\$	15,903	\$	26,367
Weighted-average common shares outstanding								
Basic		19,298		19,120		19,245		19,062
Diluted		19,558		19,431		19,722		19,531
Earnings (loss) per common share								
Basic	\$	(1.33)	\$	0.75	\$	(0.89)	\$	1.38
Diluted	\$	(1.33)	\$	0.73	\$	(0.89)	\$	1.35
Adjusted earnings per common share								
Basic	\$	0.38	\$	0.75	\$	0.83	\$	1.38
Diluted	\$	0.37	\$	0.73	\$	0.81	\$	1.35

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