# ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS Q4 and FY 2020 Earnings Presentation

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Adjusted EBITDA means net income (loss) before (i) interest expense, net, (ii) (benefit from) provision for income taxes, (iii) depreciation, (iv) impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived assets, (v) amortization of intangible assets, (vi) private equity sponsors' management fees and equity-based compensation expense, (vii) fair value adjustments of contingent consideration related to acquisitions, (viii) acquisition-related expenses, (ix) costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received, (x) EBITDA for economic interests in investments, (xi) restructuring expenses, (xii) litigation expenses, (xiii) (Recovery from) loss on Take 5, (xiv) costs associated with the Take 5 Matter and (xv) other adjustments that management believes are helpful in evaluating its operating performance.

Adjusted Net Income means net (loss) income before (i) impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived assets, (ii) amortization of intangible assets, (iii) private equity sponsors' management fees and equity-based compensation expense, (iv) fair value adjustments of contingent consideration related to acquisitions, (v) acquisition-related expenses, (vi) costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received, (vii) EBITDA for economic interests in investments, (viii) restructuring expenses, (ix) litigation expenses, (x) (Recovery from) loss on Take 5, (xi) deferred financing fees, (xii) costs associated with the Take 5 Matter, (xiii) other adjustments that management believes are helpful in evaluating our operating performance, and (xiv) related tax adjustments.

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#### **KEY MESSAGES**

- We delivered in 2020, despite a tough operating environment
- We are keeping our financial commitments -- financial results met or exceeded expectations
- We are remaining disciplined and nimble as we manage through the remainder of the pandemic
- We see steady recovery in COVID-impacted sales and marketing operations
- We're investing in our innovative, compounding platform to create value for CPGs and retailers
- We are raising our FY 2021 Adjusted EBITDA outlook from \$515 million to \$515 to \$525 million

#### WE DELIVERED IN 2020, DESPITE A TOUGH OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

Talented teams and our nimble operating platform allowed us to pivot quickly in response to COVID-19 headwinds and deliver results we're proud of for all key stakeholders

#### Clients

- Extraordinary associates helped ensure clients' products were available to communities online and at safe and sanitized stores
- Launched & scaled innovation to help meet new needs of brands and retailers in-store and online





#### **Associates**

- Continued to invest in talent with training, promotion and new hires
- Created charity fund to help our associates in need
- Additional support for front-line associates
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Board launched 8 new employee resource groups





#### **Capital Providers**

- Managed pandemic-related temporary headwinds with discipline, delivering only 3% decline in Adj. EBITDA despite 17% decline in Revenues
- Strengthened balance sheet: reduced year-end net leverage<sup>(1)</sup> to 4.0x FY'20 Adj. EBITDA and cut cash interest by over 30% to ~\$135M

**\$3.2B**FY'20 Revenues
-17% y/y

\$487M FY'20 Adj. EBITDA -3% y/y

Note: Please see the appendix for a reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to most directly comparable GAAP measures.
(1) Represents 12/31/20 Net Debt / FY'20 Adjusted EBITDA ratio. See appendix for reconciliation.

#### WE ARE KEEPING OUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

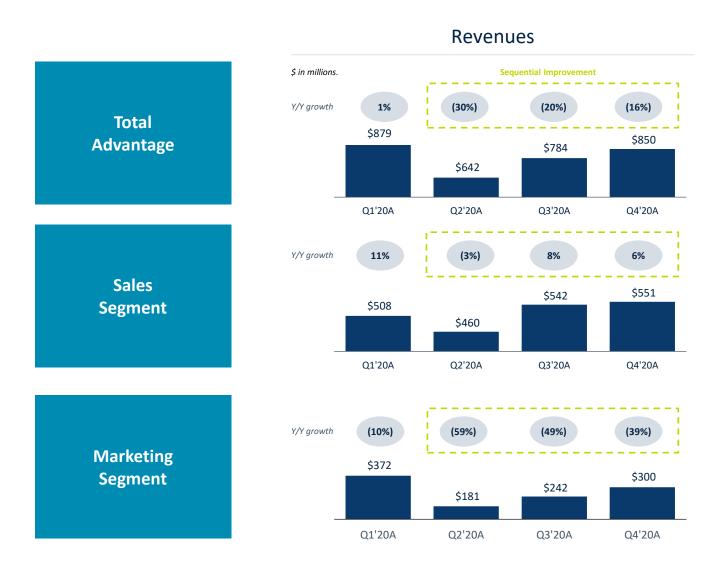
- Met or exceeded previously communicated FY'20 outlook
- Expect a better FY'21 and are raising Adj. EBITDA outlook from \$515 million to \$515 to \$525 million

	FY'20	FY'20 Outlook	Performance
Revenue Growth	-17%	-19% to -16%	<b>~</b>
Adjusted EBITDA	\$487	\$480 to \$485	<b>/</b> +
Net Debt / Adjusted EBITDA	4.0x	~4.2x	<b>/</b> +

#### Q4 RESULTS REFLECT CONTINUED PROGRESS IN RECOVERY

- Continued strength in Sales segment
  - Strong center-store / eat-at-home trends remain in place
  - E-commerce (on-line, click-and-collect) business gains continue
  - Foodservice channel remains softer but is recovering
  - European Joint Venture still pressured, but improving
- Marketing segment down, but improving trends continued in Q4 versus Q3 and Q2 lows
  - In-store sampling resumed in the third quarter of 2020
  - Sampling event volume increased from approximately 20,000 events in April of 2020 to approximately 135,000 in January of 2021; still below the nearly 400,000 events in January of last year, but exhibiting the rebound we expect to continue
- Continued to manage costs across the entire business with discipline

### IMPROVING TRENDS CONTINUED IN Q4





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#### WE THRIVE BASED ON THREE PILLARS OF VALUE CREATION

- Operate with excellence by serving existing clients well and delivering productivity through continuous improvement
- Invest wisely in talent, technology and capability to support clients' evolving needs through attractive opportunities for
  - Organic reinvestment and
  - Disciplined tuck-in acquisitions
- Nurture 'evolutionary' culture so that we remain flexible as we build the business to be
  - The partner of choice for brands and retailers as their needs change, and
  - Opportunistic when high return investments present themselves

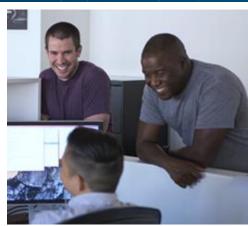
# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE











## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

		Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			FY	
(\$ in millions.)	2020A	2019A	<u>%</u>	2020A	2019A	%	2020A	2019A	%	2020A	2019A	%	2020A	2019A	%
Total Advantage															
Revenues	\$879	\$869	1%	\$642	\$922	(30%)	\$784	\$982	(20%)	\$850	\$1,013	(16%)	\$3,156	\$3,785	(17%)
Adjusted EBITDA	106	96	11%	112	119	(6%)	136	145	(6%)	133	144	(8%)	487	504	(3%)
% margin	12.1%	11.0%		17.5%	12.9%		17.4%	14.8%		15.6%	14.2%		15.4%	13.3%	
Adjusted Net Income	27	8	220%	39	34	13%	66	66	(0%)	52	61	(15%)	183	169	8%
% margin	3.1%	1.0%		6.0%	3.7%		8.4%	6.7%		6.1%	6.0%		5.8%	4.5%	
Sales Segment															
Revenues	\$508	\$457	11%	\$460	\$475	(3%)	\$542	\$503	8%	\$550	\$520	6%	\$2,061	\$1,955	5%
Adjusted EBITDA	79	63	26%	90	73	23%	102	86	18%	90	87	2%	360	310	16%
% margin	15.5%	13.7%		19.6%	15.5%		18.8%	17.1%		16.3%	16.8%		17.5%	15.8%	
Marketing Segment															
Revenues	\$372	\$412	(10%)	\$181	\$447	(59%)	\$242	\$478	(49%)	\$300	\$493	(39%)	\$1,095	\$1,830	(40%)
Adjusted EBITDA	28	33	(17%)	22	45	(52%)	34	59	(42%)	43	57	(24%)	127	194	(34%)
% margin	7.5%	8.1%		12.1%	10.2%		14.2%	12.3%		14.3%	11.5%		11.6%	10.6%	

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#### CAPITALIZATION SUMMARY

- Q4 2020 Total Debt outstanding of \$2,154 million<sup>(1)</sup> after refinancing as part of the Conyers Park II business combination
  - Reduced leverage: 5.7x Net Debt / LTM Q3 2020 Adjusted EBITDA of \$499 million reduced to 4.0x Net Debt / FY 2020 Adjusted EBITDA of \$487 million at year-end

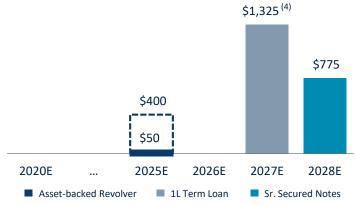
- Pushed out maturities: 2021 and 2022 term loan maturities under old Advantage capitalization refinanced with maturities

extended to 2025 and beyond

Debt capitalization @ December 31, 2020:

	Maturity	Rate	Outstanding
Asset-backed Revolver (\$400M)	2025	L+2.25% <sup>(2)</sup>	\$50
First Lien Term Loan	2027	L+5.25% <sup>(3)</sup>	1,325
Senior Secured Notes	2028	6.50%	775
Total Funded Debt			\$2,150

- Equity capitalization @ February 4, 2021:
  - 318,425,182 Class A Common shares outstanding (5)
  - 18,583,333 Warrants @ \$11.50 exercise
  - 2,557,188 Performance Restricted Stock Units ("PSUs")<sup>(6)</sup>
  - 1,745,087 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs")



<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Other Debt of approximately \$3 million which remains outstanding after completion of the business combination.

<sup>(2)</sup> Asset-backed Revolver rate subject to 0.50% LIBOR floor. See ABL Revolving Credit Agreement, dated October 28, 2020 for additional information.

<sup>(3)</sup> First Lien Term Loan rate subject to 0.75% LIBOR floor. See First Lien Credit Agreement, dated October 28, 2020 for additional information.

<sup>(4)</sup> First Lien Term Loan amortizes at 1% per annum, paid quarterly. Illustratively showing full \$1,325 million obligation in 2027E maturity.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes 5 million performance shares issued as part of the Conyers Park II business combination which vested after satisfying a market performance test.

<sup>(6)</sup> Represents the number of underlying shares that would be issued at Target performance levels.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2021 OUTLOOK

Revised FY 2021 Outlook (excluding future acquisitions):

- Expecting COVID-related restrictions to continue through the first half of 2021 as vaccines are rolled out and COVID continues to limit activity
- FY 2021 Adjusted EBITDA of \$515 to \$525 million, an increase to the \$515 million forecast shared as part of our business combination
- Revenues likely to improve versus 2020 as the year progresses
  - Revenues likely to be suppressed in the first half due to the mix of activity as we continue to nimbly manage through
     COVID (expect less zero-margin passthrough revenue in the first half due to a lower mix of in-person sampling events), but expecting improvement through the second half as in-store sampling returns to full operation
- Expect first quarter to be a tough comp since COVID did not begin to materially affect our operations until activity restrictions were introduced in the United States in the month of March
  - Marketing expected to be down versus prior year because of COVID impact to in-store sampling business
  - Sales expected to comp favorably in January and February against pre-COVID 2020 periods, but pantry-loading in March of 2020 will be tough comp and partially offsetting
- Net Debt / Adjusted EBITDA to be below 4x by the end of 2021 with continued de-leveraging towards 3x over time

# THANK YOU











# NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION FOR ADJUSTED EBITDA (1/3)

Consolidated	Three Mor Marc		Three Months Ended June 30,			Three Months Ended September 30,		Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	
Total Company (in thousands) Net income (loss)									
recemberine (1033)	\$ (21,723)	\$ (44,195)	\$ (37,814)	\$ (13,094)	\$ 36,705	\$ 22,731	(138,875)	14,80	
Add:									
Interest expense, net	51,794	61,048	51,521	59,661	48,243	57,762	82,486	53,60	
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	1,367	1,201	(13,704)	(1,510)	3,623	(3,968)	3,383	5,63	
Depreciation and amortization	60,209	57,532	58,748	59,020	58,556	57,872	61,085	58,14	
Sponsors' management fee and equity-based compensation expense <sup>(1)</sup>	3,837	1,669	4,184	1,429	1,468	1,968	88,630	2,89	
Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions <sup>(2)</sup>	4,095	2,370	4,128	3,402	(6,184)	(1,100)	11,328	(3,156	
Acquisition-related expenses <sup>(3)</sup>	5,529	9,846	4,861	7,608	3,683	5,308	36,750	8,71	
Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received <sup>(4)</sup>	1,000	_	(1,019)	_	(1,389)	_	(10,546)		
EBITDA for economic interests in investments <sup>(5)</sup>	(1,898)	(627)	(887)	(2,150)	(2,005)	(2,315)	(1,672)	(3,329	
Restructuring expenses <sup>(6)</sup>	1,098	2,007	46,565	1,006	(7,635)	260	(258)	2,11	
Litigation expenses <sup>(7)</sup>	104	_	2,500	_	(31)	_	(593)	3,50	
Recovery from Take 5	_	_	(7,700)	_	_	_	-		
Costs associated with the Take 5 Matter <sup>(8)</sup>	939	5,068	661	3,580	1,219	6,344	809	1,37	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 106,351	\$ 95,919	\$ 112,044	\$ 118,952	\$ 136,253	\$ 144,862	\$ 132,527	\$ 144,29	
	Three Months Ended March 31.		Three Months Ended June 30,		Three Months Ended September 30,		Three Months Ended December 31,		
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	
Sales Segment (in thousands)									
Operating income (loss)	\$ 24,194	\$ 13,083	\$ 11,021	\$ 26,513	\$ 60,205	\$ 48,077	\$ (32,115)	\$ 40,28	
Add:									
Depreciation and amortization	43,107	40,440	42,234	40,047	41,978	40,273	44,250	40,80	
Sponsors' management fee and equity-based compensation expense <sup>(1)</sup>	3,199	1,388	3,538	1,365	1,398	1,603	62,989	2,06	
Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions <sup>(2)</sup>	4,312	1,512	4,128	3,049	(669)	(4,880)	600	(2,401	
Acquisition-related expenses <sup>(3)</sup>	4,156	5,722	4,081	4,221	3,581	3,117	24,904	5,21	
Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received <sup>(4)</sup>	810	_	530	_	(1,198)	_	(5,604)	-	
EBITDA for economic interests in investments <sup>(5)</sup>	(2,071)	(713)	(1,338)	(2,116)	(2,142)	(2,323)	(2,014)	(3,243	
Restructuring expenses <sup>(6)</sup>	752	1,167	23,326	383	(1,227)	179	(2,556)	1,19	
Litigation expenses <sup>(7)</sup>	104		2,500				(946)	3,50	
Sales Segment Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 78,563	\$ 62,599	\$ 90,020	\$ 73,462	\$ 101,926	\$ 86,046	\$ 89,508	\$ 87,42	
Marketing Segment (in thousands)									
Operating income (loss)	\$ 7,244	\$ 4,971	\$ (11,018)	\$ 18,544	\$ 28,366	\$ 28,448	\$ (20,891)	\$ 33,75	
Add:									
Depreciation and amortization	17,102	17,092	16,514	18,973	16,578	17,599	16,835	17,34	
Sponsors' management fee and equity-based compensation expense(1)	638	281	646	64	70	365	25,641	83	
Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions <sup>(2)</sup>	(217)	858	_	353	(5,515)	3,780	10,728	(755	
Acquisition-related expenses <sup>(3)</sup>	1,373	4,124	780	3,387	102	2,191	11,846	3,49	
Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received <sup>(4)</sup>	190		(1,549)	_	(191)	_	(4,942)	-	
EBITDA for economic interests in investments <sup>(5)</sup>	173	86	451	(34)	137	8	342	(86	
Restructuring expenses <sup>(6)</sup>	346	840	23,239	623	(6,408)	81	2,298	91	
Litigation expenses <sup>(7)</sup>	_	_	_	_	(31)	_	353	-	
Recovery from Take 5	_	_	(7,700)	_	_	_	_	-	
Costs associated with the Take 5 Matter(8)	939	5,068	661	3,580	1,219	6,344	809	1,37	
Marketing Segment Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 27,788	\$ 33,320	\$ 22,024	\$ 45,490	\$ 34,327	\$ 58,816	\$ 43,019	\$ 56,87	

# NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION FOR HISTORICAL PERIODS (2/3)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Three Months Ended June 30,		Three Months Ended September 30,		Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Adjusted Net Income (in thousands)								
Net income (loss)	\$ (21,723)	\$(44,195)	\$ (37,814)	\$ (13,094)	\$ 36,705	\$ 22,731	\$ (138,875)	\$ 14,802
Less: Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(15)	(1,006)	(410)	1,513	756	142	405	767
Add:								
Sponsors' management fee and equity-based compensation expense(1)	3,837	1,669	4,184	1,429	1,468	1,968	88,630	2,894
Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions <sup>(2)</sup>	4,095	2,370	4,128	3,402	(6,184)	(1,100)	11,328	(3,156)
Acquisition-related expenses <sup>(3)</sup>	5,529	9,846	4,861	7,608	3,683	5,308	36,750	8,714
Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received <sup>(4)</sup>	1,000	_	(1,019)	_	(1,389)	_	(10,546)	_
Restructuring expenses <sup>(6)</sup>	1,098	2,007	46,565	1,006	(7,635)	260	(258)	2,112
Litigation expenses <sup>(7)</sup>	104	_	2,500	_	(31)	_	(593)	3,500
Amortization of intangible assets	47,846	47,472	47,652	47,746	47,781	47,633	50,264	47,030
Recovery from Take 5	_	_	(7,700)	_	_	_	_	_
Costs associated with the Take 5 Matter (8)	939	5,068	661	3,580	1,219	6,344	809	1,376
Tax adjustments related to non-GAAP adjustments <sup>(9)</sup>	(15,891)	(16,862)	(25,626)	(15,875)	(9,254)	(17,177)	(26,821)	(15,891)
Deferred financing fees <sup>(10)</sup>	<u></u>						41,428	_
Adjusted Net Income (Loss)	\$ 26,849	\$ 8,381	\$ 38,802	\$ 34,289	\$ 65,607	\$ 65,825	\$ 51,711	\$ 60,614

(in millions)	Decer	mber 31, 2020	September 30, 2020		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	63.7	\$	26.2	
Long-term debt, net of current portion		2,029.3		3,287.3	
Total Debt		2,093.0		3,313.5	
Less:					
Debt issuance costs		(60.5)		(17.9)	
Cash and cash equivalents		204.3		486.4	
Total Net Debt (11)	\$	1,949.2	\$	2,845.0	

## NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION FOR HISTORICAL PERIODS (3/3)

Note: Numerical figures included in this slide have been subject to rounding adjustments

- (1) Historical management fees paid to existing shareholders, non-cash stock based compensation expense associated with partnership units, and non-recurring anniversary payments.
- (2) Represents adjustments to the estimated fair value of our contingent consideration liabilities related to our acquisitions, excluding the present value accretion recorded in interest expense, net, for the applicable periods.
- (3) Represents fees and costs associated with activities related to our acquisitions and restructuring activities related to our equity ownership, including professional fees, due diligence, and integration activities.
- (4) Represents (a) costs related to implementation of strategies for workplace safety in response to COVID-19, including employee-relief fund, additional sick pay for front-line associates, medical benefit payments for furloughed associates, and personal protective equipment and (b) benefits received from government grants for COVID-19 relief.
- (5) Represents additions to reflect our proportional share of Adjusted EBITDA related to our equity method investments and reductions to remove the Adjusted EBITDA related to the minority ownership percentage of the entities that we fully consolidate in our financial statements.
- (6) One-time restructuring activities costs associated with non-recurring reorganization projects.
- (7) Represents legal settlements that are unusual or infrequent costs associated with our operating activities.
- (8) Represents costs associated with investigation and remediation activities related to the Take 5 Matter, primarily, professional fees and other related costs.
- (9) Represents the tax provision or benefit associated with the adjustments above, taking into account the Company's applicable tax rates, after excluding adjustments related to items that do not have a related tax impact.
- (10) Represents fees associated with the issuance of the New Senior Secured Credit Facilities and the Notes.
- (11) Net Debt represents the sum of current portion of long-term debt and long-term debt, less cash and cash equivalents and debt issuance costs. With respect to Net Debt, cash and cash equivalents are subtracted from the GAAP measure, total debt, because they could be used to reduce the debt obligations.