



Third Quarter Results Presentation

Results to April 30, 2024

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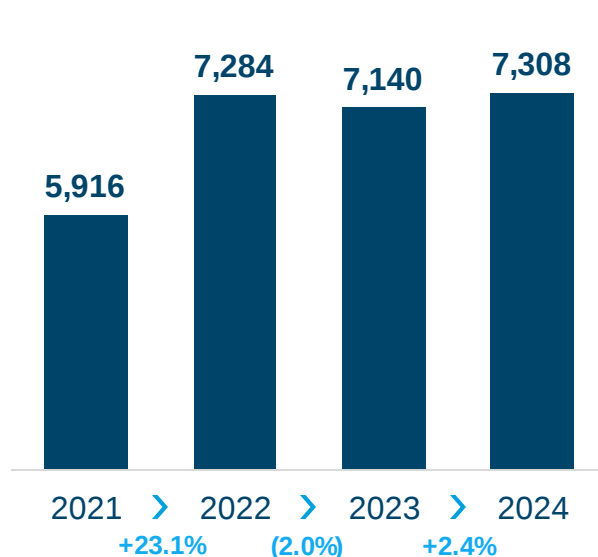
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01 Highlights and introduction

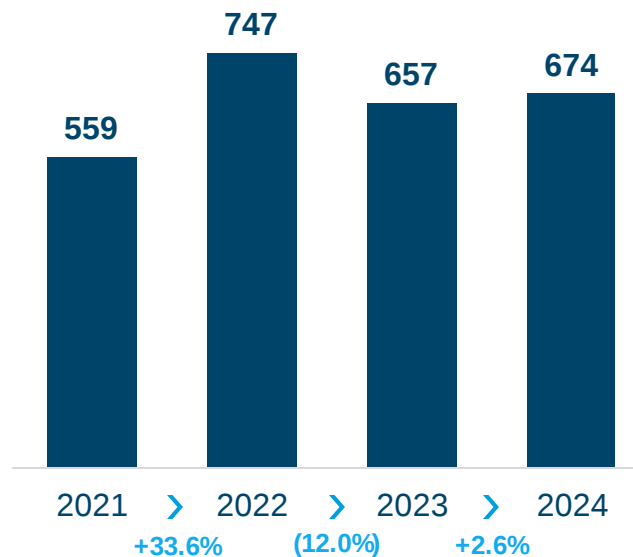
Kevin Murphy, CEO

Third quarter financial highlights

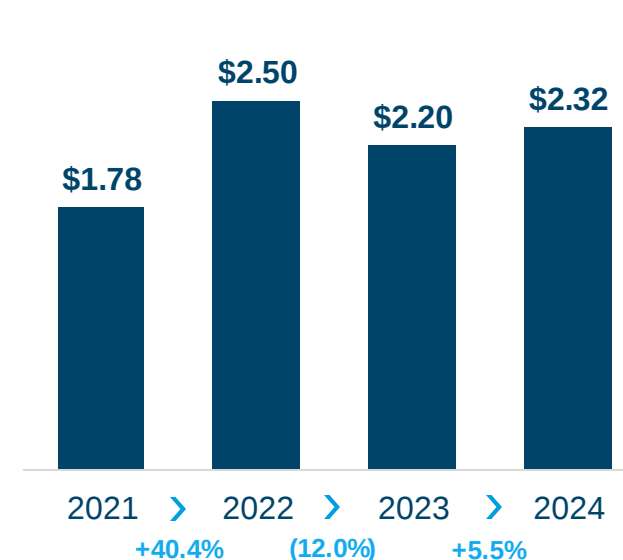
Net sales (\$m)



Adjusted operating profit* (\$m)



Adjusted EPS – diluted*



Strong execution

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Balanced approach to US end markets

	% of US net sales*	Q3 2024 US net sales growth/(decline)	Q3 2023 US net sales growth/(decline)
Residential	52%	+1%	(6%)
Non-residential	48%	+4%	+3%
Commercial	33%	+5%	+2%
Civil/Infrastructure	8%	+6%	+2%
Industrial	7%	(2%)	+13%
	100%	+2.2%	(1.6%)

Broad improvement across end markets

* Residential / Non-residential proportions derived from management estimates as of FY2023.

USA third quarter net sales

Customer group	% of US net sales*	Q3 2024 net sales growth/(decline)	Q3 2023 net sales growth/(decline)
Residential Trade Plumbing	18%	+1%	(11%)
HVAC	11%	+4%	(2%)
Residential Building and Remodel	14%	+1%	+3%
Residential Digital Commerce	8%	(12%)	(15%)
Waterworks	21%	+7%	Flat
Commercial / Mechanical	13%	+8%	(2%)
Fire & Fabrication, Facilities Supply and Industrial	15%	+2%	+14%
USA	100%	+2.2%	(1.6%)

02 Financial review

Bill Brundage, CFO

Third quarter financial highlights

\$m (except per share amounts)	Q3 2024	Q3 2023	Change
Net sales	7,308	7,140	+2.4%
Gross margin	30.5%	30.0%	+50 bps
Adjusted operating profit*	674	657	+2.6%
Adjusted operating margin*	9.2%	9.2%	Flat
Adjusted earnings per share – diluted*	\$2.32	\$2.20	+5.5%
Adjusted EBITDA*	722	705	+2.4%
Net debt : adjusted EBITDA*	1.0x	1.1x	

Adjusted operating profit and EPS growth outpaced revenue growth

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Segment financial highlights

\$m	Q3 2024	Q3 2023	Change
Net sales			
US	6,974	6,827	+2.2%
Canada	334	313	+6.7%
Total net sales	7,308	7,140	+2.4%
Adjusted operating profit*			
US	685	664	+3.2%
Canada	6	7	(14.3%)
Central and other costs	(17)	(14)	
Total adjusted operating profit	674	657	+2.6%

* The Company uses adjusted operating profit as a measure of segment profit under U.S. GAAP.

Year to date financial highlights

\$m (except per share amounts)	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Change
Net sales	21,689	21,896	(0.9%)
Gross margin	30.4%	30.2%	+20 bps
Adjusted operating profit*	1,967	2,103	(6.5%)
Adjusted operating margin*	9.1%	9.6%	(50) bps
Adjusted earnings per share – diluted*	\$6.72	\$7.07	(5.0%)
Adjusted EBITDA*	2,109	2,247	(6.1%)
Net debt : adjusted EBITDA*	1.0x	1.1x	

The year is progressing largely as expected

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Cash flow – Year to date

\$m	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
Adjusted EBITDA*	2,109	2,247
Working capital	20	187
Interest and tax	(667)	(685)
Other items	45	57
Operating cash flow	1,507	1,806
Capex	(263)	(361)
Proceeds from the sale of assets	30	3
Free cash flow*	1,274	1,448

Strong cash generation continues

* This is a non-GAAP measure. See the appendix to this presentation for more information and a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to the most comparable U.S. GAAP measure. Free cash flow is calculated as net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations less capital expenditures plus proceeds from the sale of assets and divestitures, and the reconciliation is shown above where net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations is reflected as operating cash flow.

Capital allocation

1. Organic growth

Working capital

- Inventory position now normalized

Capex investments

- Invested **\$263m** into capex in fiscal year to date
- Market Distribution Centers
- Technology
- Branch expansion and refurbishment

2. Dividends

- Quarterly dividend of **\$0.79** per share, an increase of **5%** over the prior year

3. Acquisitions

- **Eight** completed since August 1, 2023
- Pipeline remains healthy

4. Surplus capital returns

- **\$421m** share repurchases completed in fiscal year to date
- **~2.3m** shares repurchased in fiscal year to date
- Share repurchase program extended by an additional **\$1.0bn**
- Share repurchase program has outstanding balance of approximately **\$1.1bn***

**1.0x Net debt :
adjusted EBITDA****
at April 30, 2024

1-2x
Target net leverage range

* Share repurchase program balance shown is inclusive of the new \$1bn extension.

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Sequential performance

	FY23				FY24		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Organic revenue growth / (decline)*	+12.7%	+2.7%	(2.5%)	(5.3%)	(4.9%)	(3.7%)	(0.9%)

Sequential improvement in organic trends

* Management evaluates organic revenue as it provides a consistent measure of the change in revenue year-on-year. Organic revenue growth (or decline) is determined as the growth (or decline) in total reported revenue excluding the growth (or decline) attributable to currency exchange rate fluctuations, sales days, acquisitions and disposals, divided by the preceding financial year's revenue at the current year's exchange rates.

For further details regarding organic revenue growth, visit corporate.ferguson.com on the Investors menu under Analyst Consensus and Resources.

FY2024 Guidance

	Prior 2024 Guidance	Updated 2024 Guidance
Net sales*	Broadly flat	Broadly flat
Adjusted operating margin**	9.2% - 9.8%	9.2% - 9.6%
Interest expense	\$190 - \$210 million	\$175 – \$185 million
Adjusted effective tax rate**	Approximately 25%	Approximately 25%
Capital expenditures	\$400 - \$450 million	\$350 - \$400 million

* Net sales guidance assumes mid-single digit market decline with continued Company market outperformance, contribution from completed acquisitions and one additional sales day. Overall impact of price deflation now expected to be approximately 2% for the fiscal year (previously 'broadly neutral').

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03 Closing remarks

Kevin Murphy, CEO

Closing remarks

Thank you to our associates.

1. Continued execution in third quarter with the year progressing largely as expected.
2. Fiscal 2024 guidance reflects continued volume growth and resilient gross margin despite the impact of continuing mild deflation expected for the remainder of the fiscal year.
3. Balanced market exposure and agile business positions us well for continued outperformance.
4. Underpinned by a cash generative model and strong balance sheet.
5. We remain well positioned to leverage multi-year tailwinds in both residential and non-residential end markets as we support the complex project needs of our specialist pro customers.

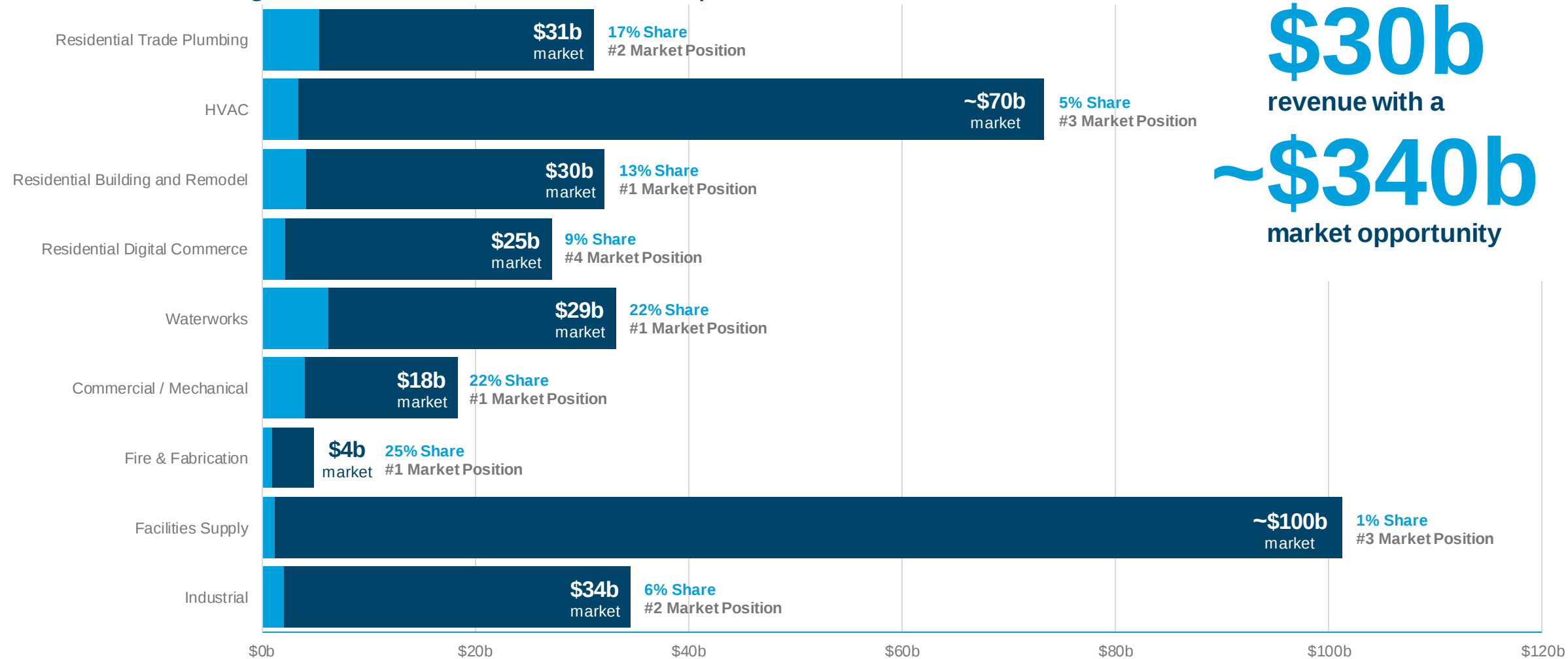
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04 Appendix

Leading positions in highly fragmented North American markets

~75% of revenue generated from #1 or #2 market positions



Market size, share and position are approximates derived from management estimates as of FY2023.

Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted Operating Profit and Adjusted EBITDA

(In millions)	Three months ended				Nine months ended	
	April 30,				April 30,	
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2024	2023
Net income	\$443	\$336	\$546	\$369	\$1,284	\$1,305
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	—	—	—	3	—	—
Income from continuing operations	443	336	546	372	1,284	1,305
Provision for income taxes	138	111	144	120	421	429
Interest expense, net	43	48	22	28	132	136
Other expense, net	1	2	—	—	4	7
Operating profit	625	497	712	520	1,841	1,877
Corporate restructurings ⁽¹⁾	12	—	5	(2)	20	—
Impairments and other charges ⁽²⁾	—	127	—	—	—	127
Amortization of acquired intangibles	37	33	30	41	106	99
Adjusted Operating Profit	674	657	747	559	1,967	2,103
Depreciation & impairment of PP&E	40	38	35	32	120	111
Amortization & impairment of non-acquired intangibles	8	10	13	11	22	33
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$722</u>	<u>\$705</u>	<u>\$795</u>	<u>\$602</u>	<u>\$2,109</u>	<u>\$2,247</u>

- For the three and nine months ended April 30, 2024, corporate restructuring costs related to incremental costs in connection with establishing a new corporate structure to domicile our ultimate parent company in the United States. For the three months ended April 30, 2022, corporate restructuring costs were primarily related to incremental costs in connection with the Company's listing in the United States and other restructuring charges. For the three months ended April 30, 2021, corporate restructuring costs included the release of business restructuring provisions.
- For the three and nine months ended April 30, 2023, impairments and other charges related to the \$107 million in software impairment charges in the United States, as well as charges associated with the closure of certain smaller, underperforming branches in the United States.

Net Debt:Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation

Net debt comprises bank overdrafts, bank and other loans and derivative financial instruments, excluding lease liabilities, less cash and cash equivalents. Long-term debt is presented net of debt issuance costs. A rolling 12-month adjusted EBITDA is used in the net debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio to assess the appropriateness of the Company's financial leverage.

(In millions, except ratios)	As of April 30,	
	2024	2023
Long-term debt	\$3,518	\$3,839
Short-term debt	150	55
Bank overdrafts ⁽¹⁾	36	32
Derivative liabilities	13	12
Cash and cash equivalents	(691)	(625)
Net debt	\$3,026	\$3,313
Adjusted EBITDA	\$2,967	\$3,143
Net Debt / Adjusted EBITDA ⁽²⁾	1.0x	1.1x

(1) Bank overdrafts are included in other current liabilities in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet.

(2) Adjusted EBITDA is on a rolling 12-month basis.

Adjusted EBITDA (Rolling 12-month) reconciliation

Adjusted EBITDA is net income before charges/credits relating to depreciation, amortization, impairment and certain non-GAAP adjustments.

(In millions)	Twelve months ended	
	April 30,	
	2024	2023
Net income	\$1,868	\$1,885
Loss from discontinued operations (net of tax)	—	2
Provision for income taxes	567	622
Interest expense, net	180	176
Other expense, net	8	6
Corporate restructurings ⁽¹⁾	20	5
Impairments and other charges ⁽²⁾	(2)	127
Depreciation and amortization	326	320
Adjusted EBITDA	\$2,967	\$3,143

(1) For the rolling twelve months ended April 30, 2024, corporate restructuring costs related to incremental costs in connection with establishing a new corporate structure to domicile our ultimate parent company in the United States. For the rolling twelve months ended April 30, 2023, corporate restructuring costs primarily related to incremental costs in connection with the Company's listing in the United States.

(2) For the rolling twelve months ended April 30, 2024, the benefit recorded in impairments and other charges related to a change in estimate regarding the estimated impairment charges recorded in the third quarter of fiscal 2023. For the rolling twelve months ended April 30, 2023, impairments and other charges related to \$107 million in software impairment charges in the United States, as well as charges associated with the closure of certain smaller, underperforming branches in the United States. Such amounts were mainly recorded in the third quarter of fiscal year 2023.

Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS-Diluted

(In millions, except per share amounts)	Three months ended April 30,						Nine months ended April 30,					
	2024		2023		2022		2021		2024		2023	
	<i>per share⁽¹⁾</i>		<i>per share⁽¹⁾</i>		<i>per share⁽¹⁾</i>		<i>per share⁽¹⁾</i>		<i>per share⁽¹⁾</i>		<i>per share⁽¹⁾</i>	
Net income	\$443	\$2.18	\$336	\$1.63	\$546	\$2.50	\$369	\$1.64	\$1,284	\$6.30	\$1,305	\$6.28
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	0.01	—	—	—	—
Income from continuing operations	443	2.18	336	1.63	546	2.50	372	1.65	1,284	6.30	1,305	6.28
Corporate restructurings ⁽²⁾	12	0.06	—	—	5	0.02	(2)	(0.01)	20	0.10	—	—
Impairments and other charges ⁽³⁾	—	—	127	0.62	—	—	—	—	—	—	127	0.61
Amortization of acquired intangibles	37	0.18	33	0.16	30	0.14	41	0.18	106	0.52	99	0.48
Discrete tax adjustments ⁽⁴⁾	(11)	(0.06)	(1)	(0.01)	(33)	(0.15)	—	—	(13)	(0.07)	(4)	(0.02)
Tax impact-non-GAAP adjustments ⁽⁵⁾	(9)	(0.04)	(41)	(0.20)	(2)	(0.01)	(11)	(0.05)	(27)	(0.13)	(57)	(0.28)
Adjusted net income	<u>\$472</u>	<u>\$2.32</u>	<u>\$454</u>	<u>\$2.20</u>	<u>\$546</u>	<u>\$2.50</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$1.78</u>	<u>\$1,370</u>	<u>\$6.72</u>	<u>\$1,470</u>	<u>\$7.07</u>
Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding	203.2		206.1		218.0		225.3		203.9		207.9	

(1) Per share on a dilutive basis.

(2) For the three and nine months ended April 30, 2024, corporate restructuring costs related to incremental costs in connection with establishing a new corporate structure to domicile our ultimate parent company in the United States. For the three months ended April 30, 2022, corporate restructuring costs were primarily related to incremental costs in connection with the Company's listing in the United States and other restructuring charges. For the three months ended April 30, 2021, corporate restructuring costs included the release of business restructuring provisions.

(3) For the three and nine months ended April 30, 2023, impairments and other charges related to the \$107 million in software impairment charges in the United States, as well as charges associated with the closure of certain smaller, underperforming branches in the United States.

(4) For the three and nine months ended April 30, 2024, discrete tax adjustments related to the release of uncertain tax positions due to the lapsing of statute of limitations, as well as the tax treatment of certain compensation items that were not individually significant. For the three and nine months ended April 30, 2023, discrete tax items primarily related to adjustments in connection with amended returns. For the three months ended April 30, 2022, the discrete tax adjustments primarily related to prior year adjustments, including amended tax return items. For the three months ended April 30, 2021, the discrete tax adjustments primarily related to the release of uncertain tax positions following the closure of tax audits.

(5) For each of the periods that ended April 30, 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021, the tax impact on non-GAAP adjustments primarily related to the amortization of acquired intangibles. For the periods ending April 30, 2023, the tax impact on non-GAAP adjustments also related to impairments and other charges.

Thank you