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Adjusted net income, total and on a per share basis, and certain adjusted items used to determine adjusted net income, are presented and discussed in this presentation and are non-GAAP measures that management believes, when presented together with comparable GAAP measures, are useful to investors in understanding the Company’s operating results. These adjusted items remove the significant accounting impact of one-time or non-recurring charges associated with the Company’s one-time/non-recurring matters, as set forth in the tables at the end of this presentation.

The adjusted items included in this presentation as calculated by the Company are not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. Additionally, these adjusted amounts are not a measurement of financial performance or liquidity under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to the Company’s financial information determined under GAAP. For a description of the Company’s use of these adjusted items and a reconciliation with comparable GAAP items, see the section of this presentation titled “Reconciliation of GAAP to Adjusted Financial Information.” Please refer to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2019, prepared in accordance with GAAP, for purposes of evaluating our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.



Our Culture

Employee DNA

- Analytically Driven
- Client Service and Solution Driven
- Entrepreneurially Motivated
- Desirous of a Winning Culture
- Strong Loyalty to the Firm
- High Integrity

Firm's DNA

- Broad-Based, Long-Term Employee Ownership
- Sophisticated Corporate Procedures and Financial Systems
- New York Stock Exchange Listed Company
- Blue Chip Institutional Ownership

Ownership and Controls

- Partnership Culture
- Not a "Star" Culture
- Consensual Decision-Making
- Measured Risk-Taking

A Leading Independent Global Investment Bank

Expertise

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Capital Markets Advisory
- Financial Restructuring
- Financial and Valuation Advisory

Global Integrated Platform

- Seamlessly Combining Industry and Product Expertise Worldwide

Growth

Fiscal Years 2014–2019

- Revenues CAGR¹ of 13%
- Unadjusted² Net Income CAGR¹ of 21%
- Adjusted Net Income CAGR^{1,3} of 25%

1972

ESTABLISHED

1,000+

CLIENTS SERVED ANNUALLY

22

LOCATIONS WORLDWIDE

199

MANAGING
DIRECTORS⁴

1,053

TOTAL FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS

1. CAGR based on the fiscal year ended March 31.

2. Unadjusted based on historical unaudited financials, not adjusted for any one time, nonrecurring items.

3. Adjusted Net Income is a non-GAAP financial measure. See page 22 for the most directly comparable GAAP measure for the period.

4. As of December 31, 2019; excludes Corporate MDs.

Principal Investment Highlights

- Strong Track Record of Growth and Profitability
- Low Revenues and Earnings Volatility Through Economic Cycles
- High Quality Earnings
- Long-Tenured Management Team
- Differentiated, Cyclically-Balanced Business Model
- Market Fundamentals Are Favorable for Independent Advisors

Our Three Primary Business Segments

Our business is diversified across clients, services, industries, and geographies as well as cyclically balanced, allowing us to succeed in both bull and bear markets.

	Corporate Finance	Financial Restructuring	Financial and Valuation Advisory
Core Services	M&A Capital Markets Advisory	Out-of-Court and Formal Bankruptcy/Insolvency Proceedings	Financial Opinions Valuation Services Transaction Advisory Services
Strengths	Superior Platform Drives Success in Attractive Mid Cap Market ¹	Global Market Leader with Strong Reputation	High-Margin Provider with Strong Reputation
Managing Directors²	122	45	32
LTM 12/31/19 Revenues / % of Total	\$635 / 55%	\$349 / 30%	\$164 / 15%
LTM 12/31/19 Revenues per MD³	\$5.5	\$7.8	\$4.9
LTM 12/31/19 Closed Transactions / Fee Events⁴	289	97	1,428

Note: All dollar amounts in millions unless otherwise noted. Figures may not tie due to rounding.

1. Defined as transactions \$1 billion or less in value.

2. As of December 31, 2019; excludes Corporate MDs.

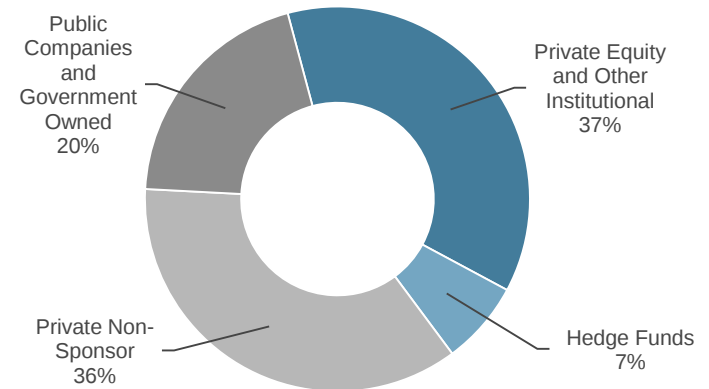
3. Based on average of beginning of period and end of period MD count.

4. A Fee Event includes any engagement that involves revenue activity during the measurement period based on a revenue minimum of \$1,000. References in this presentation to closed transactions should be understood to be the same as transactions that are "effectively closed" as described in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2019.

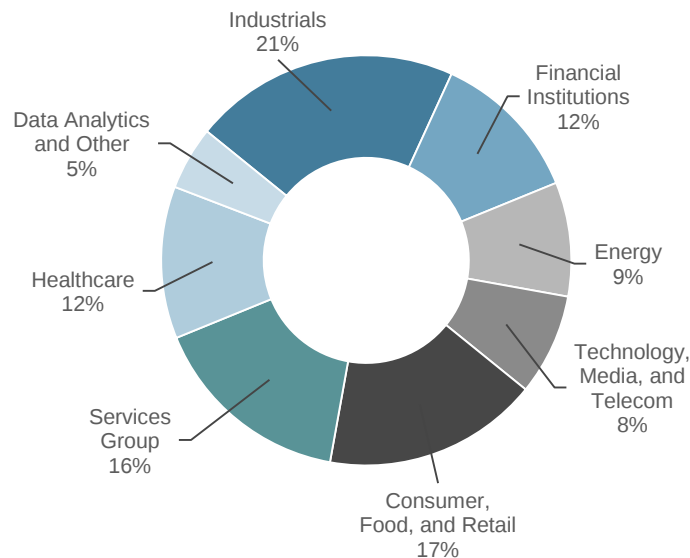
Diversified Revenues Base

- More than 1,000 clients served annually
- For FY 2019:
 - No single transaction fee represented more than 3% of our revenues
 - No individual banker was responsible for more than 2% of our revenues
 - No single employee shareholder owns more than 3% of shares outstanding
- Together, our Corporate Finance and Financial Restructuring businesses provide a natural hedge

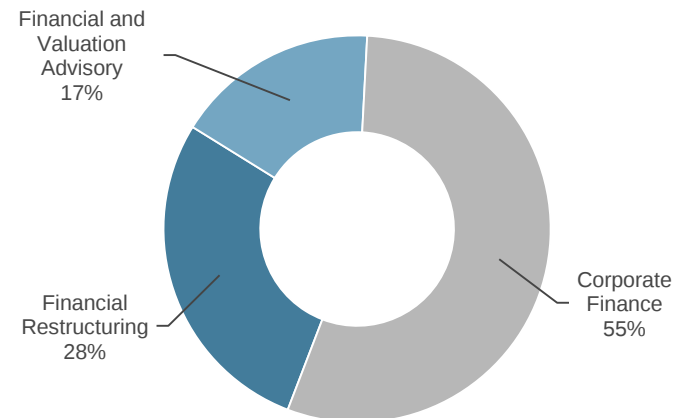
Balanced Client Mix¹



Diversified Industry Mix¹



Diversified Product Mix¹

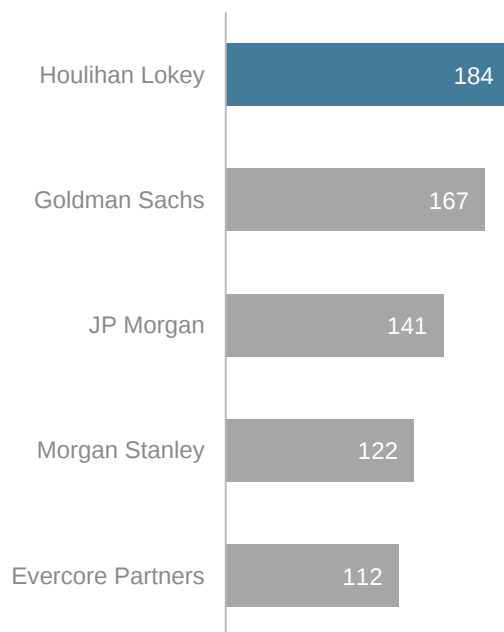


1. Based on revenues for the LTM ended December 31, 2019.

Market Leader in All Three Business Segments

Top U.S. M&A Advisor

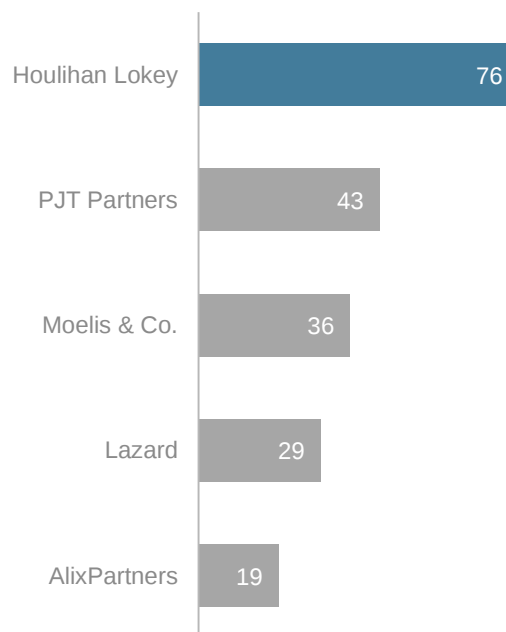
CY 2019 Financial Advisors by Number Of U.S. M&A Deals



- No. 1 U.S. M&A Advisor
- Top 10 Global M&A Advisor
- Leading Capital Markets Advisor

Top Global Restructuring Advisor

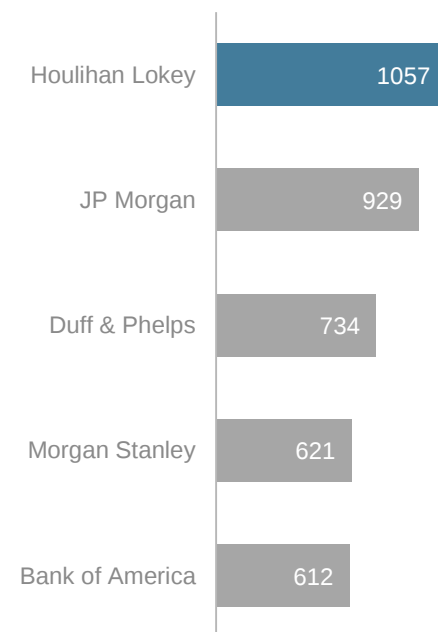
CY 2019 Global Distressed Debt and Bankruptcy Restructuring Deals



- No. 1 Global Restructuring Advisor
- Advised on 12 of the 15 Largest U.S. Bankruptcies Since 2000
- 1,000+ Transactions/Valued Over \$2.5 Trillion

Top Global Fairness Opinion Advisor

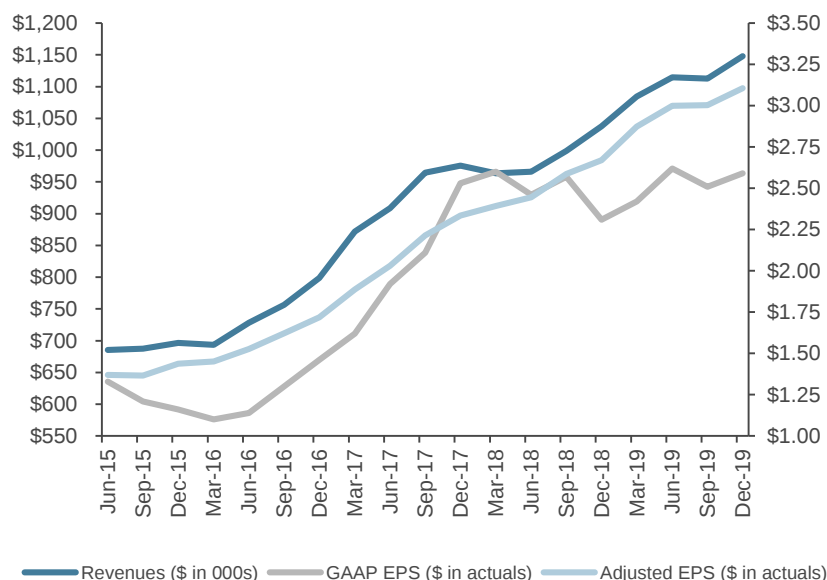
Global M&A Fairness Advisors: Announced or Completed Deals (CY 2000 to CY 2019)



- No. 1 Global M&A Fairness Opinion Advisor Over the Past 20 Years
- No. 1 M&A Fairness Opinion Advisor in the U.S. Over the Past 20 Years
- 1,000+ Annual Engagements

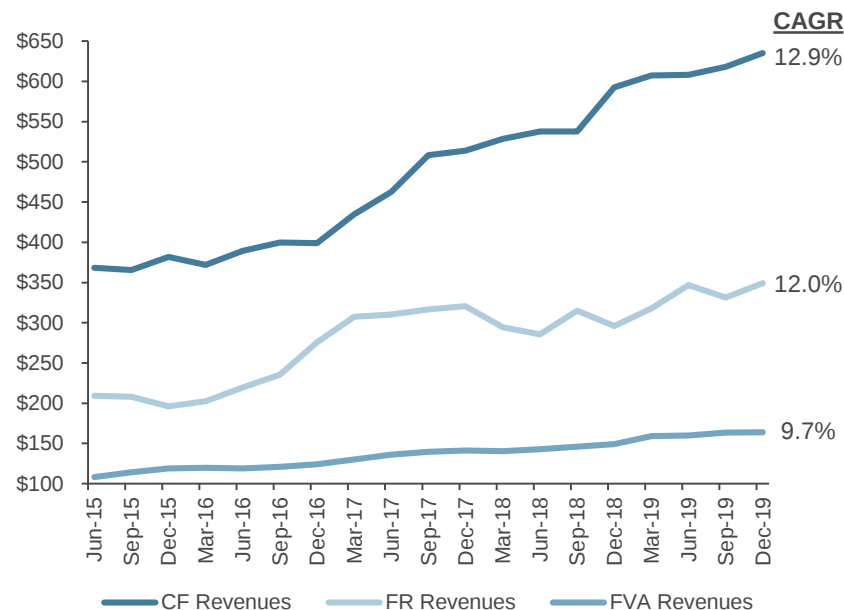
Strong Growth Since Going Public

Consolidated Revenues and E.P.S Growth¹



- Trailing Twelve Month revenues, GAAP EPS, and adjusted EPS have CAGRs of 12.1%, 16.0%, and 20.0% respectively since June 30, 2015
- HLI stock has had a compounded annual growth rate of 21.2%² since the IPO

Revenue Growth by Business Segment¹



- All three product lines have performed well since going public
- CF revenues have grown by a CAGR of 12.9% despite the mid-cap M&A market shrinking by CAGR of (1.8%)³ over the same period
- FR revenues have grown by a CAGR of 12.0% since June 30, 2015, despite average speculative grade default rates of 2.8%⁴
- FVA revenues have grown by a CAGR of 9.7%, driven by an increased client base and expansion into new market sectors

1. Figures are presented on a Trailing Twelve Month basis.

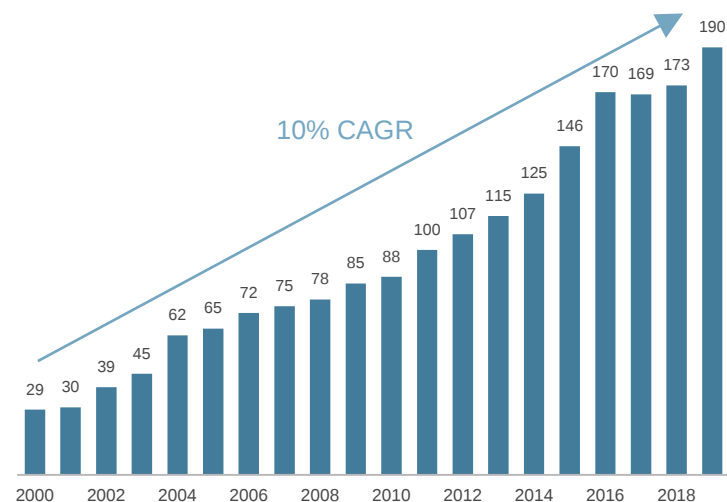
2. Through December 31, 2019.

3. Source: Refinitiv.

4. Source: S&P.

Organic Growth Strengthened by Strategic Acquisitions

Growth in Managing Director Headcount



Growth Through Expansion of Products

2000–2009

- Private Equity Coverage
- Distressed M&A
- Industry Build-Out and Expansion
- Secondary Advisory Services
- Tax and Financial Reporting Valuations
- Portfolio Valuations

2010–Present

- Debt and Equity Capital Markets Advisory
- Hedge Fund Coverage
- Structured Product Valuation
- Activist Advisory
- Due Diligence Services
- Arranger of Leveraged Loans
- Illiquid Financial Assets Intermediation
- IP Valuation and Monetization Advisory
- Private fundraising for Institutional Clients
- HL Finance

Growth Through Acquisitions

 Specialty Finance Focused Investment Bank December 2012	 ArchPoint Partners INVESTMENT BANKING Technology-Focused Investment Bank March 2014	 BRIDGE STRATEGY GROUP LLC AN AFFILIATE OF HOULIHAN LOKEY Adds Strategic Consulting Capabilities to C-Suite Relationships January 2015	 HOULIHAN LOKEY Joint Venture Expanding Presence in Australia May 2015	 MESA Media-Focused Investment Banking Firm June 2015	 McQueen Consumer, Food, and Retail-Focused Investment Banking Firm September 2015
 LEONARDO & CO. Continental European Investment Banking Firm November 2015	 BLACK STONE IP Technology and IP Financial Advisory Firm January 2017	 QUAYER MUNRO Data and Analytics, Content, Software, and Services Advisory Firm April 2018	 BEAR TOOTH ADVISORS Private Equity Fundraising Advisory Firm May 2018	 Freeman & Co. Spain-Focused Investment Banking Firm November 2019	 fidentiis CAPITAL Financial Institutions Group-Focused Investment Bank December 2019

Comprehensive Coverage and Global Scale

1,463 Global Employees in 22 Locations

North America

Atlanta	Miami
Chicago	Minneapolis
Dallas	New York
Houston	San Francisco
Los Angeles	Washington, D.C.

Europe and Middle East

Amsterdam	Madrid
Dubai	Milan
Frankfurt	Paris
London	

Asia-Pacific

Beijing	Sydney
Hong Kong	Tokyo
Singapore	

Strong Partnership Culture With Experienced Leadership

Deep and Experienced Management Team



Scott L. Beiser
CEO
35 years with Houlihan Lokey



Irwin N. Gold
Executive Chairman
31 years with Houlihan Lokey



Scott J. Adelson
Co-President
32 years with Houlihan Lokey



David A. Preiser
Co-President
28 years with Houlihan Lokey



J. Lindsey Alley
CFO
24 years with Houlihan Lokey

Long Tenure Results in Collaborative Culture

Tenured Management Team

31-year average tenure of Management Team

High Banker Retention

13-year average tenure of Managing Directors across all business segments¹

Strong Loyalty

More than 64% of Managing Directors reached their respective positions through internal promotions¹

No “Star” Culture

No single individual generated more than 2% of revenues²

1. As of December 31, 2019. Excludes Managing Directors from acquisitions.

2. For the FY ended March 31, 2019.

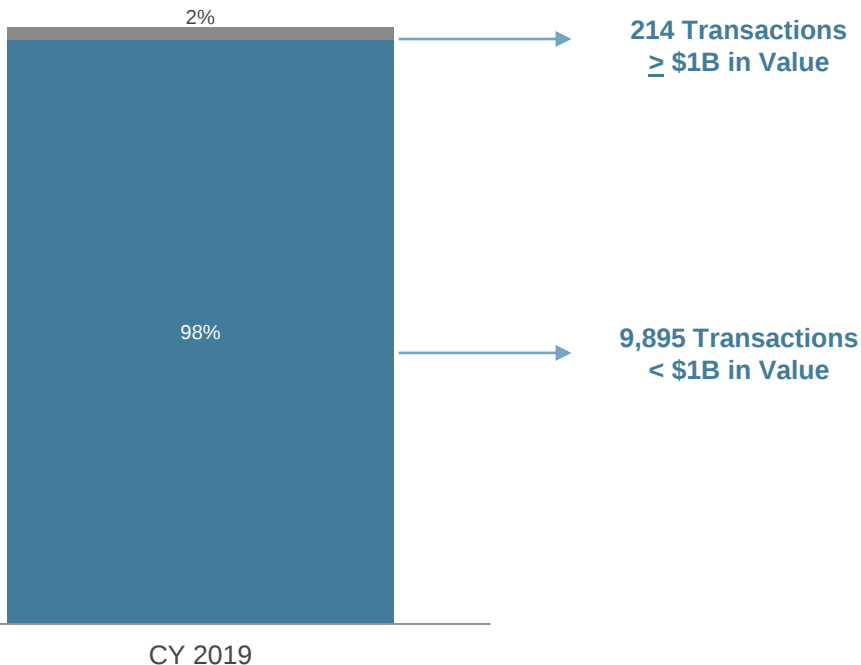
Overview of Business Segments

Corporate Finance Business – M&A

- Corporate Finance business is a leader in the U.S. mid-cap space, which represented approximately 98% of M&A volume in CY 2019
- Our market share in the U.S. mid-cap space is less than 3%, based on the number of closed M&A transactions we completed in CY 2019
- The mid-cap space is meaningfully less volatile than the large-cap space, which when combined with HLI's ongoing opportunities to increase its relatively low market share, generally results in less revenue "downside" in weaker M&A markets

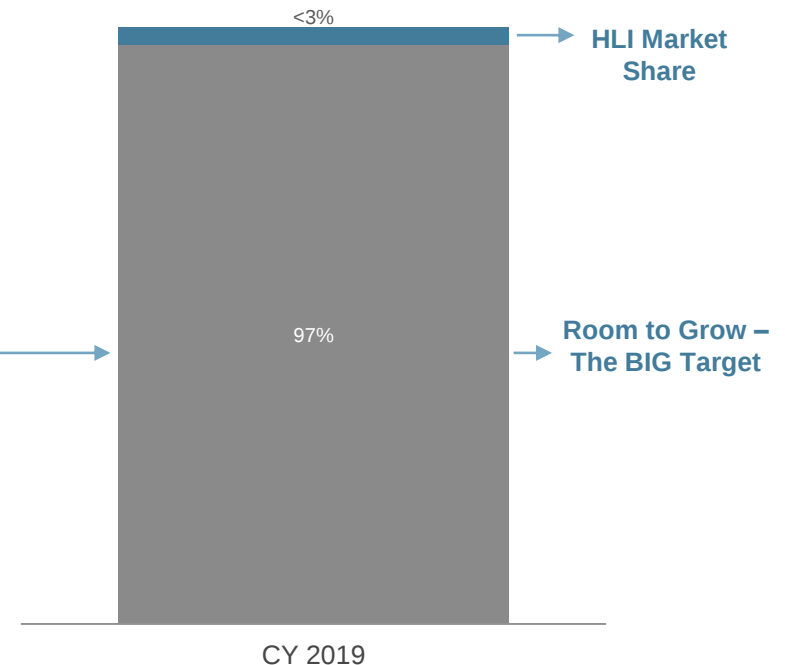
U.S. Closed M&A Transactions CY 2019

10,109 Transactions



Mid-Cap Transactions

9,895 Transactions

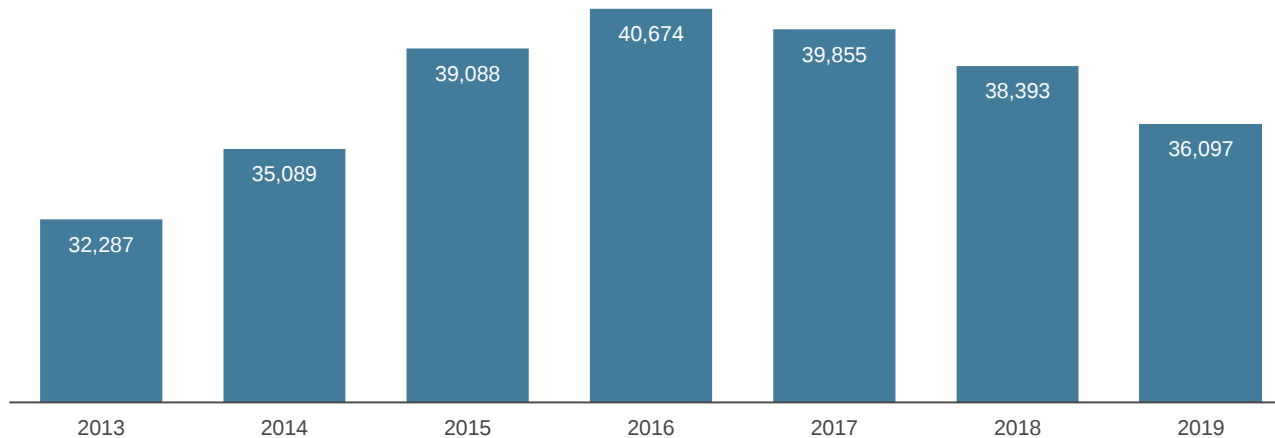


Corporate Finance Business – M&A

- Closed global mid-cap¹ M&A volume has a 5-year (2014–2019) CAGR of 0.6% and a 3.9% decline in the last 3-year (2016–2019) period
- Global M&A revenues in our corporate finance business have a 5-year (2014–2019) CAGR of 11.7% and a 3-year (2016–2019) CAGR of 16.8%, reflecting continued market share gains and higher average transaction fees during the measurement periods
- We continue to increase market share as a result of companies choosing to use an advisor as well as taking market share from firms that don't have the same depth and breadth as the HLI platform

Mid-Cap¹ M&A Volume

Global Closed Deals



Corporate Finance Business – Capital Markets

We believe we are one of the largest capital markets groups at non-balance sheet banks, raising capital for both sponsors and corporate clients.

- Over 40 dedicated professionals across eight offices in five countries
- Raised ~\$11.5 billion across ~55 transactions in CY 2019

Distinct Capabilities

Private Capital Solutions

- Dry-powder in the private markets reached \$2.6 trillion in 2019
- Houlihan Lokey is a market leader in placing bespoke capital, from senior debt to equity, in the private markets for companies at various stages of the corporate lifecycle
- High-touch, confidential, targeted process designed to achieve outlier outcomes
 - Differentiated investor relationships and access to decision-makers
 - Thoughtful, creative positioning supported by deep diligence

Syndicated Leveraged Finance Platform (LBO Finance)

- The U.S. leveraged loan and high-yield markets grew to \$1.2 trillion and \$1.5 trillion, respectively in 2019
- Houlihan Lokey entered the syndicated finance market in September 2018 through HL Finance, LLC, a newly formed, wholly-owned subsidiary of Houlihan Lokey to capitalize on the growth of the leverage loan and high-yield markets
- Funding through financing agreements with institutional investors to provide capital to support underwriting commitments and participate in syndications
- A dedicated team of seasoned professionals were hired to establish and grow the platform

Capital Markets Advisory

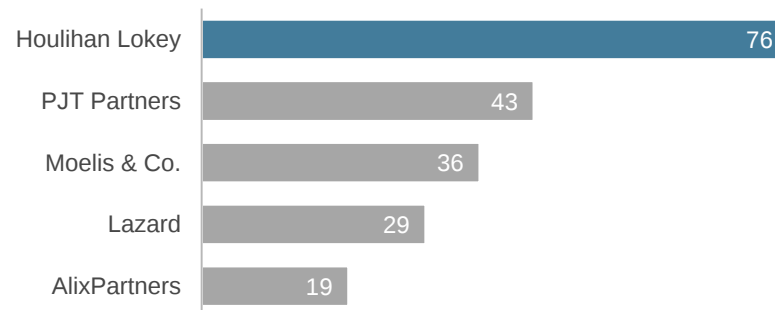
- Independent advisor on bank commitments and securities offerings
- Drive competition to optimize positioning, structure/terms and syndication
- Evaluate public vs. private market solutions
- Ability to act as bookrunner / co-manager

Financial Restructuring Business

- Deepest bench in the industry, with 45 Managing Directors and 240 total finance professionals as of December 31, 2019
- A true global player, having closed transactions in more than 60 countries around the world since 2000
- Flexibility to work on large global restructurings as well as mid-cap restructurings
- With strong performance in a historically low interest rate and default rate environment and consolidating market share, we are poised to take advantage when interest rates and/or default rates begin to rise

Top Global Restructuring Advisor

2019 Global Distressed Debt and Bankruptcy Restructuring Deals



Source: Refinitiv.

15 Largest Bankruptcies

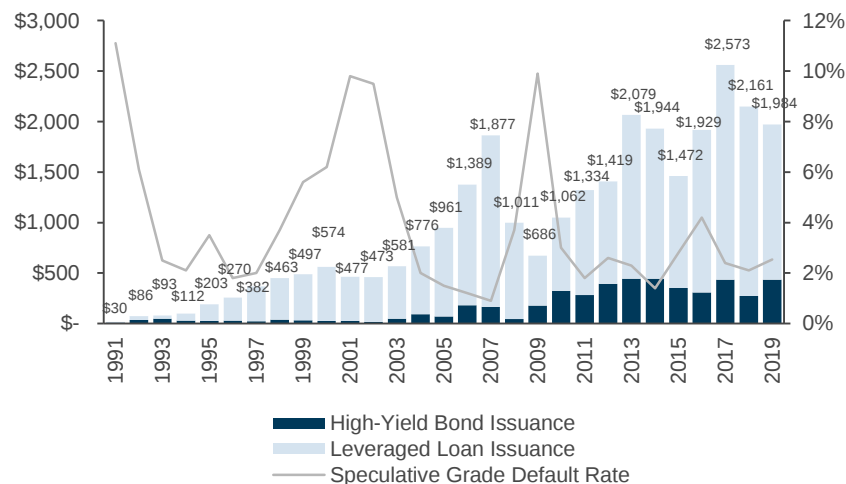
Advisor in 12 of the 15 Largest Bankruptcies 2000–2019

	ASSETS (\$B)
Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.	691.1
Washington Mutual Inc.	327.9
WorldCom Inc.	103.9
General Motors Corporation	91.0
CIT Group Inc.	80.4
PG&E Corp. (Pacific Gas)	71.4
Enron Corp.	65.5
Conseco Inc.	61.4
Energy Future Holdings Corp.	41.0
MF Global Holdings Ltd.	40.5
Chrysler LLC	39.3
Thornburg Mortgage Inc.	36.5
Refco Inc.	33.3
IndyMac Bancorp	32.7
Global Crossing Ltd.	30.2

Source: BankruptcyData.com, January 2020.

Global Leveraged Loan and High-Yield Issuance

(\$ in Billions)



Source: Refinitiv, based on calendar year.
Note: All dollar amounts in billions unless otherwise noted.

Financial and Valuation Advisory Business

Services Offered

- Transaction Opinions
- Financial Reporting Opinions
- Portfolio Valuations
- Dispute Resolution
- Transaction Advisory Services
- IP Valuation and Monetization Advisory

Diversified Revenues Stream

- More than 1,000 fee events each year
- Approximately one-third of our Financial and Valuation Advisory business is recurring in nature
- Diverse client base, including corporate clients, sponsors, hedge funds, government agencies, and entrepreneurially held companies

Operating Philosophy

- Have chosen to focus on high value-added advice as opposed to commodity services
- Business model developed to mitigate volatility in M&A markets
- Margin targets result in strong profitability for our Financial and Valuation Advisory business

Financial Sponsors Group

One of the broadest and deepest financial sponsors groups on Wall Street with 18 senior officers dedicated to the sponsor community. Our financial sponsors group works across all three of the firm's business segments.

Private Equity

- 850+ covered private equity firms in North America and Europe
- Proactively manage private equity firm's relationship and interaction with all Houlihan Lokey resources
- Provide relevant, high-quality deal flow, access to industry bankers who can impart proprietary ideas and product specialists to offer corporate finance, restructuring, and financial and valuation advisory services

Hedge Funds

- 200+ covered hedge funds in North America and Europe
- Produce creative, innovative ideas and deliver consistent, high-quality deal flow and actionable strategies designed to help our clients maximize returns
- Provide advice on restructurings and special situations across the entire capital structure; assist hedge funds to value and monetize private and illiquid assets

Family Offices

- 100+ covered family offices in North America and Europe
- Provide access to industry bankers with M&A and cash flow yielding ideas designed to preserve and grow assets under management
- Offer access to advice on strategies of focus, direct private equity investments, and debt

Robust Growth Opportunities

We will continue to grow our talent pool through:

- The development and maturation of bankers
- Opportunistic hires
- Acquisitions and joint ventures

Growth will be driven by:

Corporate Finance

- Continued expansion into Europe and the Asia-Pacific region
- Building out our Capital Markets and Fund Placement platforms
- Adding incremental domain industry expertise
- Increasing deal size and deal fees

Financial Restructuring

- Growing availability and use of leverage
- Increasingly complex balance sheets
- Continued globalization of financial restructuring
- Increasing restructuring of different asset classes

Financial and Valuation Advisory

- Increasing client relationship focus
- Utilization of industry expertise
- Increasingly complex regulatory and tax environments
- Greater transparency requirements

Financial Overview

Strong Top-Line Growth and Disciplined Expense

Long history of revenues growth through various market cycles

- 5-year (FY 2014 to FY 2019) revenues CAGR of 13%
- Resilient business mix consisting of cyclical and countercyclical elements
- Leader in each of our three business segments with ample growth opportunities

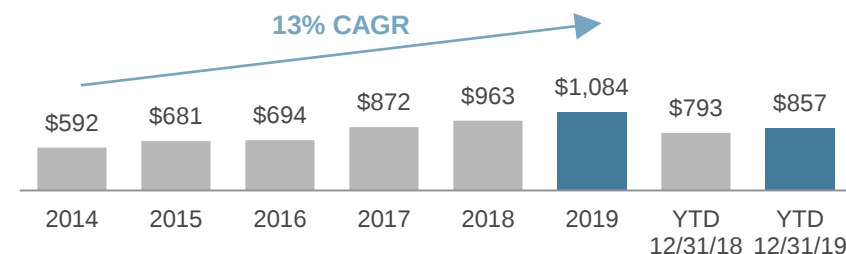
Consistent track record of profitability through market cycles

- Maintained double digit margins through the recession
- Each business segment is similarly profitable to shareholders

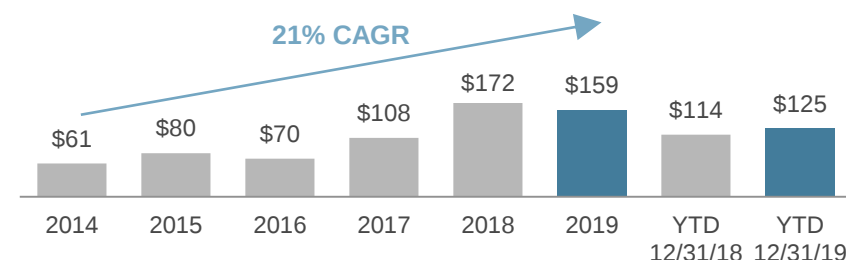
Scalable, capital-light model

- Minimal capital balance sheet requirements
- Low leverage levels
- Scalable model that can be further leveraged to support top-line growth
- Broad based employee shareholder ownership

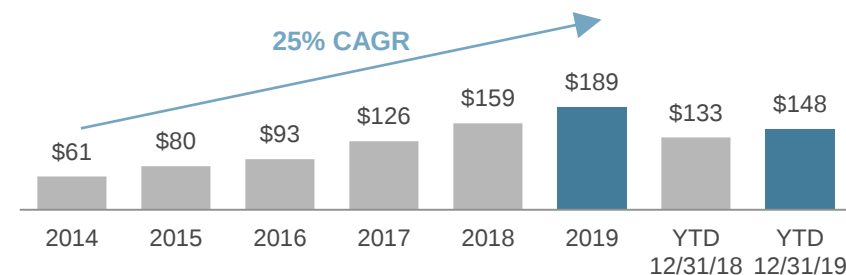
Revenues



GAAP Net Income



Adjusted Net Income¹

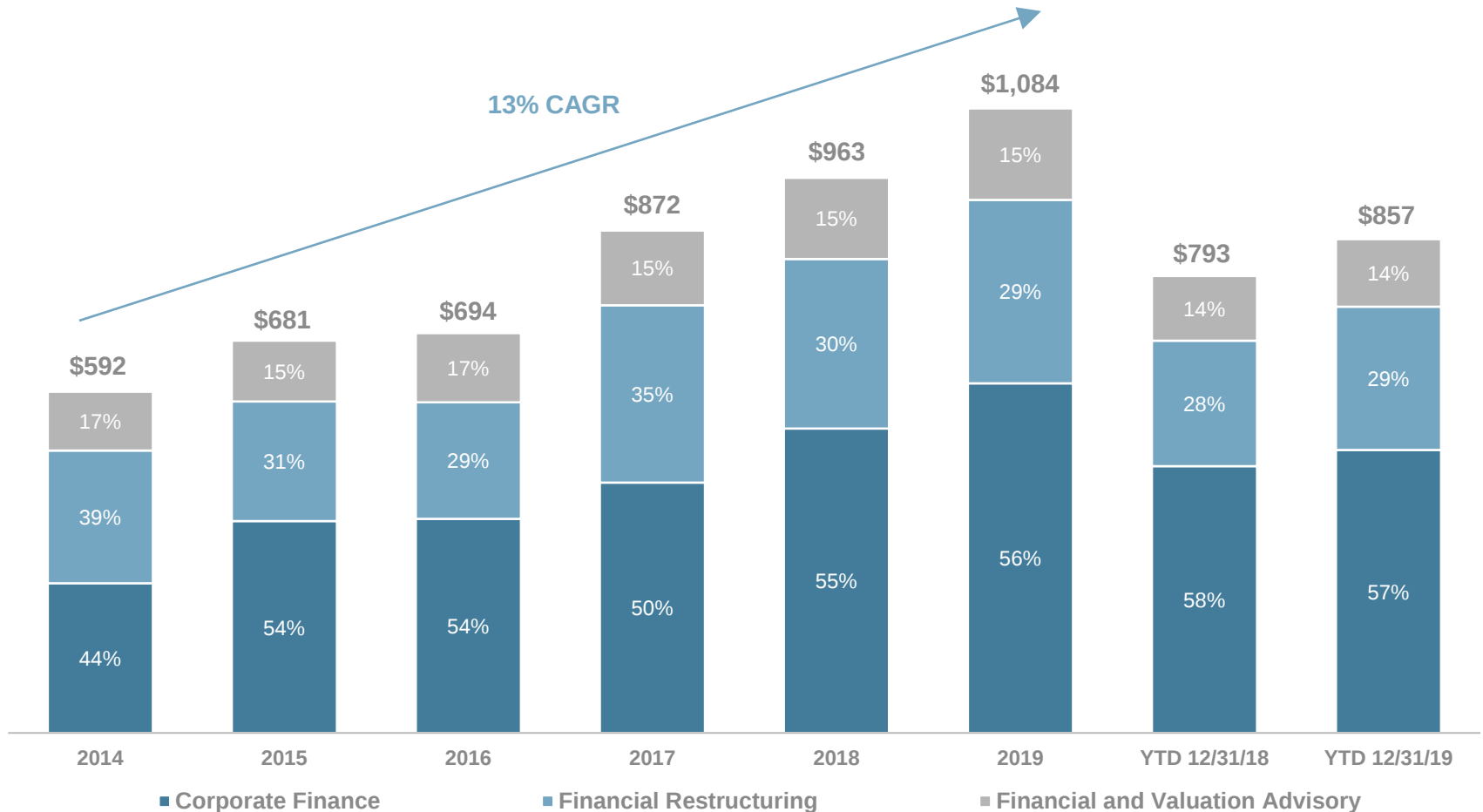


Note: Fiscal year ended March 31. All dollar amounts in millions unless otherwise noted.

1. Adjusted Net Income is a non-GAAP financial measure. See page 24 for a description and reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP measure for the YTD periods. Please refer to previously filed earnings releases for historical adjustments.

Business Segment Financials

Revenues by Business Segment



Note: Fiscal year ended March 31. All dollar amounts in millions unless otherwise noted.

Reconciliation of GAAP to Adjusted Financials

(Unaudited)

<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Revenues	\$ 333,515	\$ 298,013	\$ 856,674	\$ 793,007
Employee compensation and benefits				
Employee compensation and benefits (GAAP)	\$ 213,107	\$ 187,180	\$ 551,056	\$ 501,682
Less/plus: adjustments ⁽¹⁾	(9,677)	(6,138)	(29,452)	(18,417)
Employee compensation and benefits (adjusted)	203,430	181,042	521,604	483,266
Non-compensation expenses				
Non-compensation expenses (GAAP)	\$ 52,392	\$ 48,590	\$ 144,672	\$ 132,779
Less/plus: adjustments ⁽²⁾	(2,498)	(1,550)	(13,259)	(7,507)
Non-compensation expenses (adjusted)	49,894	47,040	131,413	125,272
Operating income				
Operating income (GAAP)	\$ 68,016	\$ 62,243	\$ 160,946	\$ 158,546
Less/plus: adjustments ⁽³⁾	12,175	7,688	42,711	25,924
Operating income (adjusted)	80,191	69,931	203,657	184,469
Other (income)/expense, net				
Other (income)/expense, net (GAAP)	\$ (1,039)	\$ (688)	\$ (3,787)	\$ (3,301)
Less/plus: adjustments ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	719
Other (income)/expense, net (adjusted)	(1,039)	(688)	(3,787)	(2,582)
Provision for income taxes				
Provision for income taxes (GAAP)	\$ 20,161	\$ 18,974	\$ 39,954	\$ 48,089
Less/plus: adjustments ⁽⁵⁾	3,558	845	19,894	5,984
Provision for income taxes (adjusted)	23,719	19,819	59,848	54,073
Net income				
Net income (GAAP)	\$ 48,894	\$ 43,957	\$ 124,779	\$ 113,758
Less/plus: adjustments ⁽⁶⁾	8,617	6,843	22,817	19,221
Net income (adjusted)	57,511	50,799	147,596	132,979
Diluted EPS (GAAP)	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.67	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.72
Diluted adjusted EPS	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.77	\$ 2.24	\$ 2.02

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

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- Consists of pre-IPO grant vesting, including grants re-awarded following forfeiture, if any (\$6,193) in Q3 FY20 and \$(6,138) in Q3 FY19; \$(18,269) in YTD Q3 FY20 and \$(18,417) in YTD Q3 FY19, and acquisition-related retention pools \$(3,484) in Q3 FY20 and \$0 in Q3 FY19; \$(11,183) in YTD Q3 FY20 and \$0 in YTD Q3 FY19).
- Includes costs associated with Houlihan Lokey, Inc.'s secondary offering of stock (\$0 in Q3 FY20 and \$0 in Q3 FY19; \$(665) in YTD Q3 FY20 and \$(498) in YTD Q3 FY19), acquisition related costs \$(579) in Q3 FY20 and \$0 Q3 FY19; \$(579) YTD Q3 FY20 and \$(1,929) in YTD Q3 FY19), acquisition-related amortization \$(1,919) in Q3 FY20 and \$(1,550) in Q3 FY19; \$(5,184) YTD Q3 FY20 and \$(4,461) YTD Q3 FY19), HL Finance setup costs (\$0 in Q3 FY20 and \$0 in Q3 FY19; \$0 in YTD Q3 FY20 and \$(619) in YTD Q3 FY19), and costs associated with our London office consolidation and move (\$0 in Q3 FY20 and \$0 in Q3 FY19; \$(6,831) YTD Q3 FY20 and \$0 YTD Q3 FY19).
- Includes adjustments from (1) and (2) above.
- Includes the reduction of an earnout liability (\$0 in Q3 FY20 and \$0 in Q3 FY19; \$0 YTD Q3 FY20 and \$719 YTD Q3 FY19).
- Includes adjustments to determine the adjusted effective tax rate, which are: the Tax Act (\$0 in Q3 FY20 and \$(1,313) in Q3 FY19; \$0 in YTD Q3 FY20 and \$(1,313) in YTD Q3 FY19) and a YTD Q3 FY20 adjustment of \$7,605 relating to shares vested during the first quarter of the fiscal year. The resulting tax impact using the adjusted effective tax rate, of the adjustments described in footnotes 1, 2, and 4 above is \$(3,558) in Q3 FY20 and \$2,158 in Q3 FY19; \$12,289 YTD Q3 FY20 and \$7,297 YTD Q3 FY19).
- Consists of the adjustments described above net of the tax impact of described adjustments.



Our Mission

We help our clients achieve superior outcomes by providing thoughtful, caring advice while acting with honor and integrity. We are strategic in our approach to growth and are committed to creating lasting value for our shareholders. We maintain an intellectually stimulating, fair, and fun place to work. We seek to improve our local and global communities through the responsible and direct actions of our firm and its people.

Our Vision

We will be recognized globally for providing the finest financial advice and service to our clients and the best place to work for our colleagues.

