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Q3 2026 Earnings Presentation

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Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share, and Constant Currency Revenues have been presented in this presentation as supplemental measures of financial performance that are not required by or presented in accordance with GAAP because we believe they assist investors and analysts in comparing our operating performance across reporting periods on a consistent basis by excluding items that we do not believe are indicative of our core operating performance. Management believes these non-GAAP measures are useful to investors in highlighting trends in our operating performance, while other measures can differ significantly depending on long-term strategic decisions regarding capital structure, the tax jurisdictions in which we operate, and capital investments. Management uses Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share, and Constant Currency Revenues to supplement GAAP measures of performance in the evaluation of the effectiveness of our business strategies, to make budgeting decisions, to establish discretionary annual incentive compensation, and to compare our performance against that of peer companies using similar measures. Management supplements GAAP results with non-GAAP financial measures to provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting the business than GAAP results alone.

Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share, and Constant Currency Revenues are not recognized terms under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to net income (loss) as a measure of financial performance or cash provided by (used in) operating activities as a measure of liquidity, or any other performance measure derived in accordance with GAAP.

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, and as further adjusted for loss on extinguishment of debt, share-based compensation, transaction and acquisition-related charges, integration and restructuring charges, and other non-cash charges. We define Adjusted EBITDA Margin as Adjusted EBITDA divided by total revenues. We define Adjusted Net Income for a particular period as net income (loss) before taxes adjusted for debt-related costs, acquisition-related depreciation and amortization, share-based compensation, transaction and acquisition-related charges, integration and restructuring charges, and other non-cash charges, to which we then apply the related effective tax rate. We define Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share as Adjusted Net Income divided by adjusted weighted average number of shares outstanding—diluted. We define Constant Currency Revenues as current period revenues translated using prior-year period exchange rates.

For reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures, see the reconciliations included at the end of this presentation.

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To facilitate comparability, we present pro forma combined company results, consisting of First Advantage and Sterling historical results and certain pro forma adjustments as if the acquisition of Sterling had occurred on 1/1/2023. The pro forma information does not constitute Article 11 pro forma information.

NOTE

Numerical figures included in the reconciliations have been subject to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, numerical figures shown as totals in various tables may not be arithmetic aggregations of the figures that precede them.

This presentation contains references to historical results of Sterling. Historical results through 6/30/2024 are from Sterling’s historical SEC filings and disclosures. Historical results for 7/1/2024 through 10/31/2024 (date of acquisition) are from Sterling’s books and records.

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Q3 2026 Highlights

Scott Staples
Chief Executive Officer



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Key Messages

1. **Outstanding Q3 2026 performance;** Q3 YoY revenue growth of 14%, Adj. EBITDA Margin[1] of 29.3%, and Adj. Diluted EPS[1] YoY growth of 27%, demonstrating consistent go-to-market performance, strength of leading AI-driven technology platform and proprietary data, sustained operating efficiency, and durability of diverse enterprise customer base and vertical mix

2. **Executing FA 5.0 strategy;** product innovation, platform capabilities, AI and automation, and go-to-market execution driving tangible results across the business and positioning us for sustainable long-term growth

3. **Balanced and disciplined capital allocation strategy supported by strong cash flow generation;** subsequent to the end of the quarter, announced tuck-in acquisition of Data Diver Technologies, a data platform leveraging AI and automation

4. **Raising full year 2026 guidance;** reflects strong year-to-date performance, continuing go-to-market success, stable labor market trends, and confidence in our growth outlook for the remainder of the year; low-end of updated full year guidance ranges exceeds high-end of prior guidance ranges across every metric



1. Non-GAAP measure. See appendix for reconciliations of Adjusted EBITDA Margin and Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share to their most directly comparable respective GAAP measures.

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Outstanding Q3 2026 Results

Revenues	Adjusted EBITDA[1]	Cash Flow from Operations	Adjusted Diluted EPS[1]
$466M	**$136.5M**	**$63.8M**	**$0.38**
14%	**29.3%**	**$241M**	**27%**
YoY Growth	*Adj. EBITDA Margin[1]*	*Cash Balance*	*YoY Growth*

Q3 Themes

- Outstanding results exceeded stated expectations:
  - Sustained broad-based momentum across Americas business
  - Continued contribution from recent large contract wins
  - Peak holiday hiring progressing earlier than expected
  - Modest carryover from Q2 customer initiatives
- Continued stability within broader hiring environment
- Company strengths provide stability across macro environments and enable high-quality, highly automated, and high-volume screening globally at scale
- Healthy pace of order volumes in October

Strategic Milestones

✔ Celebrated 2-year anniversary of Sterling acquisition
- Executing well and realizing benefits well ahead of original expectations
- Delivering diversified growth and synergies
  - Expect to finish the year near or at the top end of our run rate synergy target range
- Transaction strengthened market position, expanded growth opportunities, and enhanced ability to create long-term value for shareholders

✔ Today, announced tuck-in acquisition of Data Diver Technologies
- Applying proven M&A playbook
- *Further details on following slide*

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Acquisition of Data Diver Technologies



A Complementary, Tuck-In Acquisition Advancing Proprietary Data and Technology Strategy

A data platform leveraging AI and automation that collects, aggregates, retains, and delivers high-volume criminal and court records

Transaction Details

$125M
Total Acquisition Purchase Price[1]

11/2026
Transaction Close

Strategic Benefits

Enhances proprietary data and technology capabilities	✓ Adds records and technology that enhance First Advantage's proprietary data offering, accelerate First Advantage's data strategy, and meet customer needs
Expands automated fulfillment capabilities	✓ Broadens automated coverage across U.S. jurisdictions and enhances fulfillment workflows
Advances product innovation	✓ Strengthens First Advantage's ability to enhance existing solutions and develop new capabilities

The acquisition represents an important investment in a strategic data asset

1. The acquisition includes a small employment background screening component focused on the small and medium-sized business market, which First Advantage plans to integrate into its broader business.

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Go-to-Market Update

Joelle Smith
President



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Revenue Growth Algorithm Drivers

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	Q3'25	Q4'25	2025	Q1'26	Q2'26	Q3'26
Upsell / Cross-sell	5%	12%	7%	8%	8%	9%
New Logos	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Gross Retention	97%	97%	96%	97%	96%	96%
Base	(2%)	(1%)	(3%)	0%	7%	5%

Q3 Go-to-Market Success

- **14%** Q3 YoY revenue growth exceeded previously stated expectations and long-term growth algorithm target of 7-9%
- Combined upsell, cross-sell, and new logo contribution of **12.5%**
  - Benefitted from large go-lives from end of 2025 and contributions from other enterprise deals[1]
- Excellent base growth of **5%**
  - 3rd consecutive quarter of positive base growth
- **14** enterprise bookings[1] in Q3
- **96%** retention, in line with growth algorithm

1. Enterprise bookings represent deals with at least $500,000 of expected annual contract value.

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Go-to-Market Update

Broad-based Q3 revenue growth across nearly every vertical in the Americas, driven by balanced and resilient customer mix, focus on high-volume hirers, and verticalized go-to-market strategy

Transportation & Logistics

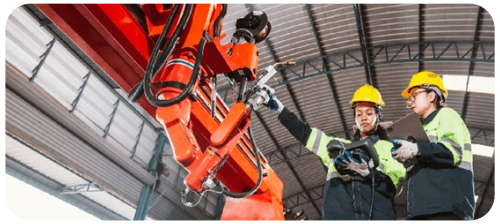


Ongoing healthy consumer activity driving labor demand, along with earlier than expected start to peak holiday hiring

Retail & E-Commerce



Industrials & Manufacturing



Strong demand for products and services provided by these industries and increased economic activity in aerospace and defense

Winning with a Differentiated Product Portfolio

Identity Fraud Detection Spotlight

Addressing Customer Challenges
Enabling employers to combat hiring fraud and other emerging threats

Advancing Capabilities
Exclusive strategic partnership with ID.me to launch purpose-built, FCRA-compliant digital identity verification product for employment screening

Driving Commercial Impact
Expanding pipeline, improving win rates, supporting customer retention

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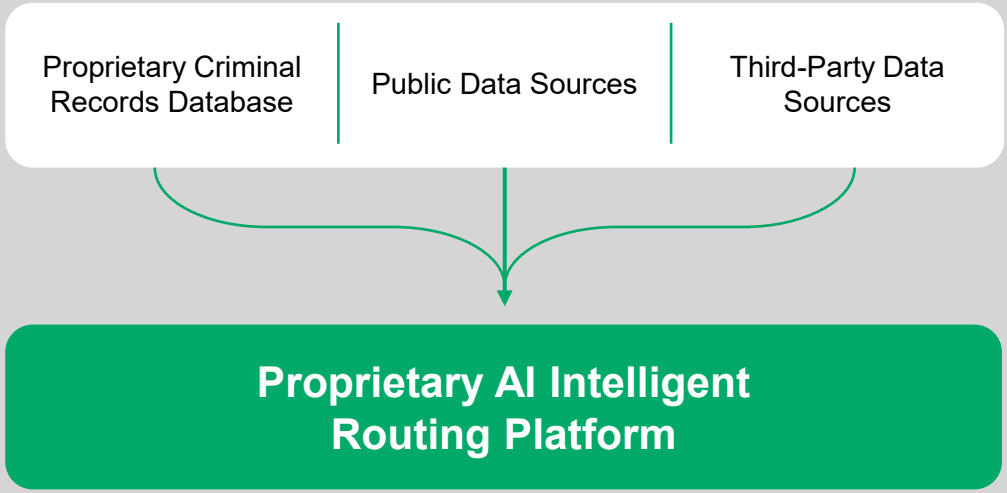
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Enhancing Fulfillment Capabilities

Launching New Product

Introducing Criminal SmartHub

A purpose-built intelligent routing platform for criminal fulfillment workflows, building on success of existing SmartHub for Employment and Education Verifications product



Expanding Data Capabilities

Acquisition of Data Diver Technologies

A data platform leveraging AI and automation that collects, aggregates, retains, and delivers high-volume criminal and court records

- **Enhances proprietary data and technology capabilities**
- **Expands automated fulfillment capabilities**
- **Advances product innovation**

Faster, more efficient screening outcomes for customers

Enhancing existing solutions and creating new opportunities for product innovation

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Financial Results & Outlook

Steven Marks
Chief Financial Officer

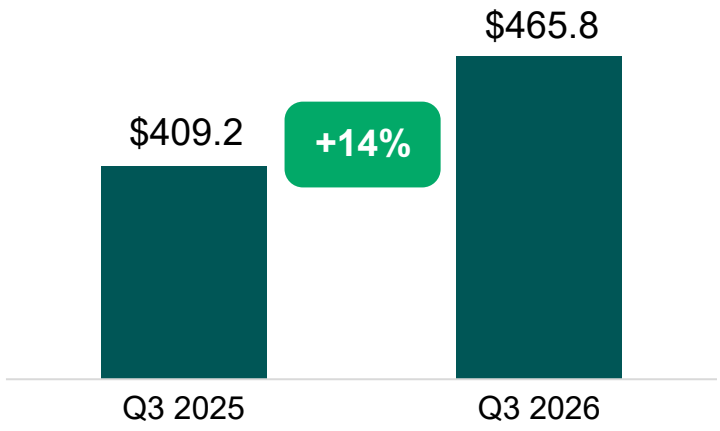


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Q3 2026 Financial Results

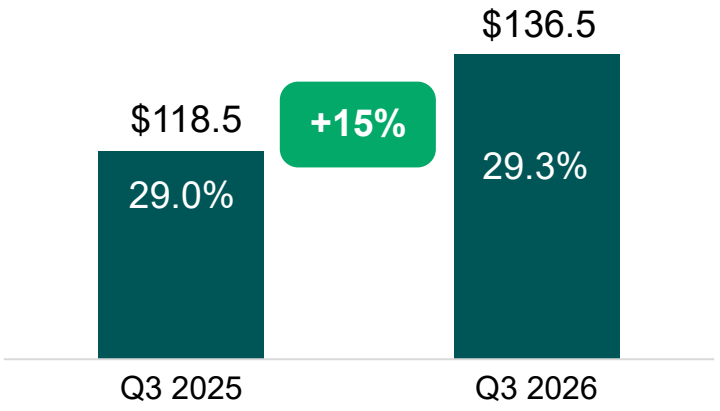
($ in millions, except per share data and percentages)

Revenues



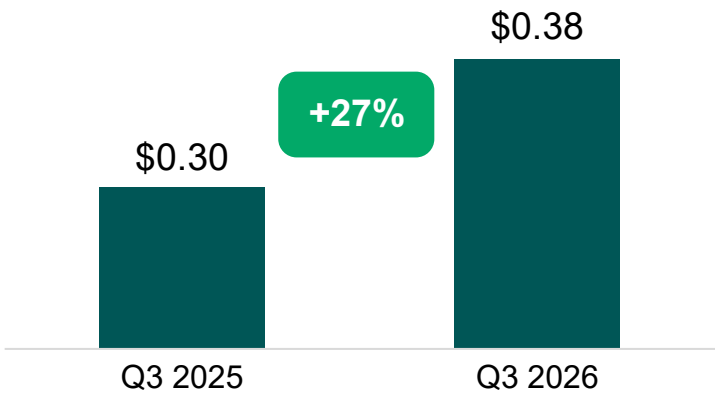
- Results driven by broad-based volume acceleration in the Americas, earlier than expected start to peak holiday season hiring, and continuation of some Q2 customer initiatives
- Go-to-market success resulted in strong combined new logo, upsell, and cross-sell contribution of 12.5%
- 3rd consecutive quarter of positive base growth, 5% in Q3
- Retention remained strong at 96%
- Constant currency revenue growth of 14%[2]

Adjusted EBITDA and Margin[1]



- Adjusted EBITDA Margin[1] increased 70 bps sequentially from Q2, driven by broad-based revenue growth, strong operating leverage, data cost savings, synergy execution, and cost discipline, while flexing to adapt to product mix changes
- Deeply ingrained, disciplined cost management approach within highly variable, flexible cost structure is a differentiator

Adjusted Diluted EPS[1]



- Growth supported by outperformance in the quarter, year-to-date share buybacks, synergy realization, expense and capital management, and lower interest expense resulting from voluntary debt repayments to date and July 2025 debt repricing

1. Non-GAAP measure. See appendix for reconciliations of Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin, and Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share to their most directly comparable respective GAAP measures.
2. Currency impact on revenues was $(0.1) million. See appendix for reconciliation.

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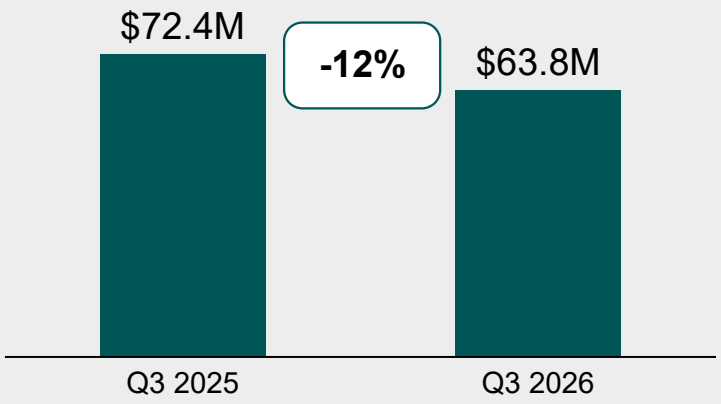
Cash Flow and Capital Structure

Q3 2026 Cash Flow

- Cash balance of $241M at 9/30/26
- Q3 2026 Operating Cash Flows of $63.8M
  - Partially impacted by scale of recent revenue growth
- Closely managing working capital to support cash flow and debt paydown

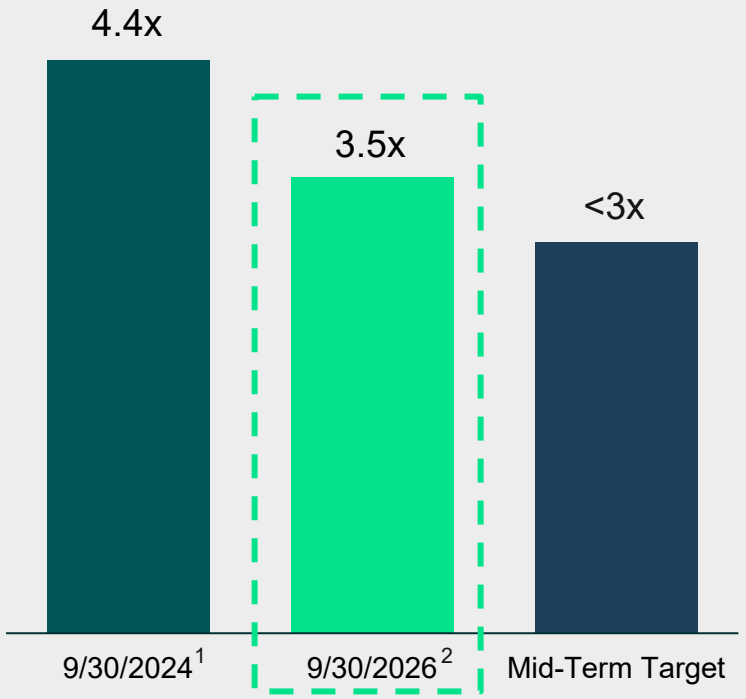
Cash Flow From Operations

($ in millions)



Synergized Net Leverage

De-levered by **0.9x** since close of Sterling acquisition



Capital Allocation

Acquisition of Data Diver Technologies Closed November 2026

$125M

Transaction value

Share Repurchases

$39.1M

YTD total as of 10/31/26

- $0.2M in Q3
- $0.7M Q4-to-date
- $60.9M remaining under authorization

Debt Repayments

$165.5M

total since Sterling acquisition close

1. As previously presented in the 11/12/2024 Q3 2024 Earnings Presentation.
2. LTM 9/30/26 synergized net leverage is based on LTM 9/30/26 Synergized Adjusted EBITDA of $503.7M (which represents $487.2M of LTM Adjusted EBITDA plus $72.5M of run rate target synergies (representing the mid-point of the $65M to $80M run rate synergy target range which is expected to be actioned within 2 years post-closing), less $56M of LTM Q3 2026 synergy benefits realized) and net debt as of 9/30/26; calculated as ($2,019.5M Debt - $240.9M Cash and Cash Equivalents) / $503.7M LTM Synergized Adjusted EBITDA.

Note: Adjusted EBITDA and net leverage are non-GAAP measures. See appendix for a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to its most directly comparable GAAP measure.

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Raising Full Year 2026 Guidance

	Updated Guidance (as of November 5, 2026)	Prior Guidance (as of August 6, 2026)
Total Revenues	**$1,720M to $1,745M** 9% to 11% YoY Growth	**$1,670M to $1,710M** 6% to 9% YoY Growth
Adjusted EBITDA	**$488M to $498M** 11% to 13% YoY Growth ~28.5% Margin	**$472M to $486M** 7% to 10% YoY Growth ~28.3% Margin
Adjusted Net Income	**$227M to $232M** 25% to 28% YoY Growth	**$214M to $225M** 18% to 24% YoY Growth
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share	**$1.30 to $1.33** 25% to 28% YoY Growth	**$1.23 to $1.29** 18% to 24% YoY Growth



Note:
- Actual results may differ materially from First Advantage's Full Year 2026 Guidance as a result of, among other things, the factors described under "Forward-Looking Statements" in this presentation.
- All figures above include the impact of shares repurchased through October 31, 2026.
- A reconciliation of the foregoing guidance for the non-GAAP metrics of (i) Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income to GAAP net income (loss), (ii) Adjusted EBITDA margin to GAAP net income (loss) margin and (iii) Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share to GAAP diluted earnings per share cannot be provided without unreasonable effort because of the inherent difficulty of accurately forecasting the occurrence and financial impact of the various adjusting items necessary for such reconciliation that have not yet occurred, are out of our control, or cannot be reasonably predicted. For the same reasons, the Company is unable to assess the probable significance of the unavailable information, which could have a material impact on its future GAAP financial results.
- "YoY Growth" compares "Guidance" to FY 2025 results of $1,574.4M Revenues, $441.4M Adjusted EBITDA, $181.7M Adjusted Net Income, and $1.04 Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share.
- See appendix for additional modeling assumptions.

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Closing Remarks

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Chief Executive Officer



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Investment Thesis and Reaffirmed 2028 Targets

- **A market leader** offering AI-enabled proprietary technology and data in a large and growing market
- **Significant organic revenue growth potential,** accelerated by Sterling acquisition
- **Business resiliency** backed by flexible cost structure and high revenue diversity
- **An industry-leader in operating margins,** leading to strong and consistent free cash flow generation
- Track record of **value-accretive capital deployment** and balance sheet management

$1.8B - $2.0B
Targeted Revenues
4% - 7% CAGR (4-year)

$560M - $630M
Targeted Adjusted EBITDA
9% - 12% CAGR (4-year)

31% - 32%
Targeted Adjusted EBITDA Margin

$1.65 - $2.00
Targeted Adjusted Diluted EPS
19% - 25% CAGR (4-year)

2.0x - 3.0x
Targeted Net Leverage Ratio

The above estimated targets for the future are based on current information and assumptions available to us and arriving at such numbers requires us to make a number of assumptions that may not be true. These numbers reflect long-term targets and do not constitute guidance for any period. There are a number of circumstances in the future that could greatly impact actual results, given circumstances that are not within our control, including the factors set forth under "Forward-Looking Statements". The targets should not be relied upon when making an investment decision. A reconciliation of the targets for the non-GAAP metrics of (i) Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP net income, (ii) Adjusted EBITDA margin to GAAP net income margin, (iii) Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share to GAAP diluted earnings per share, and (iv) net leverage ratio cannot be provided without unreasonable effort because of the inherent difficulty of accurately forecasting the occurrence and financial impact of the various adjusting items necessary for such reconciliation that have not yet occurred, are out of our control, or cannot be reasonably predicted. For the same reasons, we are unable to assess the probable significance of the unavailable information, which could have a material impact on future GAAP financial results. Assumes base year of 2024 and no inorganic growth, other than the Sterling acquisition, over 4-year target period. Targeted Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA CAGRs calculated using 2024 pro forma. Targeted Adjusted Diluted EPS CAGR based on 2024 Adjusted Diluted EPS of $0.82. Net leverage ratio is defined as net debt (debt minus cash and cash equivalents) divided by LTM Adjusted EBITDA.

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Appendix

Supplemental Materials and
Reconciliations to GAAP Measures

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First Advantage At a Glance (2025)

Our Scale

200M+
Annual Screens

13+ Year
Average Tenure of Top 100 Customers

$1.6B
Revenues
4% YoY PF Growth[1]

200+
Countries and Territories

80K+
Customers
~66% of Fortune 100 and 50%+ of Fortune 500

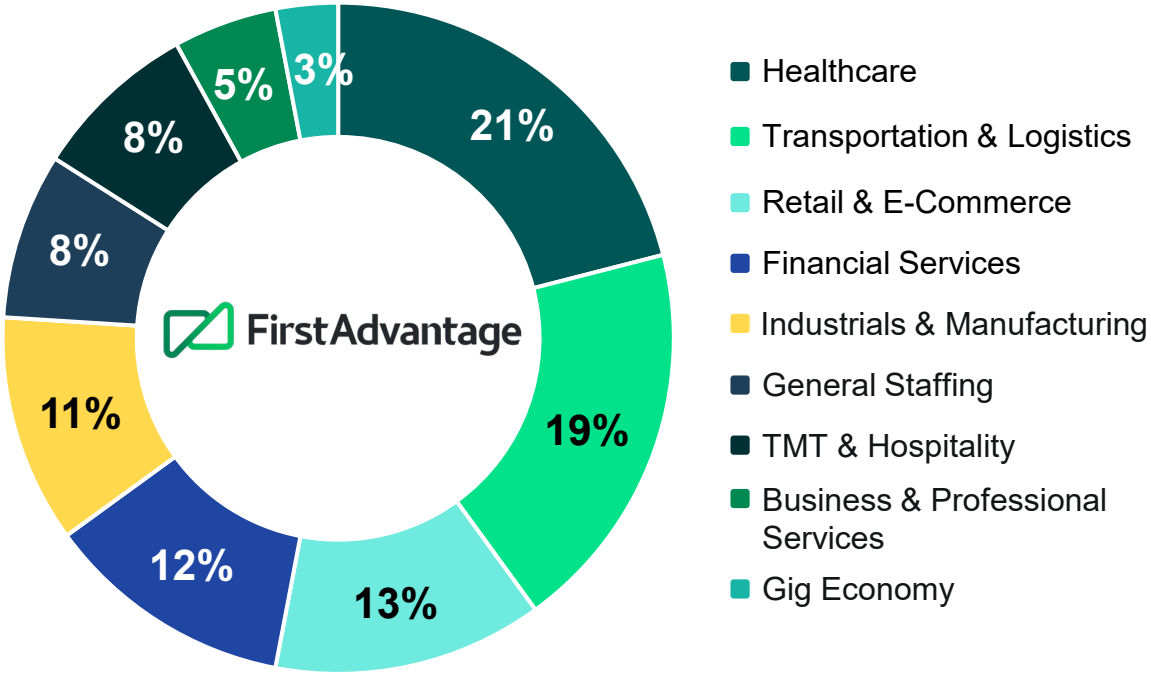
$441M
Adjusted EBITDA[2]
28% Adjusted EBITDA Margin[2]

1B+
Records in Proprietary Databases[3]

96%
Average Gross Retention

100+
ATS and HCM[4] Integrated Partners

Our Verticals[5]



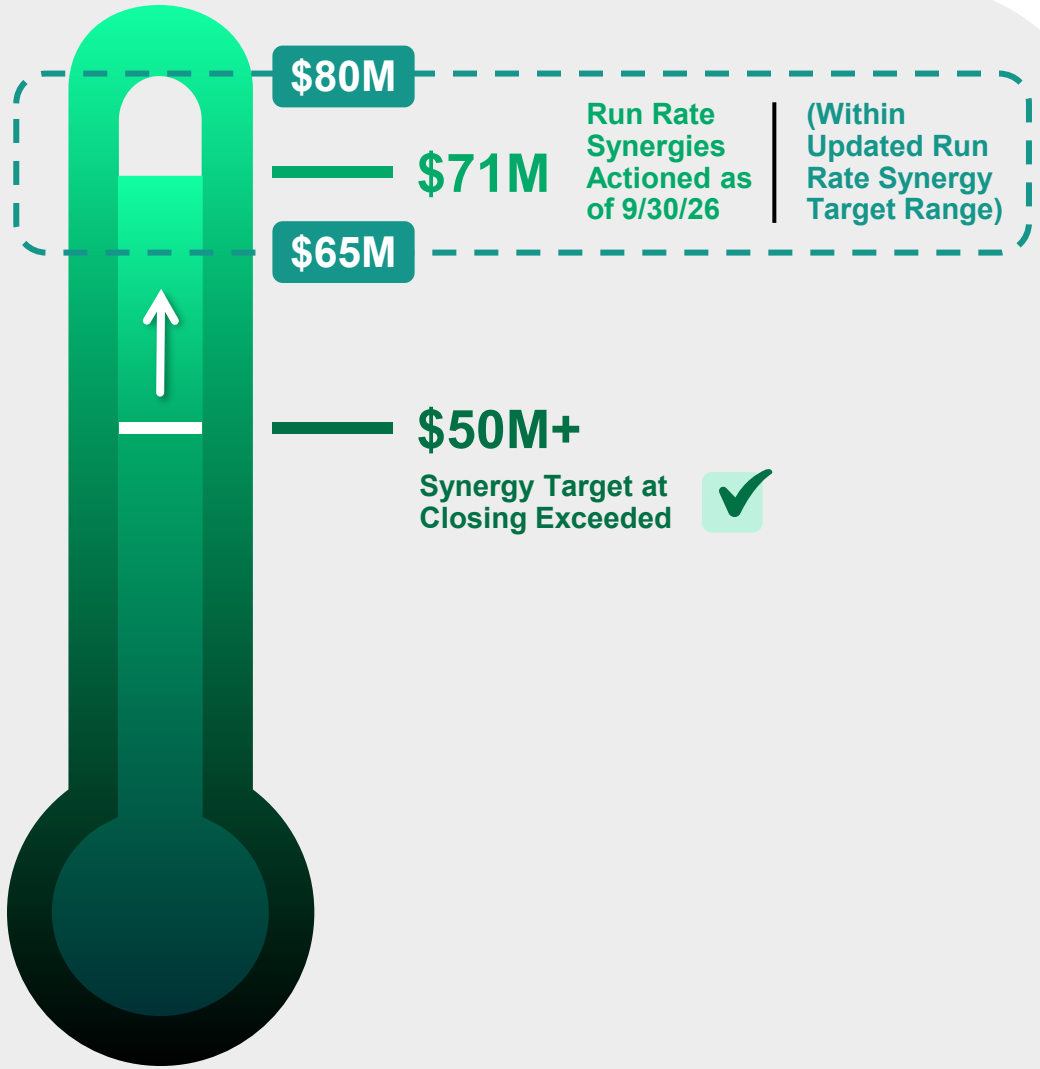
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Note: All metrics are approximate and as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, unless otherwise noted. 1. Non-GAAP measure. Pro forma measures assume the acquisition of Sterling had occurred 1/1/2023. See appendix for reconciliation of pro forma Revenues to its most directly comparable GAAP measure. 2. Non-GAAP measure. See appendix for reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin to their most directly comparable respective GAAP measures. 3. Proprietary databases are in the US only and only for US residents and products. 4. Applicant Tracking System and Human Capital Management. 5. Vertical breakdown chart represents each vertical as an approximate percentage of FY2025 revenues, excluding SMB. Small and Midsize Business ("SMB") represents ~6% of FY2025 revenues.

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Delivering on Net Cost Synergies from Sterling Acquisition



Synergy Priorities Post-Close of Sterling Acquisition

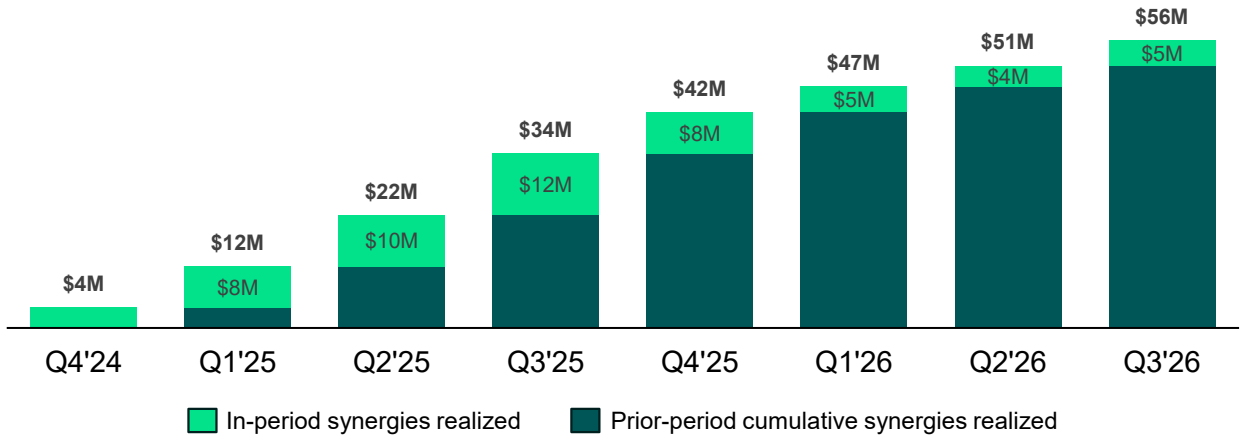
Day 1 – 11/1/2024: Corporate Costs

First 180 Days: Internal Operations

Year 1: Cost of Sales and Fulfillment

Year 2: Scaling Automation and AI

Cumulative Synergies Realized



Note: Run rate synergy targets represent estimated timing and value.

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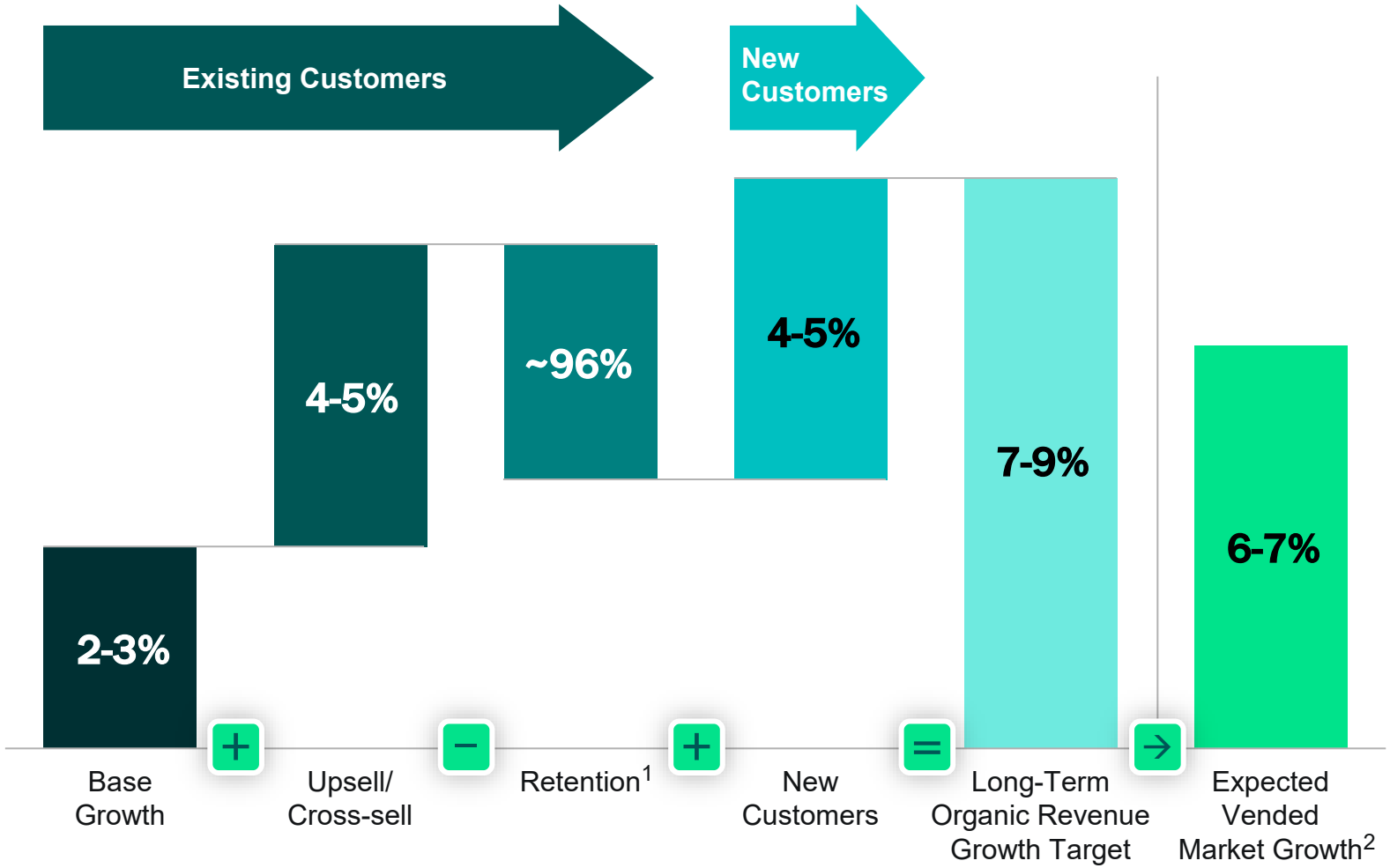
Full Year 2026 Guidance Details: Modeling Assumptions

$ in millions; all values are approximate	Assumption
Free Cash Flow *Cash Flow from Operations less capital expenditures, including capitalized software development*	$180 - $195
Capital expenditures, including capitalized software development	$70 - $75
Net interest expense *Excluding amortization of financing fees and fair value gains/(losses) from interest rate swaps*	$130 - $135
Depreciation and amortization excluding intangible amortization	$50 - $55
Foreign currency impact on revenues	$0 - $6
Foreign currency impact on Adjusted EBITDA	$0 - $2
Cash income tax payments	$65 - $75
Adjusted effective tax rate	25.5% - 26.0%
Fully diluted shares outstanding	~175M

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Long-term Growth Algorithm Targets



Strategy and Key Organic Growth Drivers

- Continued focus on AI, automation, and technology
- Strong track record of innovation
- Vertical go-to-market strategy
- Candidate experience
- Quality and compliance
- Customer success
- Proprietary data

Note: Percentages subject to rounding. 1. Based on average annual gross retention. 2. Reflects expected vended background screening market growth.

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Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin

in thousands, except percentages	Quarters Ended					LTM
	Sep 30, 2025 Q3	Dec 31, 2025 Q4	Mar 31, 2026 Q1	Jun 30, 2026 Q2	Sep 30, 2026 Q3	Sep 30, 2026
Net income	$ 2,593	$ 3,469	$ 2,168	$ 16,914	$ 20,489	$ 43,040
Interest expense, net	40,041	37,261	29,841	31,608	30,438	129,148
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(798)	3,750	1,137	8,142	8,566	21,595
Depreciation and amortization	62,274	62,737	62,190	61,893	66,866	253,686
Loss on extinguishment of debt	407	391	374	359	615	1,739
Share-based compensation	5,721	5,026	4,430	5,240	5,076	19,772
Transaction and acquisition-related charges[(1)]	1,585	770	565	497	713	2,545
Integration, restructuring, and other charges[(2)]	6,677	3,433	4,582	3,868	3,753	15,636
Adjusted EBITDA	**$ 118,500**	**$ 116,837**	**$ 105,287**	**$ 128,521**	**$ 136,516**	**$ 487,161**
Revenues	409,151	420,017	385,201	448,763	465,776	1,719,757
Net income margin	**0.6%**	**0.8%**	**0.6%**	**3.8%**	**4.4%**	**2.5%**
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	**29.0%**	**27.8%**	**27.3%**	**28.6%**	**29.3%**	**28.3%**

1. Represents charges incurred related to acquisitions and similar transactions, primarily consisting of change in control-related costs, professional service fees, and other third-party costs. Transaction and acquisition related charges for the three months ended September 30, 2025, December 31, 2025, March 31, 2026, June 30, 2026, and September 30, 2026, include approximately $1.4 million, $0.5 million, $0.2 million, $0.3 million, and $0.1 million of expense, respectively, associated with the Sterling Acquisition.
2. Represents charges from organizational restructuring and integration activities, non-cash, and other charges primarily related to nonrecurring legal exposures, foreign currency (gains) losses, (gains) losses on the sale of assets, and other non-recurring items. Integration, restructuring, and other charges for the three months ended September 30, 2025, December 31, 2025, March 31, 2026, June 30, 2026, and September 30, 2026, include approximately $3.8 million, $2.7 million, $1.4 million, $2.2 million, and $1.3 million of expense, respectively, associated with the Sterling Acquisition.

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Pro Forma 2024 Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin

in thousands, except percentages	Historical		Pro Forma	
	Period Ended Oct 31, 2024 Legacy Sterling [1]	Year Ended Dec 31, 2024 Reported First Advantage	Adjustments for the Twelve Months Ended Dec 31, 2024	Year Ended Dec 31, 2024 First Advantage
Net (loss) income	$ (43,549)	$ (110,273)	$ 14,390	$ (139,432)
Interest expense, net	33,320	51,848	75,013	160,181
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	367	(4,342)	4,764	789
Depreciation and amortization	52,623	145,919	87,684	286,226
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	383	—	383
Share-based compensation	36,658	31,762	—	68,420
Transaction and acquisition-related charges	59,619	128,234	(181,851)	6,002
Integration, restructuring, and other charges	8,161	5,771	—	13,932
Adjusted EBITDA	**$ 147,198**	**$ 249,302**	**$ —**	**$ 396,500**
Revenues	650,284	860,205	(929)	1,509,560
Net loss margin	**(6.7)%**	**(12.8)%**	**n/a**	**(9.2)%**
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	**22.6%**	**29.0%**	**n/a**	**26.3%**

To facilitate comparability, we present pro forma combined company results, consisting of First Advantage and Sterling historical results and certain pro forma adjustments as if the acquisition of Sterling had occurred on 1/1/2023. The pro forma information does not constitute Article 11 pro forma information.

1. Historical results through 6/30/2024 are from Sterling's historical SEC filings and disclosures. Historical results for 7/1/2024 through 10/31/2024 (date of acquisition) are from Sterling's books and records.

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Reported 2025 Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin

	Year Ended
in thousands, except percentages	**Dec 31, 2025**
Net (loss) income	$ (34,824)
Interest expense, net	168,667
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(2,427)
Depreciation and amortization	248,583
Loss on extinguishment of debt	1,052
Share-based compensation [1]	24,456
Transaction and acquisition-related charges [2]	8,741
Integration, restructuring, and other charges [3]	27,147
Adjusted EBITDA	**$ 441,395**
Revenues	1,574,389
Net (loss) income margin	**(2.2)%**
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	**28.0%**

1. Share-based compensation for the year ended December 31, 2025 includes approximately $7.1 million of incrementally recognized expense associated with the May 2023 modification of the vesting terms of outstanding unvested and unearned performance-based options, restricted stock units, and restricted stock awards.
2. Represents charges incurred related to acquisitions and similar transactions, primarily consisting of change in control-related costs, professional service fees, and other third-party costs. Transaction and acquisition related charges for the year ended December 31, 2025 include approximately $8.0 million of expense associated with the Sterling Acquisition, primarily consisting of $7.7 million of compensation expense attributable to converted Sterling equity awards.
3. Represents charges from organizational restructuring and integration activities, non-cash, and other charges primarily related to nonrecurring legal exposures, foreign currency (gains) losses, impairment of capitalized software, (gains) losses on the sale of assets, and other non-recurring items. Integration, restructuring, and other charges for the year ended December 31, 2025 include approximately $18.1 million of expense associated with the integration of Sterling, $1.5 million of expenses related to debt refinancing activities, as well as capitalized software impairment charges of approximately $1.2 million.

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Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share

in thousands	Quarters Ended Sep 30, 2025 Q3	Sep 30, 2026 Q3
Net income	$ 2,593	$ 20,489
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(798)	8,566
Income before provision for income taxes	1,795	29,055
Debt-related charges[1]	2,585	(1,825)
Acquisition-related depreciation and amortization[2]	51,516	53,791
Share-based compensation	5,721	5,076
Transaction and acquisition-related charges[3]	1,585	713
Integration, restructuring, and other charges[4]	6,677	3,753
Adjusted Net Income before income tax effect	69,879	90,563
Less: Adjusted income taxes[5]	17,567	23,297
Adjusted Net Income	**$ 52,312**	**$ 67,266**

	Quarters Ended Sep 30, 2025 Q3	Sep 30, 2026 Q3
Diluted net income per share (GAAP)	$ 0.01	$ 0.12
Adjusted Net Income adjustments per share		
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(0.00)	0.05
Debt-related charges[1]	0.01	(0.01)
Acquisition-related depreciation and amortization[2]	0.29	0.31
Share-based compensation	0.03	0.03
Transaction and acquisition related charges[3]	0.01	0.00
Integration, restructuring, and other charges[4]	0.04	0.02
Adjusted income taxes[5]	(0.10)	(0.13)
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share (Non-GAAP)	**$ 0.30**	**$ 0.38**
Weighted average number of shares outstanding used in computation of Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share:		
Weighted average number of shares outstanding—diluted (GAAP and Non-GAAP)	175,549,342	175,435,437

1. Represents the loss on extinguishment and non-cash interest expense associated with the amortization of debt issuance costs related to the refinancing of the Company's First Lien Credit Facility. This adjustment also includes the impact of changes in fair value of interest rate swaps, which represents the difference between unrealized fair value gains or losses and actual cash payments and receipts on the interest rate swaps.
2. Represents the depreciation and amortization expense related to incremental intangible and developed technology assets recorded due to the application of ASC 805, Business Combinations. As a result, the purchase accounting related depreciation and amortization expense will recur in future periods until the related assets are fully depreciated or amortized, and the related purchase accounting assets may contribute to revenue generation.
3. Represents charges incurred related to acquisitions and similar transactions, primarily consisting of change in control-related costs, professional service fees, and other third-party costs. Transaction and acquisition related charges for the three months ended September 30, 2025, December 31, 2025, March 31, 2026, June 30, 2026, and September 30, 2026, include approximately $1.4 million, $0.5 million, $0.2 million, $0.3 million, and $0.1 million of expense, respectively, associated with the Sterling Acquisition.
4. Represents charges from organizational restructuring and integration activities, non-cash, and other charges primarily related to nonrecurring legal exposures, foreign currency (gains) losses, (gains) losses on the sale of assets, and other non-recurring items. Integration, restructuring, and other charges for the three months ended September 30, 2025, December 31, 2025, March 31, 2026, June 30, 2026, and September 30, 2026, include approximately $3.8 million, $2.7 million, $1.4 million, $2.2 million, and $1.3 million of expense, respectively, associated with the Sterling Acquisition.
5. Effective tax rates of approximately 25.1% and 25.7% have been used to compute Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share for the three months ended September 30, 2025 and 2026, respectively.

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Historical Adjusted Earnings Per Share

	Years Ended	
	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2025
Diluted net loss per share (GAAP)	$ (0.74)	$ (0.20)
Adjusted Net Loss adjustments per share		
Benefit for income taxes	(0.03)	(0.01)
Debt-related charges[1]	0.00	0.10
Acquisition-related depreciation and amortization[2]	0.75	1.17
Share-based compensation[3]	0.21	0.14
Transaction and acquisition related charges[4]	0.85	0.05
Integration, restructuring, and other charges[5]	0.05	0.16
Adjusted income taxes[6]	(0.27)	(0.36)
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share (Non-GAAP)	**$ 0.82**	**$ 1.04**
Weighted average number of shares outstanding used in computation of Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share:		
Weighted average number of shares outstanding—diluted (GAAP and Non-GAAP)	148,582,226	173,199,004
Options and restricted stock not included in weighted average number of shares outstanding—diluted (GAAP) (using treasury stock method)	2,606,405	1,956,781
Adjusted weighted average number of shares outstanding—diluted (Non-GAAP)	151,188,631	175,155,785

1. Represents the loss on extinguishment and non-cash interest expense associated with the amortization of debt issuance costs related to the refinancing of the Company's First Lien Credit Facility. This adjustment also includes the impact of changes in fair value of interest rate swaps, which represents the difference between unrealized fair value gains or losses and actual cash payments and receipts on the interest rate swaps.
2. Represents the depreciation and amortization expense related to incremental intangible and developed technology assets recorded due to the application of ASC 805, Business Combinations. As a result, the purchase accounting related depreciation and amortization expense will recur in future periods until the related assets are fully depreciated or amortized, and the related purchase accounting assets may contribute to revenue generation.
3. Share-based compensation for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025 includes approximately $13.1 million and $7.1 million, respectively, of incrementally recognized expense associated with the May 2023 modification of the vesting terms of outstanding unvested and unearned performance-based options, restricted stock units, and restricted stock awards. Share-based compensation for the year ended December 31, 2024, also includes approximately $4.2 million of incrementally recognized expense associated with the retirements of the Company's former Chief Financial Officer and President, Americas.
4. Represents charges incurred related to acquisitions and similar transactions, primarily consisting of change in control-related costs, professional service fees, and other third-party costs. Transaction and acquisition related charges for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2025 include approximately $125.7 million and $8.0 million of expense associated with the Sterling Acquisition. Also includes insurance costs incurred related to the First Advantage initial public offering.
5. Represents charges from organizational restructuring and integration activities, non-cash, and other charges primarily related to nonrecurring legal exposures, foreign currency (gains) losses, impairment of capitalized software, (gains) losses on the sale of assets, and other non-recurring items. Integration, restructuring, and other charges for the year ended December 31, 2025 include approximately $18.1 million of expense associated with the integration of Sterling, $1.5 million of expenses related to debt refinancing activities, as well as capitalized software impairment charges of approximately $1.2 million.
6. Effective tax rates of approximately 24.9% and 25.7% have been used to compute Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025, respectively. As of December 31, 2025, we had net operating loss carryforwards of approximately $15.1 million for federal income tax purposes available to reduce future income subject to income taxes. The federal net operating loss carryforward is subject to annual limitation under IRC Section 382, which affects the timing of when these attributes can be used. As a result, the amount of actual cash taxes we may pay for federal income taxes differs significantly from the effective income tax rate computed in accordance with GAAP and from the normalized rate shown above.

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Constant Currency Revenues

	Quarter Ended	
in thousands, except percentage	Sep 30, 2026 Q3	
Revenues, as reported (GAAP)	$	465,776
Foreign currency translation impact[(1)]		(143)
Constant currency revenues	**$**	**465,633**
Constant currency revenues growth		13.8%

1. Constant currency revenues are calculated by translating current period amounts using prior-year period exchange rates.

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