

FactSet Reports Results for Fourth Quarter 2024

September 19, 2024

- o Q4 GAAP revenues of \$562.2 million, up 4.9% from Q4 2023.
- Organic Q4 ASV plus professional services of \$2,272.8 million, up 4.8% year over year.
- Q4 GAAP operating margin of 22.7%, up approximately 110 bps year over year, and adjusted operating margin of 35.8%, up 240 bps from the prior year.
- Q4 GAAP diluted EPS of \$2.32, up 38.1% from the prior year, and adjusted diluted EPS of \$3.74, up 23.8% year over year.
- FactSet is providing fiscal 2025 guidance, with expected organic ASV growth of 4% 6%, GAAP revenues in the range of \$2,285 to \$2,305 million, adjusted operating margin in the range of 36% 37%, and adjusted diluted EPS in the range of \$16.80 \$17.40.

NORWALK, Conn., Sept. 19, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- FactSet ("FactSet" or the "Company") (NYSE:FDS) (NASDAQ:FDS), a global financial digital platform and enterprise solutions provider, today announced results for its fourth quarter fiscal 2024 ended August 31, 2024.

Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2024 Highlights

- GAAP revenues increased 4.9%, or \$26.4 million, to \$562.2 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024 compared with \$535.8 million in the prior year period. Organic⁽¹⁾ revenues grew 5.0% year over year to \$562.8 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024. Growth in GAAP and Organic revenues this quarter was driven by wealth, banking, institutional asset managers and asset owners.
- Annual Subscription Value ("ASV") plus professional services was \$2,276.0 million at August 31, 2024, compared with \$2,174.6 million at August 31, 2023. Organic ASV plus professional services was \$2,272.8 million at August 31, 2024, up 4.8% or \$104.4 million year over year.
- Organic ASV plus professional services increased \$53.5 million over the last three months. Please see the "ASV + Professional Services" section of this press release for details.
- GAAP operating margin increased to 22.7% compared with 21.7% for the prior year period, mainly due to a decrease in employee compensation costs, growth in revenues and lapping of the prior year's facilities impairment, partially offset by charges related to the Massachusetts sales tax dispute. Adjusted operating margin improved to 35.8% compared with 33.4% in the prior year period due to lower bonus accrual and salary costs due to lower headcount, partially offset by higher technology expenses from amortization of internal use software.
- During the fourth quarter, FactSet took a charge of approximately \$54 million related to our previously disclosed Massachusetts sales tax dispute. In addition to reserves taken in prior fiscal years, this brings our total charge with respect to this matter to approximately \$64 million. FactSet does not anticipate taking additional material charges with respect to this matter.
- GAAP diluted earnings per share ("EPS") increased 38.1% to \$2.32 compared with \$1.68 for the same period in fiscal 2023, due to a decrease in employee compensation costs and an increase in revenues, partially offset by charges related to the Massachusetts sales tax dispute. Adjusted diluted EPS increased 23.8% to \$3.74 compared with \$3.02 in the prior year period, driven by growth in revenues, margin expansion, and a lower tax rate.
- Net cash provided by operating activities was \$163.2 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024, driven by net income and timing of payments to vendors. Free cash flow decreased to \$137.2 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024, compared with \$156.3 million for the same period in fiscal 2023, a decrease of 12.2%, primarily due to lower net cash provided by operating activities and an increase in capital expenditures.
- GAAP effective tax rate for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024 decreased to 23.6% compared with 39.3% for the three months ended August 31, 2023. The primary driver of the lower GAAP rate in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024 is the inclusion of a prior year tax adjustment in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023.

(1) References to "organic" figures in this press release exclude the current year impact of acquisitions and dispositions completed within the past twelve months and the current year impact from changes in foreign currency.

"During a time of technological change and an external environment marked by both uncertainty and opportunity, FactSet's open platform strategy is resonating with clients seeking growth and efficiency," said Phil Snow, CEO of FactSet. "Our commitment to innovation ensures our comprehensive

data and analytical tools are fully available to our clients, empowering them to achieve their goals."

Key Financial Measures*

(Condensed and Unaudited)		Three Mo	onthe	s Ended			Twelve M	ontl	ns Ended		Latest
		August 31,		August 31,			August 31,		August 31,		FY2024
(In thousands, except per share data)		2024		2023	Change		2024		2023	Change	Guidance
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Revenues	\$	562,187	\$	535,797	4.9%	\$	2,203,056	\$, ,	5.6%	\$2,190
Organic revenues	\$	562,781	\$	535,797	5.0%	\$	2,203,736	\$	2,085,508	5.7%	
Operating income	\$	127,858	\$	116,103	10.1%	\$	701,299	\$	629,207	11.5%	
Adjusted operating income	\$	201,402	\$	179,134	12.4%	\$	832,653	\$	754,188	10.4%	
											33.7% -
Operating margin		22.7%		21.7%			31.8%		30.2%		34.0%
											37.0% -
Adjusted operating margin		35.8%		33.4%			37.8%		36.2%		37.5%
Net income	\$	89,496	\$	65,119	37.4%	\$	537,126	\$	468,173	14.7%	
Adjusted net income	\$	144,089	\$	117,225	22.9%	\$	635,073	\$	569,722	11.5%	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	170,494	\$	171,207	(0.4)%	\$	847,538	\$	776,620	9.1%	
											\$14.55 -
Diluted EPS	\$	2.32	\$	1.68	38.1%	\$	13.91	\$	12.04	15.5%	\$14.95
											\$16.00 -
Adjusted diluted EPS	\$	3.74	\$	3.02	23.8%	\$	16.45	\$	14.65	12.3%	\$16.40

* See reconciliation of U.S. GAAP to adjusted key financial measures in the back of this press release.

"We are pleased with our results this quarter, which reflect our strong execution and operating discipline," said Helen Shan, FactSet's CFO. "By protecting our operating margin through aligning variable expenses with revenues, we achieved solid earnings growth and wrapped up the year effectively, positioning us well for fiscal 2025."

Full Year Fiscal 2024 Highlights

- GAAP revenues increased 5.6% to \$2.20 billion, up 5.7% on an organic basis, based primarily on growth in organic revenues driven by wealth, CUSIP Global Services ("CGS") subscriptions, and higher transactional revenue. This marked the 44th consecutive year of increased revenues for the Company.
- GAAP operating margin increased to 31.8% compared with 30.2% for the prior year, primarily due to growth in revenues, a decrease in employee compensation costs and lapping of the prior year's facilities impairment, partially offset by charges related to the Massachusetts sales tax dispute. Adjusted operating margin improved to 37.8% compared with 36.2% in the prior year driven by lower bonus accrual and salary due to headcount reductions, partially offset by increased technology expenses from amortization and software licenses.
- GAAP diluted EPS increased 15.5% to \$13.91, mainly driven by growth in revenues, partially offset by charges related to the Massachusetts sales tax dispute. Adjusted diluted EPS increased 12.3% to \$16.45, primarily driven by growth in revenues, margin expansion and a lower tax rate. Fiscal 2024 marks the 28th consecutive year that FactSet has increased its adjusted diluted EPS.
- Net cash provided by operating activities was \$700.3 million for fiscal 2024, driven by net income and timing of payments to vendors. Free cash flow increased to \$614.7 million for fiscal 2024 compared with \$584.8 million for fiscal 2023, an increase of 5.1%, primarily due to higher net cash provided by operating activities, partially offset by an increase in capital expenditures.
- Adjusted EBITDA increased to \$847.5 million, up 9.1%, for fiscal 2024, compared with \$776.6 million for fiscal 2023, due to an increase in operating income primarily driven by higher revenues, partially offset by charges related to the Massachusetts sales tax dispute.
- GAAP effective tax rate for fiscal 2024 decreased to 17.6% compared with 19.8% for the twelve months ended August 31, 2023. The primary driver of the lower GAAP rate in fiscal 2024 is the inclusion of a prior year tax adjustment in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023.
- Client count increased by 3.7% or 296 during the fiscal year, while users grew by 13.9% or 26,409 from the prior year.
- In May 2024, FactSet increased its <u>quarterly cash dividend by</u> 6% to \$1.04 per share. The \$0.06 per share increase marks the 25th consecutive year the Company has increased dividends, highlighting FactSet's continued commitment to return

value to its shareholders.

• The Company returned \$385.9 million to shareholders in the form of share repurchases and dividends during fiscal 2024, for a return of 55% as a percentage of free cash flow and proceeds from employee stock plans.

Annual Subscription Value (ASV) + Professional Services

ASV at any given point in time represents the forward-looking revenues for the next 12 months from all subscription services currently supplied to clients. Professional services are revenues derived from project-based consulting and implementation services.

ASV plus professional services was \$2,276.0 million at August 31, 2024, compared with \$2,174.6 million at August 31, 2023. Organic ASV plus professional services was \$2,272.8 million at August 31, 2024, up \$104.4 million from the prior year, for a growth rate of 4.8%. Organic ASV plus professional services increased \$53.5 million over the last three months.

The buy-side and sell-side organic ASV annual growth rates as of August 31, 2024 were 4.9% and 3.8%, respectively. Buy-side clients, including institutional asset managers, wealth managers, asset owners, hedge funds, partners, and corporate clients, accounted for 82% of organic ASV. The remaining organic ASV came from sell-side firms, including broker-dealers, banking and advisory, and private equity and venture capital firms. Supplementary tables covering organic buy-side and sell-side ASV growth rates may be found on the last page of this press release.

Segment Revenues and ASV

ASV from the Americas region was \$1,456.8 million compared with ASV in the prior year period of \$1,376.9 million. Organic ASV increased 6.1% to \$1,456.8 million. Americas revenues for the quarter increased to \$362.5 million compared with \$343.3 million in the fourth quarter of last year. The Americas region's quarterly organic revenues growth rate was 5.6% over the prior year period.

ASV from the EMEA region was \$570.3 million compared with ASV in the prior year period of \$559.6 million. Organic ASV increased 1.8% to \$569.3 million. EMEA revenues were \$143.1 million compared with \$138.6 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023. The EMEA region's quarterly organic revenues growth rate was 3.3% over the prior year period.

ASV from the Asia Pacific region was \$230.6 million compared with ASV in the prior year period of \$215.4 million. Organic ASV increased 7.1% to \$228.4 million. Asia Pacific revenues were \$56.6 million compared with \$53.9 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023. The Asia Pacific region's quarterly organic revenues growth rate was 6.1% over the prior year period.

Segment ASV does not include professional services, which totaled \$18.3 million at August 31, 2024.

Operational Highlights – Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2024

- Client count as of August 31, 2024 was 8,217, a net increase of 188 clients in the past three months, with increases driven by wealth, corporates, hedge funds and partners. The count includes clients with ASV of \$10,000 and more.
- User count increased by 8,241 to 216,381 in the past three months driven primarily by wealth and seasonal bank hiring.
- Annual ASV retention was greater than 95%. When expressed as a percentage of clients, annual retention was 90%.
- Employee count was 12,398 as of August 31, 2024, up 1.3% over the last twelve months, with the increase primarily in the content group. FactSet's Centers of Excellence account for approximately 69% of the Company's employees.
- The Company announced that its Board of Directors approved a regular quarterly <u>cash dividend</u> of \$1.04 per share. The cash dividend will be paid on September 19, 2024, to holders of record of FactSet's common stock at the close of business on August 30, 2024.
- FactSet announced that it will host an <u>Investor Day</u> on Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST. The event will be dually hosted in New York City and via live stream.
- FactSet announced its suite of solutions designed to enable technologists and developers to build proprietary workflows and accelerate their <u>AI-powered</u> innovations.
- <u>Kristina Karnovsky</u> has been appointed Executive Vice President and Head of the Dealmakers and Wealth group, effective September 1, 2024. Ms. Karnovsky is a veteran FactSet executive who previously served as FactSet's Executive Vice President and Chief Product Officer. Ms. Karnovsky succeeds Goran Skoko, who became the Company's Chief Revenue Officer effective September 1, 2024.

Share Repurchase Program

FactSet repurchased 153,650 shares of its common stock for \$63.3 million at an average price of \$412.09 during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024 under the Company's share repurchase program. As of August 31, 2024, the remaining \$64.8 million under this program was no longer available for share repurchases. On September 17, 2024, the Board of Directors of FactSet approved a new share repurchase authorization of up to \$300 million in the aggregate, which will be available during fiscal 2025.

Annual Business Outlook

FactSet is providing its outlook for fiscal 2025. The following forward-looking statements reflect FactSet's expectations as of today's date. Given the risk factors, uncertainties, and assumptions discussed below, actual results may differ materially. FactSet does not intend to update its forward-looking statements prior to its next quarterly results announcement.

Fiscal 2025 Expectations

Beginning in fiscal 2025, FactSet will report Organic ASV, rather than Organic ASV plus Professional Services, to more accurately reflect the recurring nature of its revenues. This underscores the shift of FactSet's offerings toward providing more managed services and less project-based services.

- Organic ASV is expected to grow in the range of \$90 million to \$140 million during fiscal 2025.
- GAAP revenues are expected to be in the range of \$2,285 million to \$2,305 million.
- GAAP operating margin is expected to be in the range of 32.5% to 33.5%.
- Adjusted operating margin is expected to be in the range of 36.0% to 37.0%.
- FactSet's annual effective tax rate is expected to be in the range of 17% to 18%.
- GAAP diluted EPS is expected to be in the range of \$15.10 to \$15.70.
- Adjusted diluted EPS is expected to be in the range of \$16.80 to \$17.40.

Adjusted operating margin and adjusted diluted EPS guidance do not include certain effects of any non-recurring benefits or charges that may arise in fiscal 2025. Please see the back of this press release for a reconciliation of GAAP to adjusted metrics.

Conference Call

Fourth Quarter 2024 Conference Call Details

Date:	Thursday, September 19, 2024
Time:	11:00 a.m. Eastern Time
Participant Registration:	FactSet Q4 2024 Earnings Call Registration

Please register for the conference call using the above link before the call start time. The conference call platform will register your name and organization and provide dial-in numbers and a unique access pin. The conference call will have a live Q&A session.

A replay will be available on the Company's investor relations website after 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 19, 2024, through September 19, 2025. The earnings call transcript will be available via FactSet CallStreet.

Forward-looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements based on management's current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about industries in which FactSet operates and the beliefs and assumptions of management. All statements that address expectations, guidance, outlook or projections about the future, including statements about the Company's strategy for growth, product development, revenues, future financial results, anticipated growth, market position, subscriptions, expected expenditures, trends in FactSet's business and financial results, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words like "expects," "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "intends," "estimates," "projects," "should," "indicates," "continues," "may" and similar expressions. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors, including those discussed more fully elsewhere in this release and in FactSet's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, particularly its latest annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, as well as others, could cause results to differ materially from those stated. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and FactSet assumes no duty to and does not undertake to update forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in forward-looking statements and future results could differ materially from historical performance.

About Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Financial measures in accordance with U.S. GAAP including revenues, operating income and margin, net income, diluted earnings per share and cash provided by operating activities have been adjusted.

FactSet uses these adjusted financial measures both in presenting its results to stockholders and the investment community and in its internal evaluation and management of the business. The Company believes that these adjusted financial measures and the information they provide are useful to investors because they permit investors to view the Company's performance using the same tools that management uses to gauge progress in achieving its goals. Investors may benefit from referring to these adjusted financial measures in assessing the Company's performance and when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods and may also facilitate comparisons to its historical performance. The presentation of this financial information is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP.

Organic revenues excludes from revenues the current year impact of revenues from acquisitions and dispositions completed within the past twelve months and the current year impact from changes in foreign currency. Adjusted operating income and margin, adjusted net income, and adjusted diluted earnings per share exclude acquisition-related intangible asset amortization and non-recurring items. EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA represent earnings before interest expense, provision for income taxes and depreciation and amortization expense, while Adjusted EBITDA further excludes non-recurring non-cash expenses. The Company believes that these adjusted financial measures help to fully reflect the underlying economic performance of FactSet. Cash flows provided by operating activities has been reduced by purchases of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized internal-use software to report non-GAAP free cash flow. FactSet uses this financial measure both in presenting its results to stockholders and the investment community and in the Company's internal evaluation and management of the business. Management believes that this financial measure is useful to investors because it permits investors to view the Company's performance using the same metric that management uses to gauge progress in achieving its goals and is an indication of cash flow that may be available to fund further investments in future growth initiatives.

About FactSet

FactSet (NYSE:FDS | NASDAQ:FDS) helps the financial community to see more, think bigger, and work better. Our digital platform and enterprise solutions deliver financial data, analytics, and open technology to more than 8,200 global clients, including over 216,000 individual users. Clients across the buy-side and sell-side as well as wealth managers, private equity firms, and corporations achieve more every day with our comprehensive and connected content, flexible next-generation workflow solutions, and client-centric specialized support. As a member of the S&P 500, we are committed to sustainable growth and have been recognized amongst the Best Places to Work in 2023 by Glassdoor as a Glassdoor Employees' Choice Award winner. Learn more at www.factset.com and follow us on X and LinkedIn.

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Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

		Three Mo	Twelve Months Ended					
	A	ugust 31,	August 31,		August 31,			August 31,
(In thousands, except per share data)		2024		2023		2024		2023
Revenues	\$	562,187	\$	535,797	\$	2,203,056	\$	2,085,508
Operating expenses								
Cost of services		258,196		263,688		1,011,945		973,225
Selling, general and administrative		172,519		131,227		485,135		457,130
Asset impairments		3,614		24,779		4,677		25,946
Total operating expenses		434,329		419,694		1,501,757		1,456,301
Operating income		127,858		116,103		701,299		629,207
Other income (expense), net								
Interest income		4,020		4,618		14,447		12,809
Interest expense		(15,547)		(16,691)		(65,778)		(66,319)
Other income (expense), net		799		3,279		1,535		8,257
Total other income (expense), net		(10,728)		(8,794)		(49,796)		(45,253)
Income before income taxes		117,130		107,309		651,503		583,954
Provision for income taxes		27,634		42,190		114,377		115,781
Net income	\$	89,496	\$	65,119	\$	537,126	\$	468,173
Basic earnings per common share	\$	2.35	\$	1.71	\$	14.11	\$	12.26
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	2.32	\$	1.68	\$	13.91	\$	12.04
Basic weighted average common shares		38,007		38,092		38,059		38,194
Diluted weighted average common shares		38,517		38,784		38,618		38,898

Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(In thousands)	Au	igust 31, 2024	August 31, 2023	
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	422,979	\$	425,444
Investments		69,619		32,210
Accounts receivable, net of reserves of \$14,581 at August 31, 2024 and \$7,769 at August 31,				
2023		228,054		237,665
Prepaid taxes		56,994		24,206

Prepaid expenses and other current assets		50,610	
Total current assets		837,738	770,135
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements, net		82,513	86,107
Goodwill		1,011,129	1,004,736
Intangible assets, net		1,844,141	1,859,202
Deferred taxes		61,337	27,229
Lease right-of-use assets, net		130,494	141,837
Other assets		89,578	73,676
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	4,056,930	\$ 3,962,922
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	178,250	\$ 121,816
Current debt		124,842	_
Current lease liabilities		31,073	28,839
Accrued compensation		93,279	112,892
Deferred revenues		159,761	152,430
Current taxes payable		42,281	31,009
Dividends payable		39,470	37,265
Total current liabilities		668,956	484,251
Long-term debt		1,241,131	1,612,700
Deferred taxes		8,452	6,737
Deferred revenues, non-current		1,344	3,734
Taxes payable		40,452	30,344
Long-term lease liabilities		177,521	198,382
Other liabilities		6,614	6,844
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$</u>	2,144,470	\$ 2,342,992
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	1,912,460	\$ 1,619,930
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	4,056,930	\$ 3,962,922

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)				
	Twelve Mor	ths Ended		
	August 31,	August 31,		
(In thousands)	2024	2023		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net income \$	537,126	\$ 468,173		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities				
Depreciation and amortization	125,187	105,384		
Amortization of lease right-of-use assets	30,407	32,344		
Stock-based compensation expense	63,501	62,038		
Deferred income taxes	(32,020)	(31,119)		
Asset impairments	4,677	25,946		
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions				
Accounts receivable, net of reserves	2,195	(40,103)		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	55,347	8,393		
Accrued compensation	(20,213)	(3,431)		
Deferred revenues	4,939	(3,387)		
Taxes payable, net of prepaid taxes	(11,448)	41,396		
Lease liabilities, net	(39,320)	(39,704)		
Other, net	(20,040)	19,643		
Net cash provided by operating activities	700,338	645,573		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchases of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized internal-use software	(85,681)	(60,786)		
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired		(23,593)		
Purchases of investments	(58,636)	(11,014)		

Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	 (144,317)	(95,393)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayments of debt	(250,000)	(375,000)
Dividend payments	(150,667)	(138,601)
Proceeds from employee stock plans	91,711	72,006
Repurchases of common stock	(235,235)	(176,720)
Other financing activities	 (16,659)	(13,709)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	 (560,850)	(632,024)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	 2,364	4,015
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,465)	(77,829)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	425,444	503,273
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 422,979 \$	425,444

Reconciliation of U.S. GAAP Results to Adjusted Financial Measures

Financial measures in accordance with U.S. GAAP, including revenues, operating income and margin, net income, diluted EPS and cash provided by operating activities, have been adjusted below. FactSet uses these adjusted financial measures both in presenting its results to stockholders and the investment community and in its internal evaluation and management of the business. The Company believes that these adjusted financial measures and the information they provide are useful to investors because they permit investors to view the Company's performance using the same tools that management uses to gauge progress in achieving its goals. Adjusted measures may also facilitate comparisons to FactSet's historical performance.

Revenues

Organic revenues exclude the current year impact of revenues from acquisitions and dispositions completed within the past twelve months and the current year impact from changes in foreign currency. The table below provides a reconciliation of revenues to organic revenues:

(Unaudited)		Three Mo	onth	s Ended	Twelve Months Ended							
	ŀ	August 31,	August 31,		August 31,							
(In thousands)		2024		2023	Change		2024		2023	Change		
Revenues	\$	562,187	\$	535,797	4.9%	\$	2,203,056	\$	2,085,508	5.6%		
Acquisition revenues		16					(414)		—			
Currency impact		578					1,094					
Organic revenues	\$	562,781	\$	535,797	5.0%	\$	2,203,736	\$	2,085,508	5.7%		

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The table below provides a reconciliation of operating income, operating margin, net income and diluted EPS to adjusted operating income, adjusted operating margin, adjusted net income, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted diluted EPS.

	Three Months Ended					Twelve Mo	onths	Ended	
		August 31,		August 31,		August 31,		August 31,	
(in thousands, except per share data)		2024		2023	% Change	2024		2023	% Change
Operating income	\$	127,858	\$	116,103	10.1%	\$ 701,299	\$	629,207	11.5%
Intangible asset amortization		16,691		18,131		67,383		71,503	
Massachusetts sales tax dispute		54,048		6,239		54,048		6,239	
Restructuring / severance		(1,099)		18,128		5,596		19,879	
Asset impairment ⁽¹⁾		3,443		20,327		3,443		20,327	
Business acquisition / integration costs ⁽²⁾		461		206		 884		7,033	
Adjusted operating income	\$	201,402	\$	179,134	12.4%	\$ 832,653	\$	754,188	10.4%
Operating margin		22.7%		21.7%		31.8%		30.2%	
Adjusted operating margin ⁽³⁾		35.8%		33.4%		37.8%		36.2%	
Net income	\$	89,496	\$	65,119	37.4%	\$ 537,126	\$	468,173	14.7%
Intangible asset amortization		12,390		14,496		49,529		59,422	
Massachusetts sales tax dispute		40,121		4,988		39,727		5,185	
Restructuring / severance		(816)		14,493		4,113		16,520	
Asset impairment ⁽¹⁾		2,556		16,251		2,531		16,893	
Business acquisition / integration costs ⁽²⁾		342		165		650		5,845	
Income tax items		_		1,713		 1,397		(2,316)	
Adjusted net income ⁽⁴⁾	\$	144,089	\$	117,225	22.9%	\$ 635,073	\$	569,722	11.5%
Net income		89,496		65,119	37.4%	537,126		468,173	14.7%
Interest expense		15,547		16,691		65,778		66,319	

Income taxes	27,634	42,190		114,377	115,781	
Depreciation and amortization expense	 34,032	26,703		125,187	105,384	
EBITDA	\$ 166,709	\$ 150,703	10.6%	\$ 842,468	\$ 755,657	11.5%
Non-recurring non-cash expenses ⁽⁵⁾	 3,785	20,504		\$ 5,070	\$ 20,963	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 170,494	\$ 171,207	(0.4)%	\$ 847,538	\$ 776,620	9.1%
Diluted EPS	\$ 2.32	\$ 1.68	38.1%	\$ 13.91	\$ 12.04	15.5%
Intangible asset amortization	0.32	0.38		1.27	1.53	
Massachusetts sales tax dispute	1.04	0.13		1.03	0.13	
Restructuring / severance	(0.02)	0.37		0.11	0.43	
Asset impairment ⁽¹⁾	0.07	0.42		0.07	0.43	
Business acquisition / integration costs ⁽²⁾	0.01	0.00		0.02	0.15	
Income tax items	 —	0.04		0.04	(0.06)	
Adjusted Diluted EPS ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 3.74	\$ 3.02	23.8%	\$ 16.45	\$ 14.65	12.3%
Weighted average common shares (Diluted)	38,517	38,784		38,618	38,898	

(1) The asset impairment primarily relates to impairment charges of lease right-of-use assets and property, equipment and leasehold improvements associated with vacating certain leased office space.

(2) Fiscal 2024 related to certain business acquisition costs and fiscal 2023 related to integration costs from the CGS acquisition.

(3) Adjusted operating margin is calculated as Adjusted operating income divided by Revenues.

(4) For purposes of calculating Adjusted net income and Adjusted diluted EPS, all adjustments for the three months ended August 31, 2024 and August 31, 2023 were taxed at an adjusted tax rate of 25.8% and 20.1%, respectively. For the twelve months ended August 31, 2024 and August 31, 2023, all adjustments were taxed at an adjusted tax rate of 26.5% and 16.9%, respectively.

(5) Primarily related to asset impairments.

Business Outlook Operating Margin, Net Income and Diluted EPS

(Unaudited)									
Figures may not foot due to rounding		Annual Fiscal 2025 Guidance							
(In millions, except per share data)	Low e	nd of range	High e	end of range					
Revenues	\$	2,285	\$	2,305					
Operating income	\$	765 \$	\$	749					
Operating margin		33.5%		32.5%					
Intangible asset amortization		80		81					
Adjusted operating income	\$	845 \$	\$	830					
Adjusted operating margin (a)		37.0%		36.0%					
Net income	\$	598	\$	577					
Intangible asset amortization		66		66					
Discrete tax items		(4)		(3)					
Adjusted net income	\$	660 \$	\$	640					
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	15.70	\$	15.10					
Intangible asset amortization		1.73		1.73					
Discrete tax items		(0.03)		(0.03)					
Adjusted diluted earnings per common share	\$	17.40	\$	16.80					

(a) Adjusted operating margin is calculated as Adjusted operating income divided by Revenues.

Free Cash Flow

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(Unaudited)	Three Months Ended			Twelve Months Ended							
	Aug	just 3	51,		August 31,						
(In thousands)	2024		2023	Change		2024		2023	Change		
Net Cash Provided for Operating Activities \$	163,161	\$	175,911		\$	700,338	\$	645,573			
Less: purchases of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized											
internal-use software	(25,959)		(19,606)			(85,681)		(60,786)			
Free Cash Flow \$	137,202	\$	156,305	(12.2)%	\$	614,657	\$	584,787	5.1%		

Supplementary Schedules of Historical ASV by Client Type

The following table presents the percentages and growth rates of organic ASV by client type, excluding the impact of currency movements, and may be useful to facilitate historical comparisons. Organic ASV excludes acquisitions and dispositions completed within the last twelve months and the effects of foreign currency movements.

The numbers below do not include professional services or issuer fees.

	Q4'24	Q3'24	Q2'24	Q1'24	Q4'23	Q3'23	Q2'23	Q1'23
% of ASV from buy-side clients	82.0%	82.3%	82.0%	82.0%	81.8%	82.1%	82.8%	82.8%
% of ASV from sell-side clients	18.0%	17.7%	18.0%	18.0%	18.2%	17.9%	17.2%	17.2%
ASV Growth rate from buy-side clients	4.9%	5.3%	5.6%	7.2%	6.9%	7.3%	8.1%	8.0%
ASV Growth rate from sell-side clients	3.8%	3.7%	5.5%	7.6%	9.3%	12.3%	15.8%	14.4%

The following table presents the calculation of organic ASV plus professional services.

(Details may not sum to total due to rounding)

(In millions)	As of August 31, 2024	
As reported ASV plus Professional Services ^(a)	\$ 2,276.0	
Currency impact ^(b)	(3.2)	
Organic ASV plus Professional Services	\$ 2,272.8	
Organic ASV plus Professional Services growth rate	4.8%	

(a) Includes \$18.3 million in professional services as of August 31, 2024.

(b) The impact of foreign currency movements.

