

HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES

First Quarter 2025 Results

May 5, 2025

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Non-GAAP Financial Measures & Currency Presentation

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

To supplement the financial results presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"), Heidrick & Struggles presents certain non-GAAP financial measures. A "non-GAAP financial measure" is defined as a numerical measure of a company's financial performance that excludes or includes amounts different than the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in the statements of comprehensive income, balance sheets or statements of cash flow of the Company.

Reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures with the most directly comparable measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP are provided in the appendix.

The Company evaluates its results of operations on both an as reported and a constant currency basis. The constant currency presentation is a non-GAAP financial measure, which excludes the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. The Company believes providing constant currency information provides valuable supplemental information regarding its results of operations, consistent with how it evaluates its performance. The Company calculates constant currency percentages by converting its financial results in a local currency for a period using the average exchange rate for the prior period to which it is comparing. This calculation may differ from similarly-titled measures used by other companies.

CURRENCY PRESENTATION

All currency amounts presented in millions except for earnings per share data.

APPENDIX CURRENCY PRESENTATION

All currency amounts presented in thousands except for earnings per share data.

Overview

Investment Highlights

Immense opportunity to create value for clients, colleagues and investors by discovering, assessing and enabling exceptional leaders

PREEMINENT LEADERSHIP CONSULTANCY

- World class brand with top of the house relationships
- Strong and unique collection of assets enable Right to Win
- Powerful platform to grow scale and impact – technology and IP

EVER EXPANDING ADDRESSABLE MARKET

- Conduct vital work that serves a huge and growing market
- Client needs continue to grow in scale and urgency
- Major opportunity to grow firm's impact and value

NEW LEADERSHIP

- CEO Tom Monahan and President Tom Murray appointed in early 2024; CFO Nirupam Sinha appointed in January 2025
- New service line leaders
- Establishment of a culture of client-led excellence
- Continue to optimize resource allocation, drive efficiency, and invest opportunistically for future growth

EXPANSION OF CAPABILITIES & EXPERTISE

- Expanding in areas of greatest growth potential, capitalizing on secular tailwinds and growing global digital platform
- Creating solutions that lift client performance and leaders
- Leveraging technology and AI to enable consultant impact

MARGIN EXPANSION OPPORTUNITY

- Enhanced operating model and focused execution create significant room for margin expansion both organically and inorganically
- Integrated product positioning with One Heidrick approach

STRONG CASH FLOW AND BALANCE SHEET

- Zero debt
- Strong free cash flow
- Disciplined and balanced capital allocation underscores commitment to growth and returning capital to shareholders

Growing our impact and scale in the era of who and how

CREATING UNRIValed VALUE FOR CLIENTS

Focus on growing differentiated, deep, and durable client relationships through insight-enabled discovery and enablement of great leadership.



DIFFERENTIATED

Secure C-Suite & Board Primacy



DEEP

Embed in Client Transformations



DURABLE

Create Continuous Engagement

RELENTLESS FOCUS ON A CULTURE OF INCLUSION, COLLABORATION & EXCELLENCE

CONSISTENTLY IMPROVING THE FOUNDATIONS OF
“ONE HEIDRICK” WITH CLEAR, CONSISTENT BRAND MESSAGING



Clarifying what we can do for clients



Simplifying how we bring them the best of Heidrick

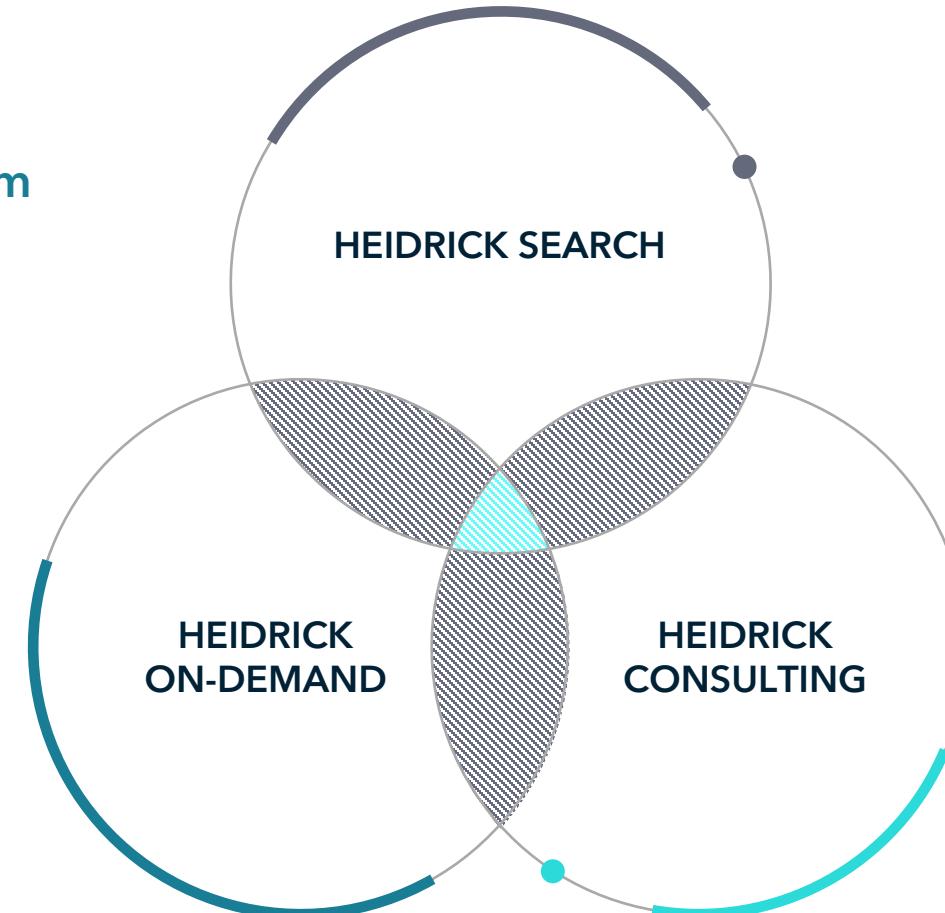


Amplifying the power of our collective work

Multiple Drivers of Growth & Profit

Heidrick & Struggles is the only global leadership advisory firm to focus exclusively on the **full spectrum of executive and high-end talent solutions.**

Targeting 'through cycle' consolidated organic revenue growth of 4-6% and organic adjusted EBITDA growth of 5-8% per year



Financial Highlights

Heidrick & Struggles continues to deliver strong financial performance



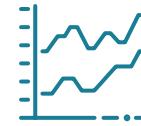
REVENUE

- Quarterly net revenue of \$283.6 million; on a constant currency basis*, net revenue was \$286.8 million for the first quarter



ADJUSTED EBITDA*

- Adjusted EBITDA* of \$29.1 million and Adjusted EBITDA Margin* of 10.3% for the first quarter



NET INCOME

- Net income of \$13.3 million for the first quarter
- Adjusted net income* of \$14.2 million



EARINGS PER SHARE

- Diluted earnings per share of \$0.62 for the first quarter
- Adjusted diluted earnings per share* of \$0.67

"Our first quarter results exceeded the high end of our outlook, a testament to our resilient business model, our team's intense focus, and the deep trust that clients place in Heidrick. When navigating economic uncertainty, we remain committed to serving as a highly strategic advisor, helping organizations turn complexity into opportunity. In addition, our new leadership team is focused on sharpening execution and ensuring our professionals have the resources to deliver exceptional results.

While mindful of current macroeconomic conditions, we know that by staying close to our clients and enabling our exceptional professionals with new tools and solutions, we can continue to engineer differentiated, deep and durable client partnerships. We are confident in our ability to create lasting value for our clients, our people and our shareholders."

- Tom Monahan, CEO

Creating a Portfolio of Solutions that Addresses Urgent Client Need and Amplifies Search Impact



EXECUTIVE SEARCH

- 5.9% year over year revenue growth for the first quarter; on a constant currency basis*, revenue growth was 7.0%
- Adjusted EBITDA margin* of 24.5% for the first quarter
- Performance highlights versus Q1'24 include:
 - Confirmations, productivity and average revenue per executive search increased



ON-DEMAND TALENT

- 12.4% year over year revenue growth for the first quarter; on a constant currency basis*, revenue growth was 14.3%
- Adjusted EBITDA margin* of 0.9% for the first quarter
- Total volume of wins and extensions increased versus Q1'24



HEIDRICK CONSULTING

- 6.8% year over year revenue growth for the first quarter; on a constant currency basis*, revenue growth was 7.8%
- Adjusted EBITDA margin* loss of 7.6% for the first quarter
- Leadership Assessments drove business in Q1'25

R & D AND DIGITAL ENABLEMENT

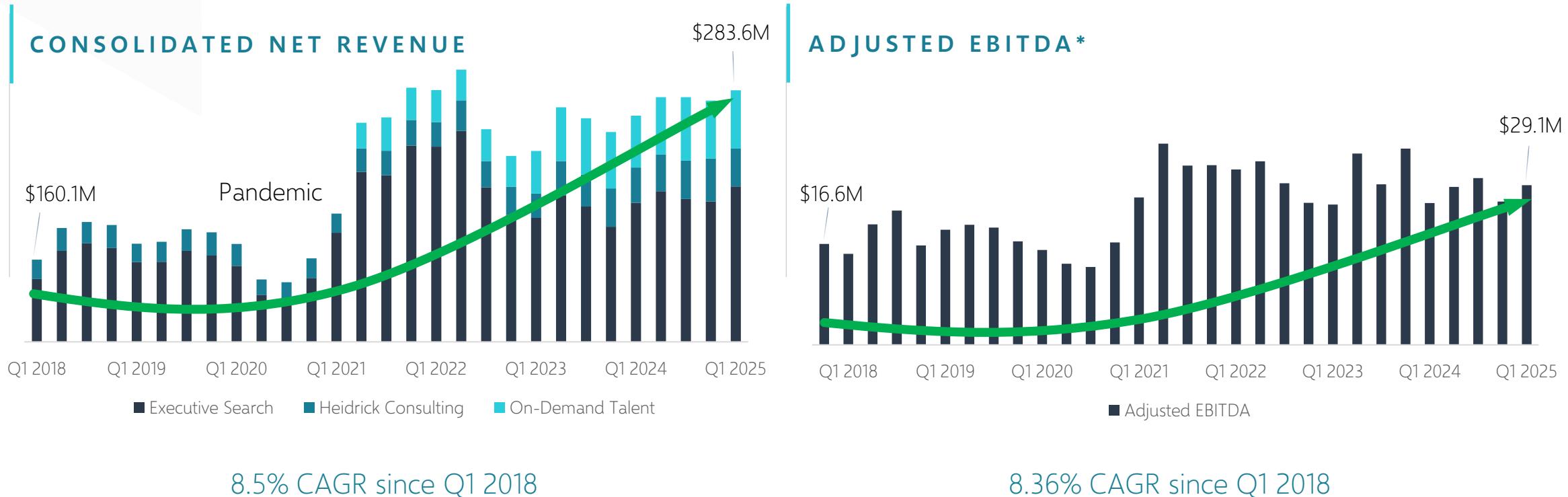
- Advancing enterprise platform through digital enhancements, proprietary data and IP
- Developing digital product portfolio, including Leadership Intelligence and Digital Assessments

* Non-GAAP Financial Measure

Consolidated Results

Consolidated Financial Highlights

QUARTERLY NET REVENUE AND ADJUSTED EBITDA* TRENDS



* Non-GAAP Financial Measure

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Consolidated Financial Highlights

QUARTERLY ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN* AND ADJUSTED DILUTED EPS* TRENDS

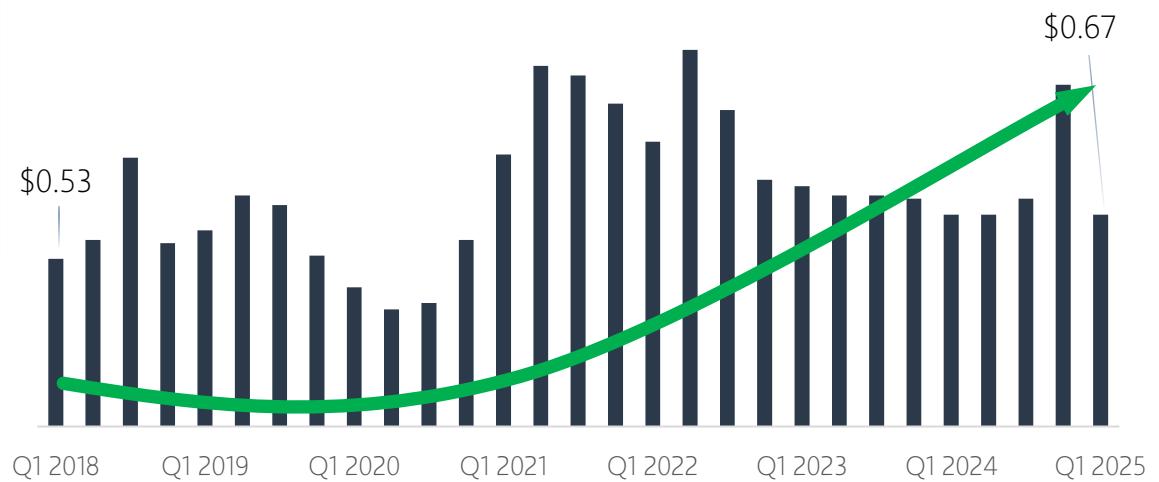
ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN*



Consistently profitable

High single-digit/double-digit margin quarters

ADJUSTED DILUTED EPS*

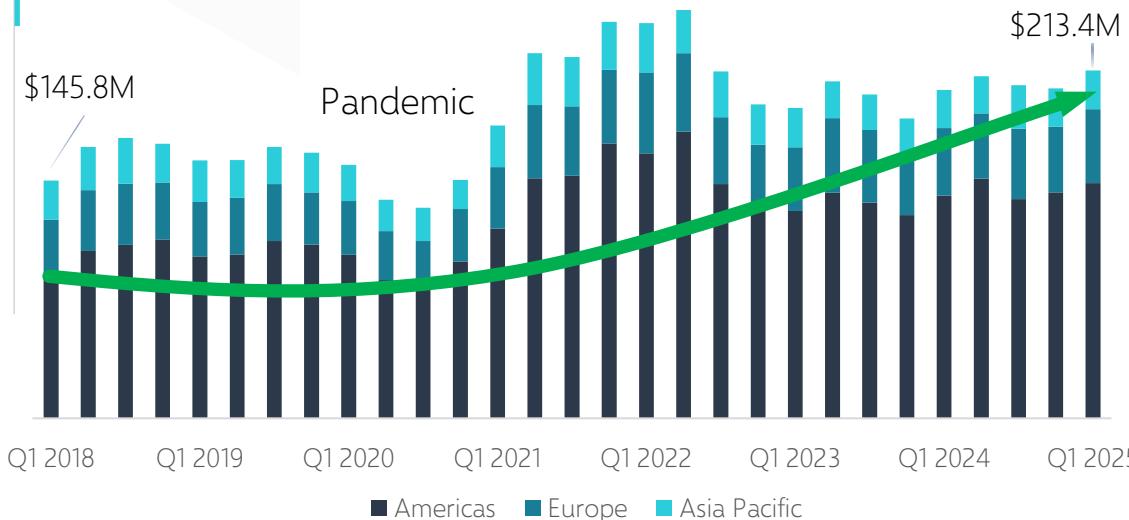


44 consecutive quarters of
profitability

Segment Financial Highlights

QUARTERLY NET REVENUE

EXECUTIVE SEARCH



5.6% CAGR since Q1 2018

ON-DEMAND TALENT



12% year over year growth

Segment Financial Highlights

QUARTERLY NET REVENUE

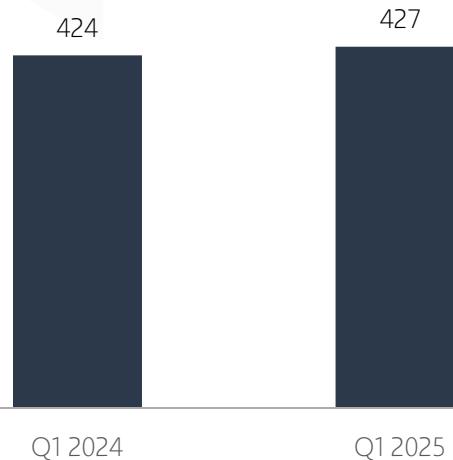


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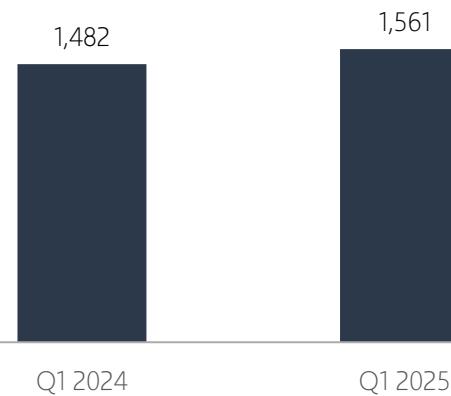
Executive Search Operational Highlights

CONSULTANT HEADCOUNT



1% year-over-year consultant headcount increase

SEARCH CONFIRMATIONS



5% year-over-year increase in confirmation volume

CONSULTANT PRODUCTIVITY (\$M)

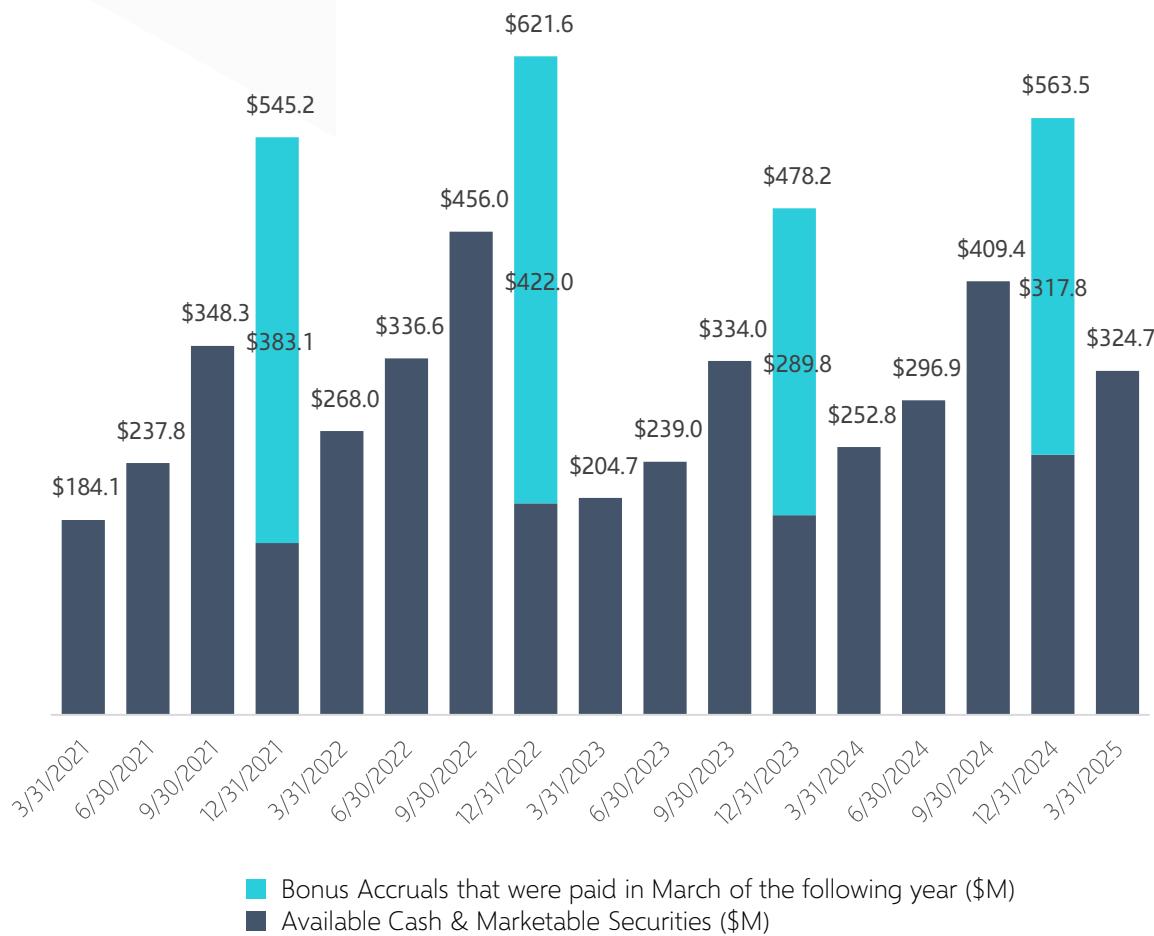


Trailing twelve-month productivity remains robust

Balance Sheet & Liquidity

Strong & Flexible Balance Sheet

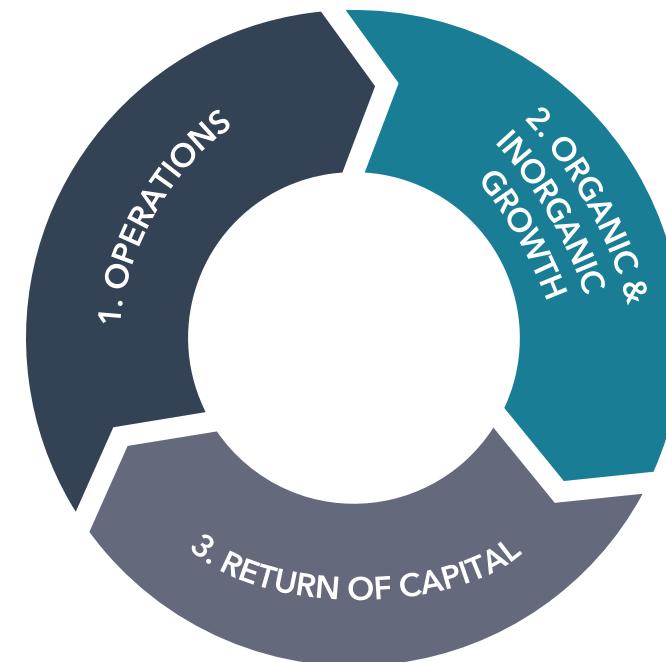
CASH & MARKETABLE SECURITIES, NET OF DEBT



CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES

(\$M)	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024
For the quarter ending:	\$232.2	\$203.4

USE OF CASH PRIORITIZATION



Appendix

Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Adjusted Net Income & Earnings Per Share

We define Adjusted Net Income as net income excluding impairment charges, restructuring charges and earnout fair value adjustments, net of tax.

(In \$ thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2025	2024
Net income (loss)	\$13,306	\$14,032
Adjustments		
Acquisition related earnout and contingent compensation fair value adjustments, net of tax ⁽¹⁾	885	-
Total adjustments	885	-
Adjusted net income	<u>\$14,191</u>	<u>\$14,032</u>
Weighted-average common shares outstanding		
Basic	20,464	20,144
Diluted	21,318	21,040
Earnings per common share		
Basic	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.70
Diluted	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.67
Adjusted earnings per common share		
Basic	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.70
Diluted	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.67

¹ The Company recorded a fair value adjustment to increase the On-Demand Talent earnout and contingent compensation by \$1.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025.

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