

# ePlus inc. Investor Presentation

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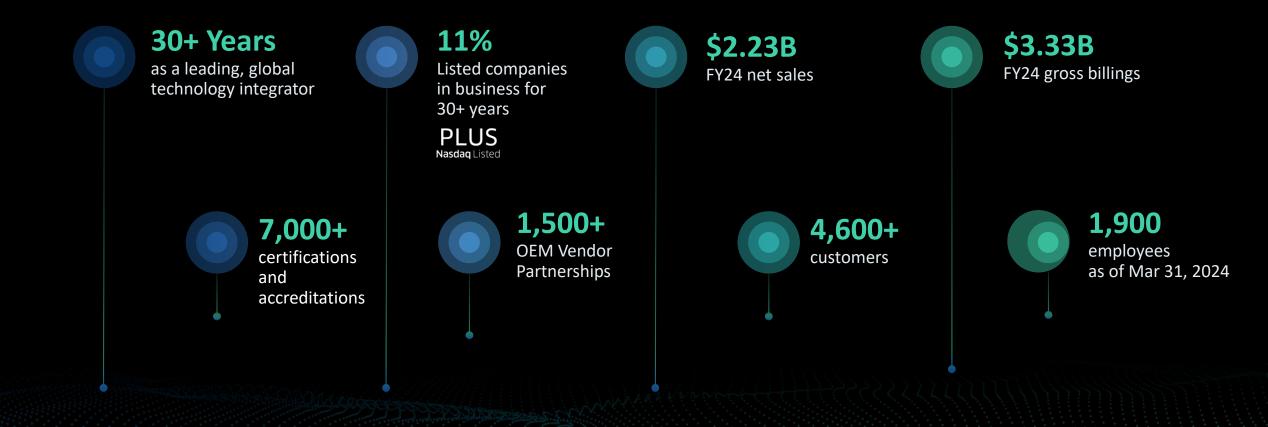
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our ability to secure our own and our customers' electronic and other confidential information, while maintaining compliance with evolving data privacy and regulatory laws and regulations; ongoing remote work trends, and the increase in cybersecurity attacks that have occurred while employees work remotely and out ability to adequately train our personnel to prevent a cyber event; the possibility of a reduction of vendor incentives provided to us; our dependence on key personnel to maintain certain customer relationships, and our ability to hire, train, and retain sufficient qualified personnel; maintaining and increasing advanced professional services by recruiting and retaining highly skilled, competent personnel, and vendor certifications; risks relating to use or capabilities of artificial intelligence ("AI") including social and ethical risks; our ability to manage a diverse product set of solutions, including AI products and services, in highly competitive markets with a number of key vendors; our dependency on continued innovations in hardware, software, and services offerings, including Al products and services, by our vendors and our ability to partner with them; changes in the IT industry and/or rapid changes in product offerings, including the proliferation of the cloud, infrastructure as a service, software as a service, platform as a service and AI; our ability to increase the total number of customers using integrated solutions by up-selling within our customer base and gaining new customers; our ability to increase the total number of customers who use our managed services and professional services and continuing to enhance our managed services offerings to remain competitive in the marketplace; our ability to perform professional and managed services competently, in accordance with professional standards, and free from errors or omissions; rising interest rates or the loss of key lenders or the constricting of credit markets; loss of our credit facility or credit lines with our vendors may restrict our current and future operations; domestic and international economic regulations uncertainty (e.g., tariffs, sanctions, and trade agreements); supply chain issues, including a shortage of IT products, may increase our costs or cause a delay in fulfilling customer orders, or increase our need for working capital, or completing professional services, or purchasing IT products or services needed to support our internal infrastructure or operations, resulting in an adverse impact on our financial results; exposure to changes in, interpretations of, or enforcement trends in, and customer and vendor actions in anticipation of or response to, legislation and regulatory matters; our ability to identify acquisition candidates, or perform sufficient due diligence prior to completing an acquisition, or failure to integrate a completed acquisition may affect our earnings; our contracts may not be adequate to protect us as we are subject to audits which we may not pass, and our professional and liability insurance policies coverage may be insufficient to cover a claim; a natural disaster or other adverse event at one of our primary configuration centers, data centers, or a third-party provider location could negatively impact our business; failure to comply with public sector contracts, or applicable laws or regulations; our ability to raise capital, maintain or increase as needed our lines of credit with vendors or floor planning facility, obtain debt for our financing transactions, or the effect of those changes on our common stock price; significant and rapid inflation may cause price, wage, and interest rate increases, as well as increases in operating costs that may impact the arrangements that have pricing commitments over the term of the agreement; we may not continue to repurchase any of our common stock under our share repurchase program; our ability to implement comprehensive plans for the integration of sales forces, cost containment, asset rationalization, systems integration, and other key strategies; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates may impact our results of operation and financial position; our ability to maintain our proprietary software and update our technology infrastructure to remain competitive in the marketplace; and our ability to protect our intellectual property rights and successfully defend any challenges to the validity of our patents or allegations that we are infringing upon any third-party patents, and the costs associated with those actions, and, when appropriate, the costs associated with licensing required technology; and other risks or uncertainties detailed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 ("2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal Report"), and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Company cannot predict with reasonable certainty and without unreasonable effort, the ultimate outcome of unusual gains and losses, the occurrence of matters creating GAAP tax impacts, fluctuations in interest expense and share-based compensation, and acquisition-related expenses. These items are uncertain, depend on various factors, and could be material to the Company's results computed in accordance with GAAP. Accordingly, the Company is unable to provide a reconciliation of GAAP net earnings to adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin for the full year 2025 forecast.

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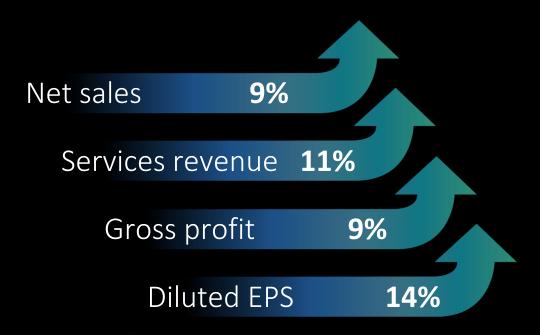


## By the Numbers



## **Key Five Year CAGRs**

Fiscal Year 2020 – Fiscal Year 2024



Our growing portfolio of solutions and services has facilitated consistent top-and bottom-line growth, creating operating leverage for our business



### **Experienced Leadership Team**



Mark
Marron
Chief Executive Officer
Joined ePlus in 2005
35+ Years of Experience



Elaine
Marion
Chief Financial Officer
Joined ePlus in 1998
30+ Years of Experience



**Darren Raiguel**Chief Operating Officer,
President of ePlus
Technology, inc.
Joined ePlus in 1997
30+ Years of Experience



**Dan Farrell**Senior Vice President,
National Professional Services *Joined ePlus in 2010*35+ Years of Experience



Kley
Parkhurst
Senior Vice President,
Corporate Development
Joined ePlus in 1991
35+ Years of Experience



Jenifer
Pape
Vice President,
Human Resources
Joined ePlus in 2022
25+ Years of Experience



Stoecker
General Counsel
Joined ePlus in 2001
25+ Years of Experience

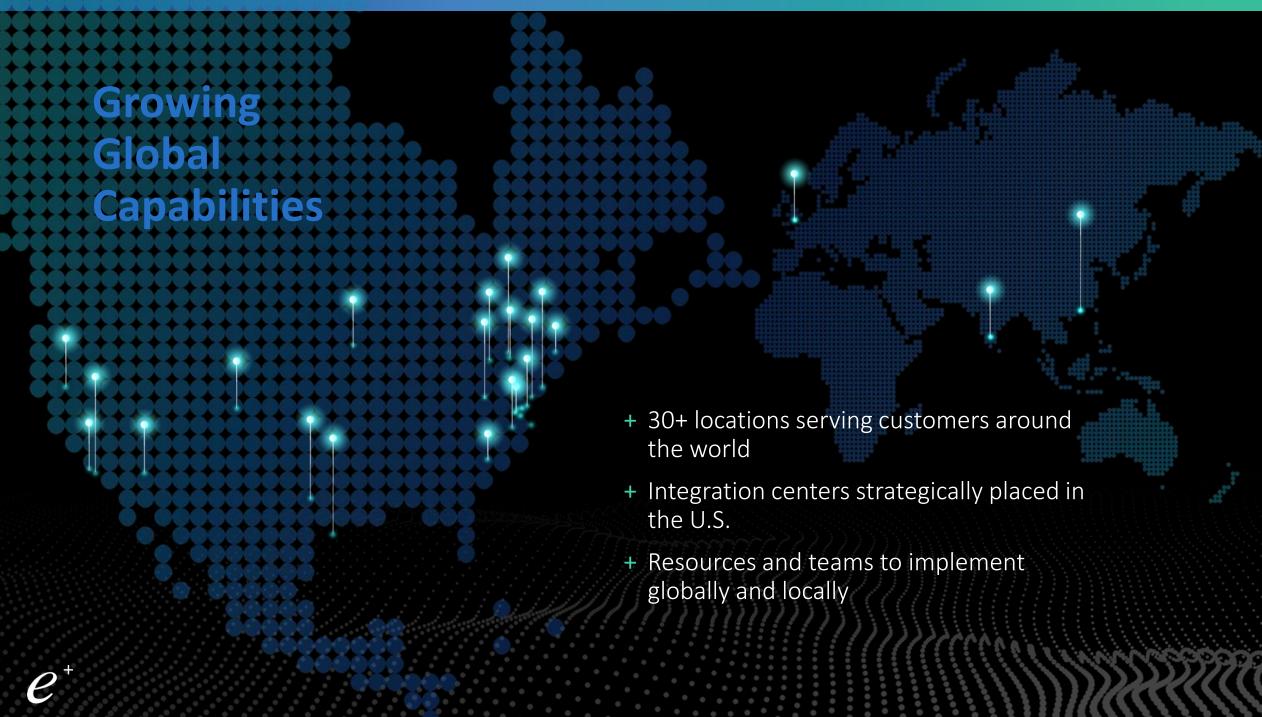


**Doug King**Chief Information Officer *Joined ePlus in 2018*25+ Years of Experience

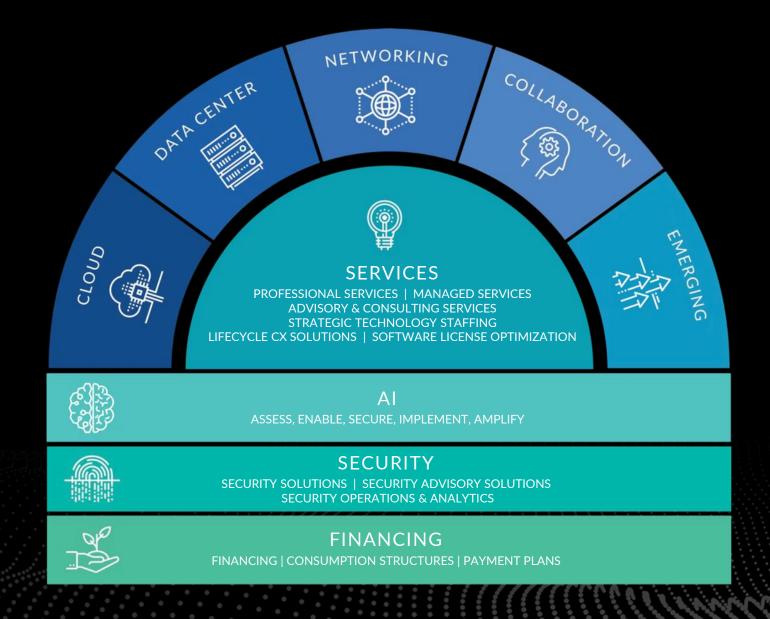


Ken
Farber
President,
ePlus Software, LLC
Joined ePlus in 2001
35+ Years of Experience





# Comprehensive Set of Solutions & Services



## **Key Strategic Focus Areas**

#### Cloud:

Journey to Modernization



Modernize data center infrastructures, extend capabilities, accelerate migrations, and optimize cloud platforms to transform businesses.

#### **Security:**

Compromise Nothing



Go Beyond managing threats by building an infrastructure that embeds security into every crevice of a technological environment.

# Artificial Intelligence: Ignite



Assess, enable, secure, implement and amplify the use of AI technologies to accelerate business outcomes.

#### **SERVICES**

PROFESSIONAL | MANAGED | ADVISORY & CONSULTING | STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY STAFFING | LIFECYCLE CX SOLUTIONS | SOFTWARE LICENSE OPTIMIZATION

#### **Broad Portfolio of ePlus Services** Our services are PROFESSIONAL SERVICES designed with CX in mind, offering options MANAGED SERVICES ranging from ADVISORY & **STRATEGIZE ARCHITECT** consultative to managed, CONSULTING For more agility *For better outcomes* that help customers **SERVICES** realize the full value of **STRATEGIC** their technology **TECHNOLOGY RESOURCING** investments from design through implementation. LIFECYCLE CX **OPTIMIZE**

**ACCELERATE** For faster ROI

For stronger resiliency

**SOLUTIONS** 

**SOFTWARE LICENSE OPTIMIZATION** 



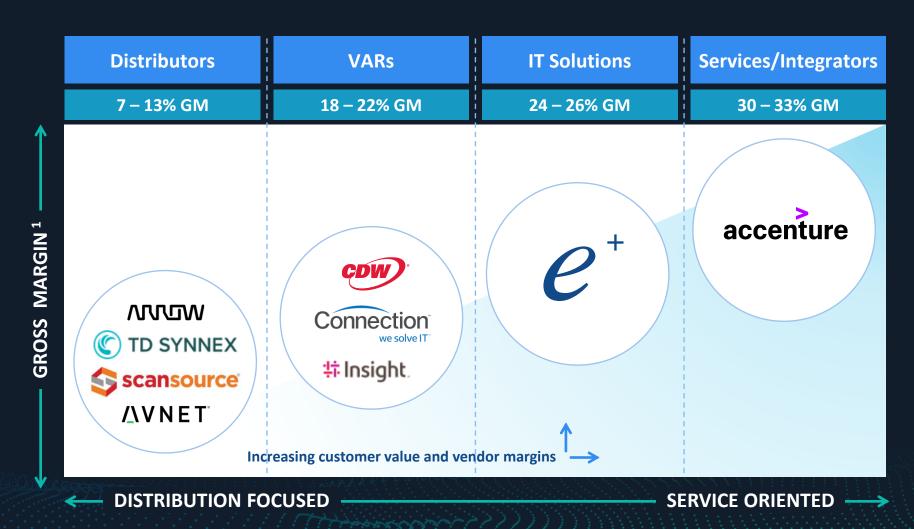


Aligning technology with financing options provides cost predictability, flexible contract terms and fast access to hardware, software and services.

### Well Positioned within the IT Ecosystem

Our range of complex solutions and services places us in high end of the IT market





## Targeted M&A Strategy with Track Record of Success



- + May 2017
- Cloud-based services, solutions and DevOps
- + Offices in Milpitas, CA and India



- + September 2017
- + Chicago and Indianapolis data centers
- + New geography and customers



- + January 2019
- + Southern and central Virginia
- + Security managed services and consulting, helpdesk, staffing; new customers



- + August 2019
- + Southern and Western Virginia
- New customers, SLED focus, and managed services



- + December 2020
- + Upstate New York and the Northeast
- + Collaboration, AI, cloud, audio visual, data center, staffing



- + July 2022
- + Texas and the South Central region
- Cybersecurity, consulting, cloud security

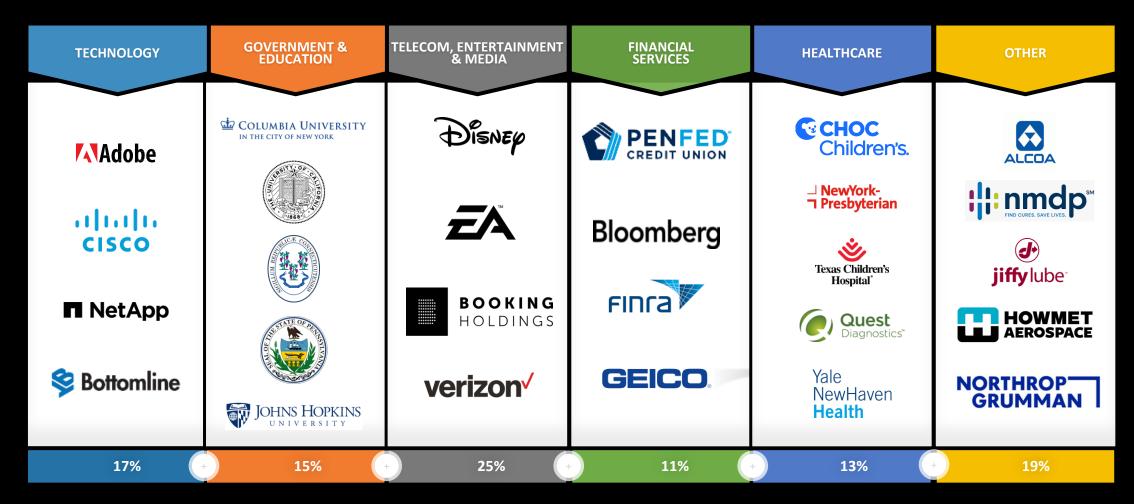


- + April 2023 (Network Solutions Group, a business unit of CCI)
- + National provider of networking services and solutions
- + Network design, engineering



- + January 2024
- + Midwest and Mountain West
- + New customers, data center, cloud and services focus

## **Customer Experience Across Any Industry**



Percentages are based on net sales during the twelve months ended March 31, 2024.

#### ePlus in Action



## **Children's Hospital: Cloud Disaster Recovery**

Challenge: Current disaster recovery solution was unable to meet the Recovery Point Objectives (RPOs) and Recovery Time Objectives (RTOs) for critical patient care systems.

**Solution:** ePlus Cloud Services

**Business Outcome:** Disaster Recovery to AWS with a consumption-based cost model, lowered RPOs and RTOs to meet business requirements, and increased ability to recover from ransomware.



#### **SERVICES**

#### **Healthcare: Storage as a Service**

Challenge: Digital pathology project scanning 1M+ physical images to enable real-time access and improved patient outcomes.

**Solution:** ePlus Storage-as-a-Service (STaaS)

**Business Outcomes:** Low upfront investment, transparent predictable cost model and financial-backed SLAs reduced risk around capacity management, availability and performance



#### **Industrial Manufacturing: vCISO**

**Challenge:** Significant security-related audit requirements arose without sufficient internal support resources to put policies or controls in place, remediate issues or maintain posture.

**Solution:** ePlus vCISO Security Advisory Services

**Business Outcomes:** Successfully demonstrated a maturing & scalable security posture. Remediated all defined vulnerabilities and established controls roadmap to enable continued diligence and ongoing security posture maturity.



## Financial Organization: DC Migration and Modernization

- Challenge: Data center migration from traditional to COLO while modernizing and improving security at the edge.
- Solution: Security, Check Point Maestro Firewalls and Infinity ELA
- Business Outcomes: Accelerated the move to a COLO facility in a flexible and secure manner. Greater visibility on who and what is traversing the edge as well as locking down access more efficiently.





New 80,000 square-foot facility supports fulfillment of global technology and logistics services for thousands of customers in 50+ countries

- TechnologyDemonstration Lab
- Configuration
- Deployment
- Warehouse
- Briefing Center

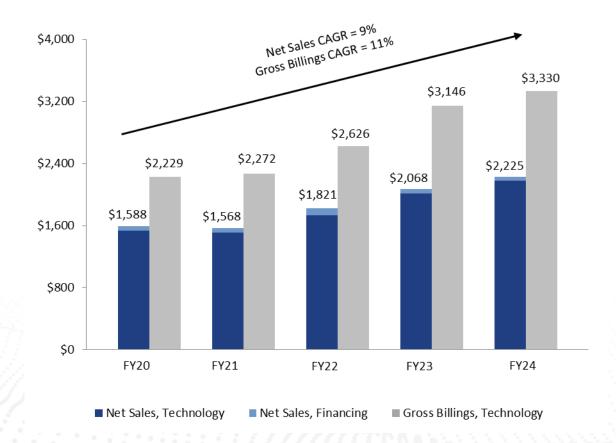




- + Operations are conducted through two businesses. The technology business sells information technology products, software and services, while the financing business provides lease and financing solutions.
- The majority of our net sales are derived from our technology business, representing 98% of revenues in FY24.
- From FY20 to FY24, net sales and gross billings have increased at a compound annual rate of 9% and 11%, respectively.

#### FYE March 31

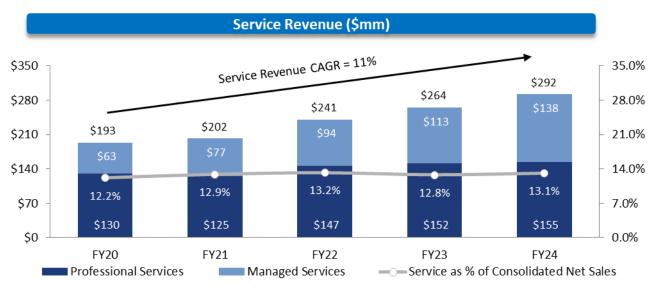
#### Net Sales and Gross Billings (\$mm)

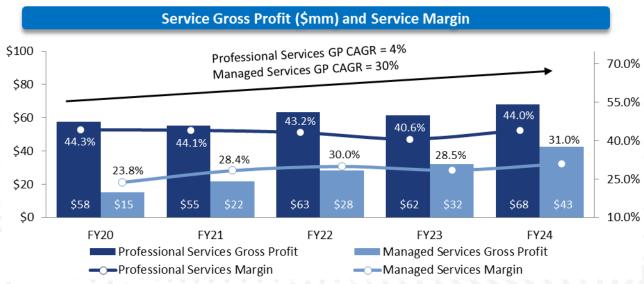




- Professional services include advanced professional services, staff augmentation, project management services, cloud consulting services and security services.
- Managed services include advanced managed services, service desk, storage-as-aservice, cloud hosted services, cloud managed services and managed security services.
- + From FY20 to FY24, total service revenue has increased at a compound annual rate of 11% and grew from 12.2% of consolidated net sales in FY20 to 13.1% in FY24.
- + Gross profit from professional services and managed services increased at a compound annual rate of 4% and 30%, respectively.



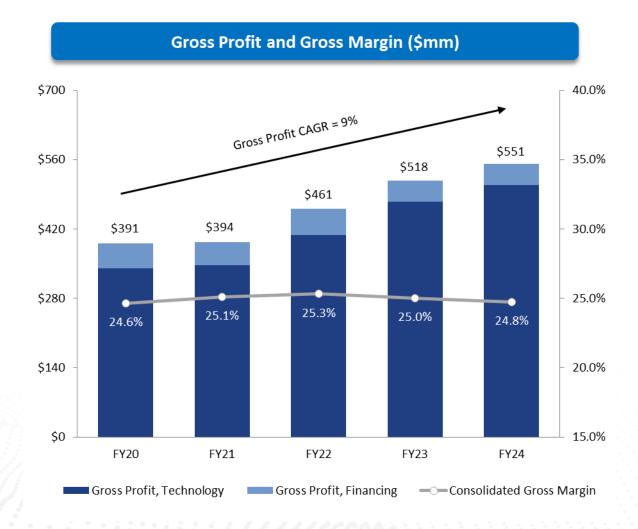






- Consolidated gross profit increased at a compounded annual rate of 9% from FY20 to FY24. Technology business represented 92% of our total gross profit in FY24.
- + Consolidated gross margin has increased from 24.6% in FY20 to 24.8% in FY24.
- + Technology business gross margin has increased from 22.3% in FY20 to 23.4% in FY24, as services revenue continued to expand, and a larger portion of sales were recognized on a net basis.

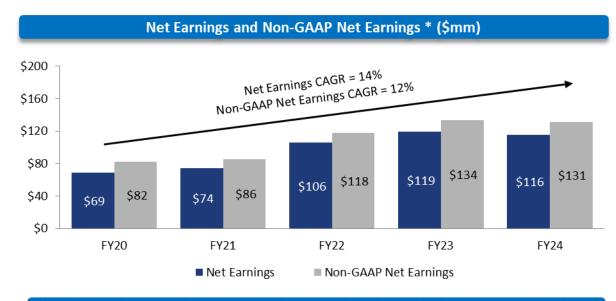
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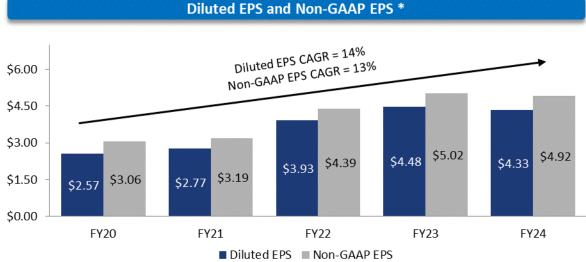




- From FY20 to FY24, net earnings and diluted EPS increased at a compounded annual rate of 14% as a result of focusing on gross profit growth and cost management.
- + Non-GAAP EPS increased at a compounded annual rate of 13% from FY20 to FY24.
- Non-GAAP EPS excludes other income (expense), share based compensation, and acquisition and integration expenses, and the related tax effects.

#### FYE March 31



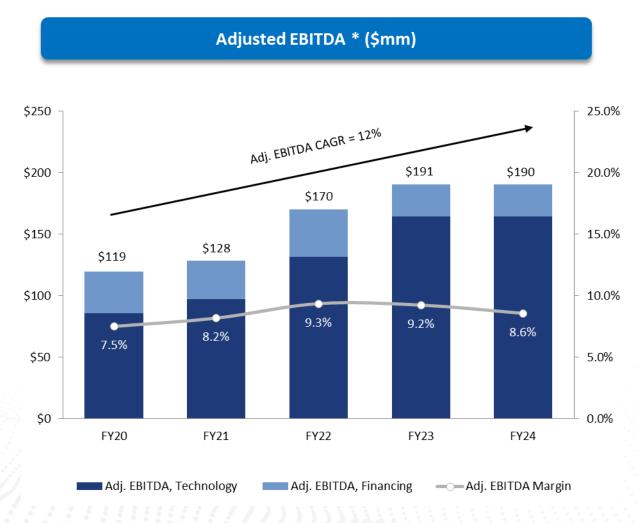




<sup>\*</sup> See Non-GAAP Financial Information. EPS and non-GAAP EPS are on a diluted basis and have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the two-for-one stock split on December 13, 2021.

- + Adjusted EBITDA represents net earnings before interest expense, depreciation and amortization, share based compensation, acquisition and integration expenses, provision for income taxes, and other income. Interest on notes payable and depreciation expense presented within cost of sales represent operating expenses of financing segment, as such they are not added back to net earnings.
- + From FY20 to FY24, adjusted EBITDA increased at a compounded annual rate of 12%.
- + Adjusted EBITDA margin increased from 7.5% to 8.6% from FY20 to FY24.

#### FYE March 31

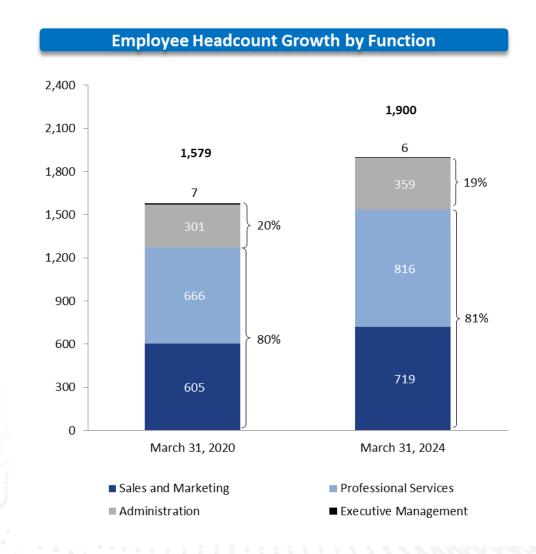


<sup>\*</sup> See Non-GAAP Financial Information



### **Growing Customer Facing Personnel**

- + Acquiring consultative sales professionals to bring successful business outcomes to our customers.
- + Focused on growing engineering talent in cloud, security, AI, and digital infrastructure.
- + Customer facing personnel increased by 264 from FY20 to FY24, which represented 82% of the total increase in headcount.
- Leveraging our operational infrastructure as we expand.





#### **Strong Balance Sheet**

- + \$253 million in cash and equivalents
- Financing portfolio of \$182 million, representing investments in leases and notes
- + Portfolio monetization can be utilized to raise additional cash
- + \$500 million credit limit with Wells Fargo Commercial Distribution Finance, LLC (WFCDF)
- + ROIC 12.1% for the twelve months ended March 31, 2024<sup>1</sup>

Assets	Marc	h 31, 2024	March 31, 2023						
		(amounts in millions)							
Cash and equivalents	\$	253	\$	103					
Accounts receivable		691		560					
Inventory		140		243					
Financing investments		182		174					
Goodwill & other intangibles		206		161					
Deferred costs		59		75					
Property, equipment and other assets		122		99					
Total assets	\$	1,653	\$	1,415					
Liabilities									
Accounts payable	\$	421	\$	355					
Recourse notes payable		-		6					
Non-recourse notes payable		36		34					
Otherliabilities		294		238					
Total liabilities	\$	751	\$	633					
Shareholders' Equity									
Equity		902		782					
Total liabilities & equity	\$	1,653	\$	1,415					



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See details in Appendix – Return on Invested Capital

#### Fiscal Year 2025 Guidance



- + Continue to outperform IT industry spending growth
- + Upside driven by focus on sectors with above market growth

- + Revenue growth of between 3% to 6% over the prior fiscal year
- + Adjusted EBITDA of between \$200 million to \$215 million

## Q&A



Mark Marron
Chief Executive Officer



**Elaine Marion**Chief Financial Officer



# Appendix

		Year Ended March 31,								
	_	2024	2023		2022		2021			2020
Net earnings	\$	115,776	\$	119,356	\$	105,600	\$	74,397	\$	69,082
Provision for income taxes		45,317		43,618		41,284		32,509		26,877
Depreciation and amortization [1]		21,025		13,709		14,646		13,951		14,156
Share based compensation		9,731		7,824		7,114		7,167		7,954
Acquisition and integration expense		-		-		-		271		1,676
Interest and financing costs [2]		1,428		2,897		928		521		294
Other (income) expense [3]		(2,836)		3,188		432		(571)		(680)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	190,441	\$	190,592	\$	170,004	\$	128,245	\$	119,359
Adjusted EBITDA margin		8.6%		9.2%		9.3%		8.2%		7.5%
GAAP: Earnings before tax	\$	161,093	\$	162,974	\$	146,884	\$	106,906	\$	95,959
Share based compensation		9,731		7,824		7,114		7,167		7,954
Acquisition and integration expense		-		-		-		271		1,676
Acquisition related amortization expense [4]		15,180		9,411		10,072		9,116		9,217
Other (income) expense [3]		(2,836)		3,188		432		(571)		(680)
Non-GAAP: Earnings before taxes		183,168		183,397		164,502		122,889		114,126
GAAP: Provision for income taxes		45,317		43,618		41,284		32,509		26,877
Share based compensation		2,772		2,104		2,014		2,188		2,218
Acquisition and integration expense		-		-		-		78		490
Acquisition related amortization expense [4]		4,306		2,527		2,803		2,730		2,487
Other (income) expense [3]		(831)		950		120		(143)		(200)
Tax benefit on restricted stock		277		267		317		(40)		87
Non-GAAP: Provision for income taxes		51,841		49,466		46,538		37,322		31,959
Non-GAAP: Net earnings	\$	131,327	\$	133,931	\$	117,964	\$	85,567	\$	82,167
GAAP: Net earnings per common share – diluted	\$	4.33	\$	4.48	\$	3.93	\$	2.77	\$	2.57
Share based compensation		0.27		0.21		0.20		0.19		0.22
Acquisition and integration expense				7777		[[-		0.01		0.04
Acquisition related amortization expense [4]		0.40		0.26		0.26		0.24		0.25
Other (income) expense [3]		(0.07)		0.08		0.01		(0.02)		(0.02)
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Total non-GAAP adjustments — net of tax	\$	0.59	\$	0.54	\$	0.46	\$	0.42	\$	0.49
Non-GAAP: Net earnings per common share — diluted [5]	\$	4.92	\$	5.02	\$	4.39	\$	3.19	\$	3.06

<sup>[1]</sup> Amount excludes depreciation related to the financing segment.



<sup>[2]</sup> Amount excludes interest on notes payable from our financing segment.

<sup>[3]</sup> Other income, interest income, and foreign currency transaction gains and losses.

<sup>[4]</sup> Amount consists of amortization of intangible assets from acquired businesses.

<sup>[5]</sup> Per share information has been retroactively adjusted to reflect the two-for-one stock split on December 13, 2021.

## **Return on Invested Capital**

\$ in thousands

	Year Ended March 31,									
	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
<u>Numerator</u>										
Operating income	\$	158,257	\$	166,162	\$	147,316	\$	106,335	\$	95,279
Less: Taxes [1]		(44,470)		(44,531)		(41,396)		(32,326)		(26,678)
Net operating profit after taxes	\$	113,787	\$	121,631	\$	105,920	\$	74,009	\$	68,601
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<u>Denominator</u>										
Recourse notes payable	\$	-	\$	5,997	\$	13,108	\$	18,108	\$	37,256
Non-recourse notes payable		36,189		34,341		21,178		56,061		35,502
Total stockholders' equity		901,779		782,263		660,738		562,410		486,145
Total invested capital	\$	937,968	\$	822,601	\$	695,024	\$	636,579	\$	558,903
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Return on invested capital		12.1%		14.8%		15.2%		11.6%		12.3%

<sup>[1]</sup> Based on the effective income tax rates.





## Thank you!

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