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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 financial statements, 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 2015–2020

- Revenues CAGR¹ of 11%
- Unadjusted² Net Income CAGR¹ of 18%
- Adjusted Net Income CAGR^{1,3} of 21%

1972

ESTABLISHED

1,000+

CLIENTS SERVED ANNUALLY

23

LOCATIONS WORLDWIDE

203

MANAGING DIRECTORS⁴

1,127

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 23 for the most directly comparable GAAP measure for the period.

4. As of September 30, 2020; 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	125	47	31
LTM 9/30/20 Revenues / % of Total	\$553 / 49%	\$410 / 37%	\$160 / 14%
LTM 9/30/20 Revenues per MD³	\$4.6	\$8.6	\$5.2
LTM 9/30/20 Closed Transactions / Fee Events⁴	267	116	1,365

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

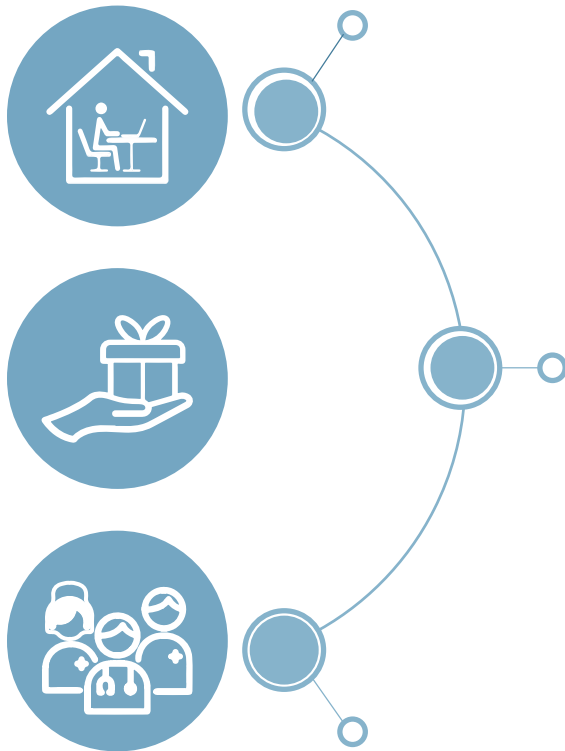
1. Defined as transactions \$1 billion or less in value.

2. As of September 30, 2020; 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 press release to closed transactions should be understood to be the same as transactions that are "effectively closed" as described in our periodic reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q.

Our Response to COVID-19



We Are Doing Our Part

- Beginning in mid-March, our workforce began working from home to help mitigate the spread of the virus.
 - We have bolstered our IT capabilities, successfully transitioning our employees to working remotely.
 - Our Summer Analyst and Associate programs went smoothly.
- We have largely remained virtual except for a handful of offices in Europe and Asia that re-opened along with the host countries, as well as a few other offices that soft-opened.
- Since the outbreak of the virus, the firm has donated nearly \$2 million to charities that provide emergency medical resources to those in need.
- Our employees continue to give to philanthropic organizations across the globe that are contributing towards crisis response.

Impact of COVID-19 on Our Business and the Market

The COVID-19 pandemic has created significant volatilities to the market, driving near-term challenges but also opportunities in the mid- to long-term; Houlihan Lokey is prepared for this operating environment.

Business environment seeing mixed results

- The equity markets have generally regained their lost value from the sell-off in March, and are trading near CY19 year-end levels.
- As of early September, year-to-date U.S. high yield volume sits at ~\$294 billion, outpacing last year by ~74%.
- As of September 2020, global M&A announced transaction value decreased by 26% and volume decreased by 10%, while U.S. M&A announced transaction value decreased by 40% and volume remained relatively flat, all compared to same prior YTD period.
- “Large Company” (assets in excess of \$100 million) Chapter 11 filings in the U.S. were up 52% in 2020 versus 2019 (211 vs. 139).

Our business model is working the way it was intended

- Since the pandemic began, HLI has seen a significant decline in closed M&A transactions; however, new business activities have increased significantly over the past quarter.
- New business activity levels in Financial Restructuring remains strong, but has leveled off somewhat from the pace experienced in the early months of the pandemic.
- Our FVA business has generally been flat, with some of its product lines increasing as a result of increased market volatility while other lines were negatively affected by the dislocation in M&A markets.

The U.S. economy has seen recovery in recent months, but still remains weak

- In September, the unemployment rate declined by 0.5 percentage point to 7.9 percent, and the number of unemployed persons fell by 1.0 million to 12.6 million.
- Despite declines over the past 5 months, unemployment rate is up by 4.4 percentage points and the number of unemployed persons increased by 6.8 million, since February.
- Overall, as of September, the U.S. has ~11 million fewer jobs than in February.

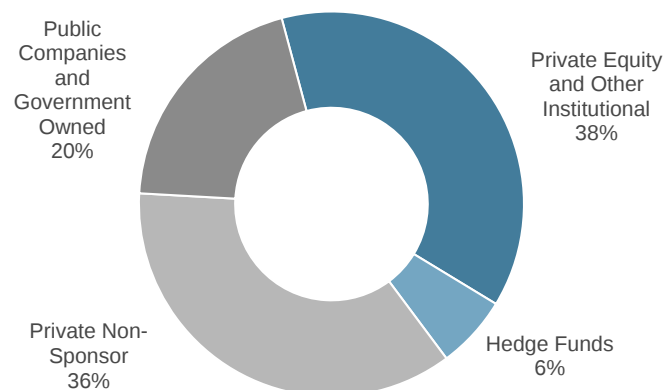
Our financial results remain strong

- In Q2 fiscal 2021, pre tax margin was 26.2%, higher than the 23.5% in 2020.
- In Q2 fiscal 2021, compensation ratio was up, non-compensation ratio was down, and income tax rates were down compared to fiscal 2020.
- In May 2020, we raised \$189 million in cash through an equity offering in order to provide the firm the flexibility to continue to grow through acquisitions and make selective hiring during the pandemic and its aftermath.

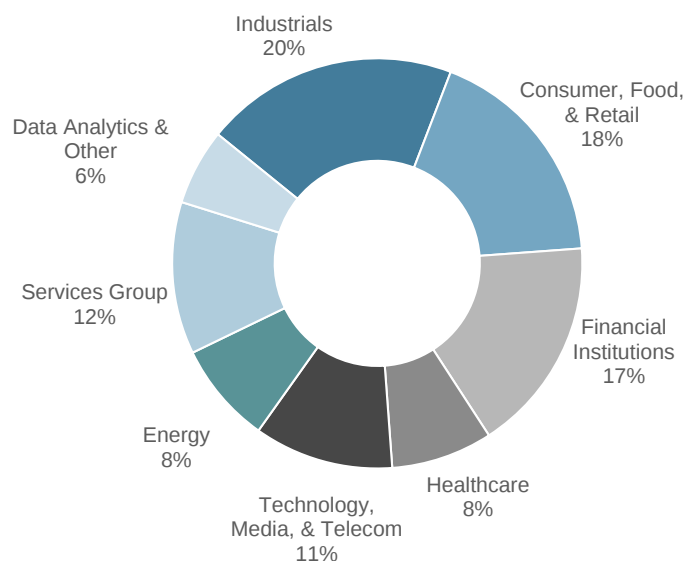
Diversified Revenues Base

- More than 1,000 clients served annually
- For FY 2020:
 - 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 2% of shares outstanding
- Together, our Corporate Finance and Financial Restructuring businesses provide a natural hedge

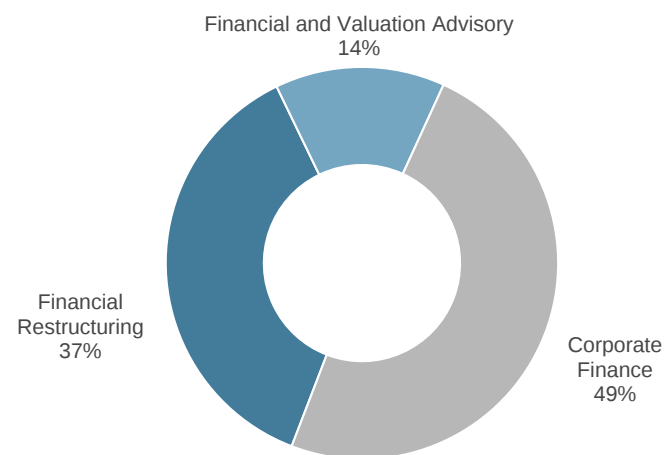
Balanced Client Mix¹



Diversified Industry Mix¹



Diversified Product Mix¹

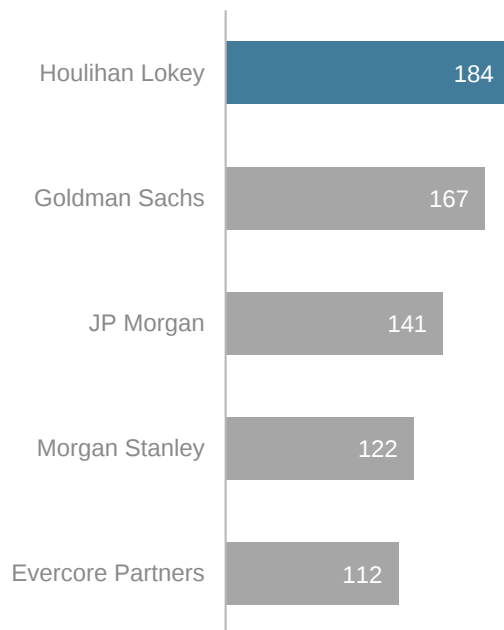


1. Based on revenues for the LTM ended September 30, 2020.

Market Leader in All Three Business Segments

Top U.S. M&A Advisor

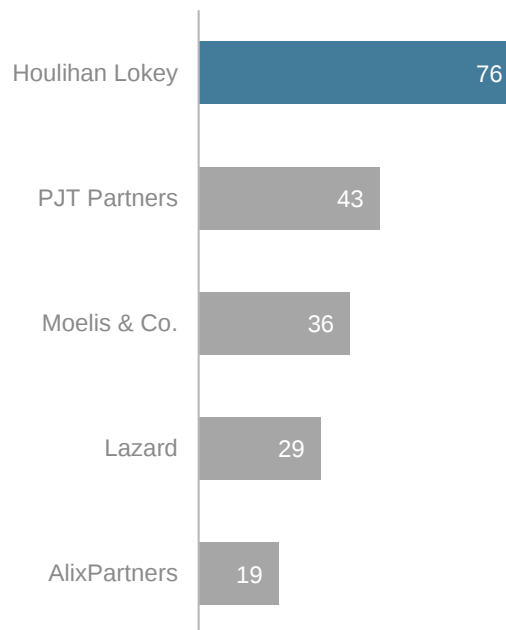
CY 2019 Financial Advisors by Number Of U.S. M&A Deals



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

Top Global Restructuring Advisor

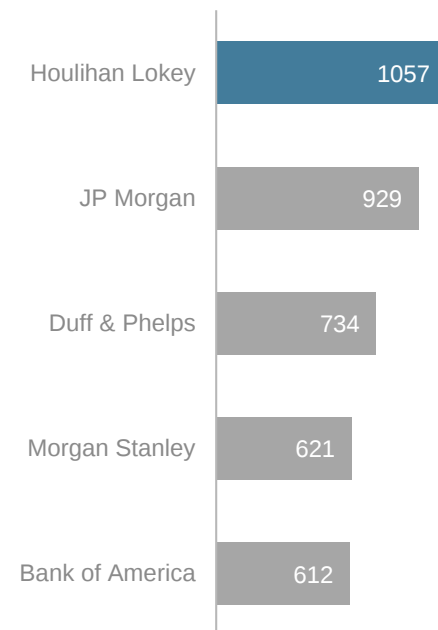
CY 2019 Global Distressed Debt and Bankruptcy Restructuring Deals



- 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

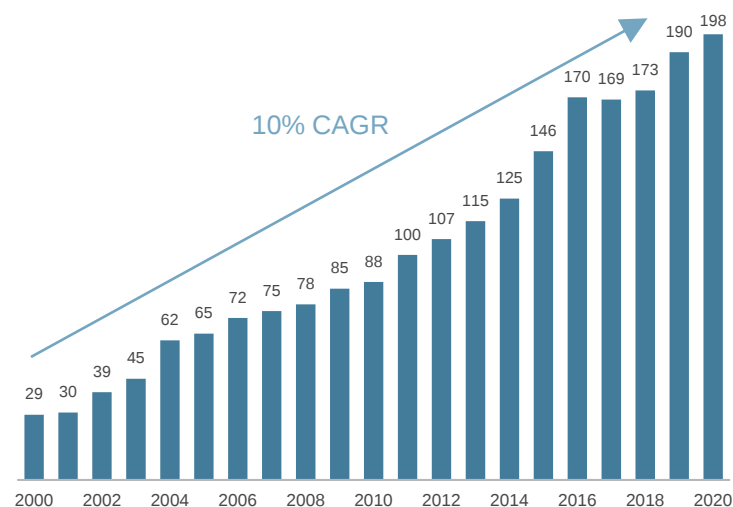
Global M&A Fairness Advisors: Announced or Completed Deals (CY 2000 to CY 2019)



- 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

Organic Growth Strengthened by Strategic Acquisitions

Growth in Managing Director Headcount¹



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
- Private fundraising for Institutional Clients
- HL Finance

Growth Through Acquisitions

 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	 QUAYLE MUNRO Data and Analytics, Content, Software, and Services Advisory Firm April 2018	 BEAR TOOTH ADVISORS Private Equity Fundraising Advisory Firm May 2018	 fidentiis CAPITAL Spain-Focused Investment Banking Firm November 2019	 Freeman & Co. Financial Institutions Group-Focused Investment Bank December 2019	 MVP CAPITAL Technology, Media, & Telecom-Focused Investment Bank August 2020

1. Fiscal years ended March 31.

Comprehensive Coverage and Global Scale

1,555 Global Employees in 23 Locations

North America

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

Europe and Middle East

Amsterdam
Dubai
Frankfurt
London
Madrid
Milan
Paris

Asia-Pacific

Beijing
Hong Kong
Singapore
Sydney
Tokyo

Strong Partnership Culture With Experienced Leadership

Deep and Experienced Management Team



Scott L. Beiser
CEO
37 years with Houlihan Lokey



Irwin N. Gold
Executive Chairman
32 years with Houlihan Lokey



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



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



J. Lindsey Alley
CFO
25 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 66% 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 September 30, 2020. Excludes Managing Directors from acquisitions.

2. For the FY ended March 31, 2020.

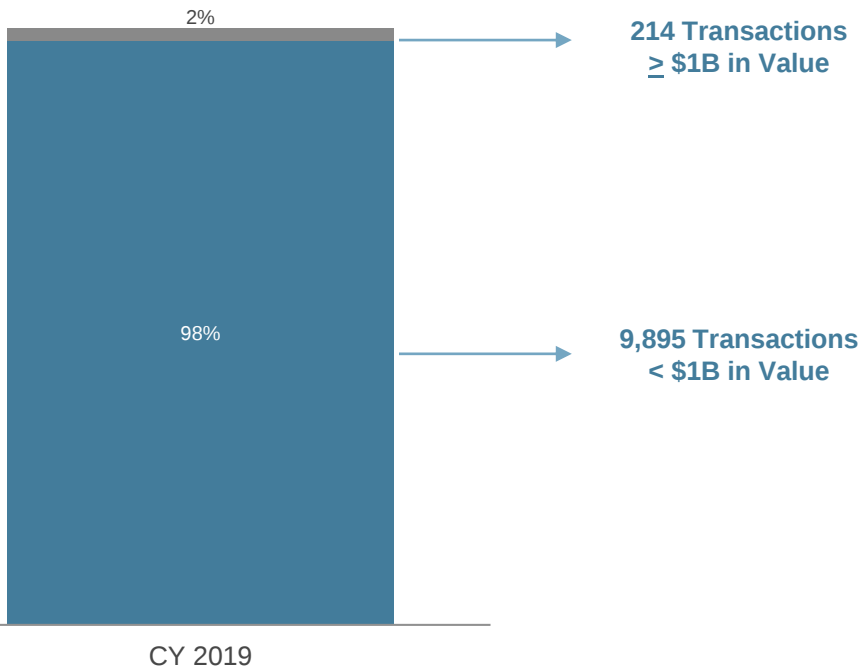
Overview of Business Segments

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

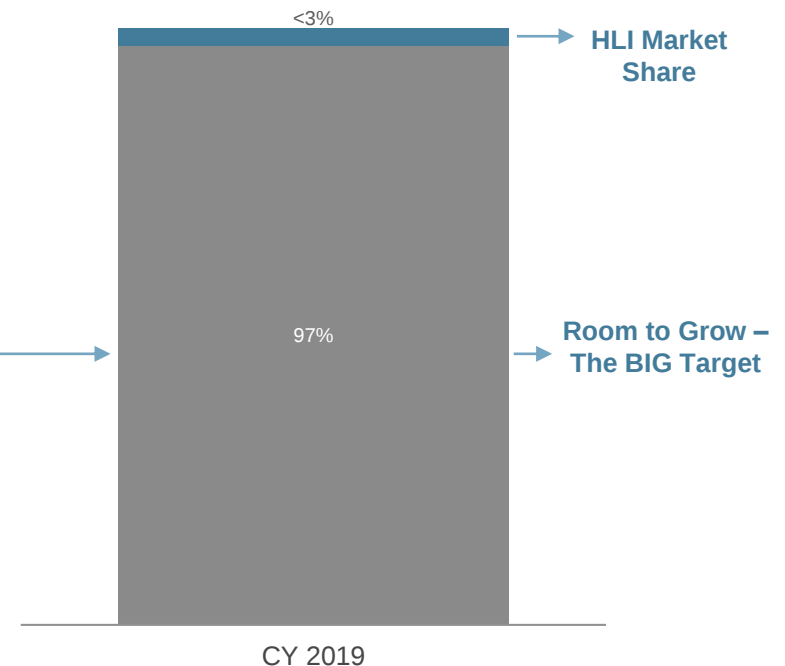
U.S. Closed M&A Transactions CY 2019

10,109 Transactions



Mid-Cap Transactions

9,895 Transactions

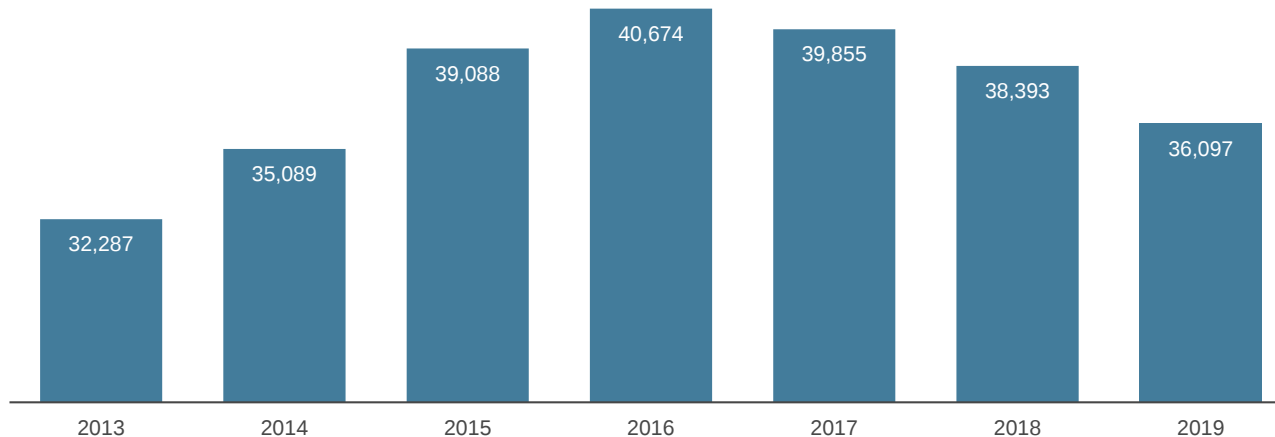


Corporate Finance Business – M&A

- 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

Capital Markets Advisory

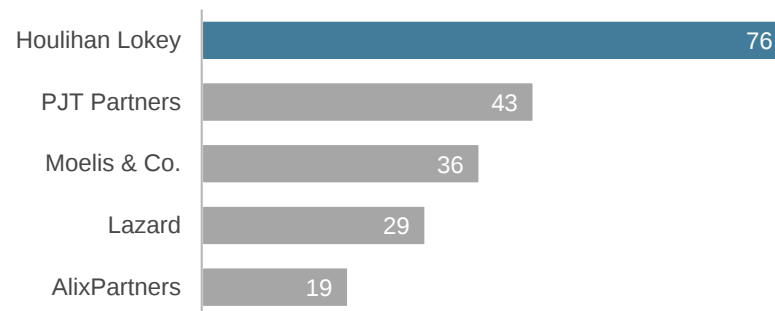
- Independent advisor on bank commitments and securities offerings
- Drive competition to optimize positioning, structure/terms and syndication
- Evaluate public vs. private market solutions
- Ability to act as bookrunner / co-manager

Financial Restructuring Business

- Deepest bench in the industry, with 47 Managing Directors and 281 total finance professionals as of September 30, 2020
- 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

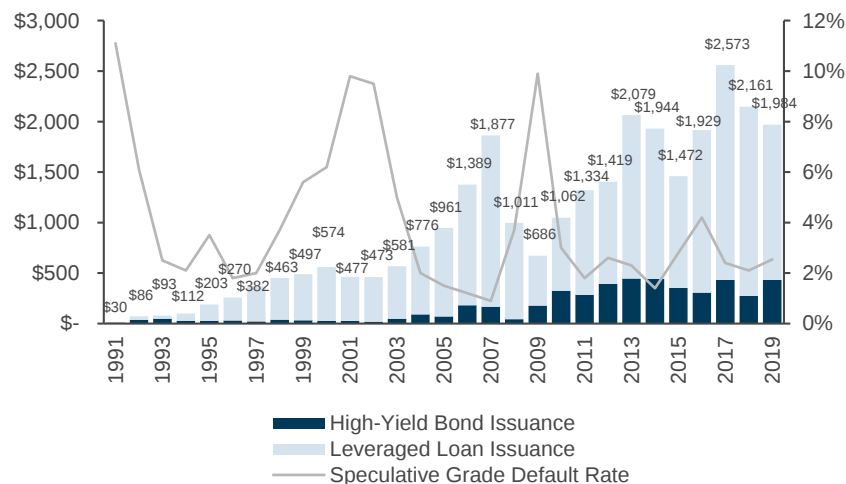
Advisor in 12 of the 15 Largest Bankruptcies 2000–2019

	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

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

Houlihan Lokey has one of the largest Financial Sponsors Group focused on mid and large-cap funds.

Broad and Deep Financial Sponsor Group

- HL has 19 senior officers dedicated to the sponsor community in North America and Europe
- Coverage of 900+ private equity firms, 250+ hedge funds and 125+ family offices
- Organized geographically to ensure client coverage proximity

Importance of Our Sponsor Relationships

- Worked on over 1,000 engagements involving sponsors and their portfolio companies
- Sold close to 400 companies to financial sponsors over the last five years
- Buyout firms have approximately \$735 billion of dry powder¹
- Provide financial sponsors access to successful solutions – with coverage officers facilitating two-way information flow between the sponsors and Houlihan Lokey

In-Depth Data on Buyer Behavior

- Knowledge of and database on financial sponsor preferences and behavior through our relationships and deal flow
- Collect and analyze comprehensive data on industry, size and general market trends

Most Active Investment Banks to US P.E.²

1	Houlihan Lokey	81
2	Lincoln International	67
3	Jefferies	61
4	William Blair	58
5	Piper Sandler	55

1. Source: Preqin.

2. Represents number of transactions closed as of CY 2019. Source: PitchBook.

Robust Long Term 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 2015 to FY 2020) revenues CAGR of 11%
- Resilient business mix consisting of cyclical and countercyclical elements
- Leader in each of our three business segments with ample growth opportunities

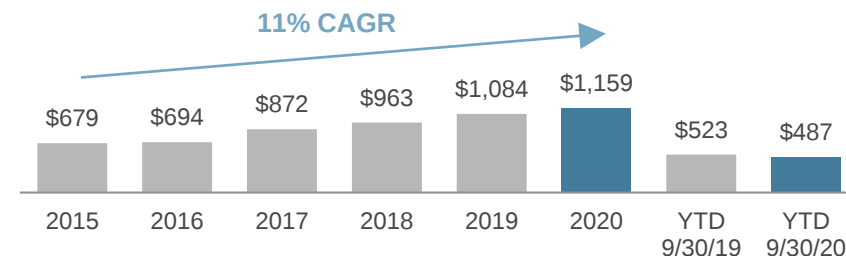
Consistent track record of profitability through market cycles

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

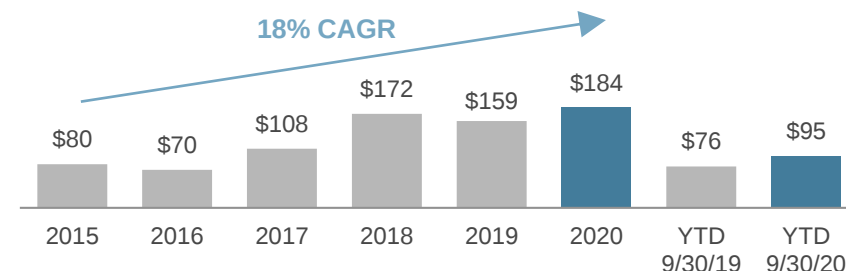
Scalable, capital-light model

- 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

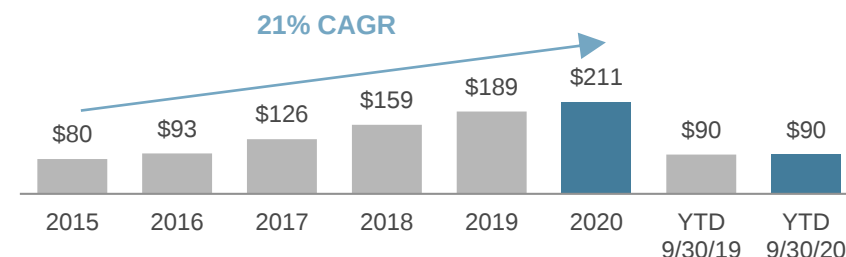
Revenues



GAAP Net Income



Adjusted Net Income¹

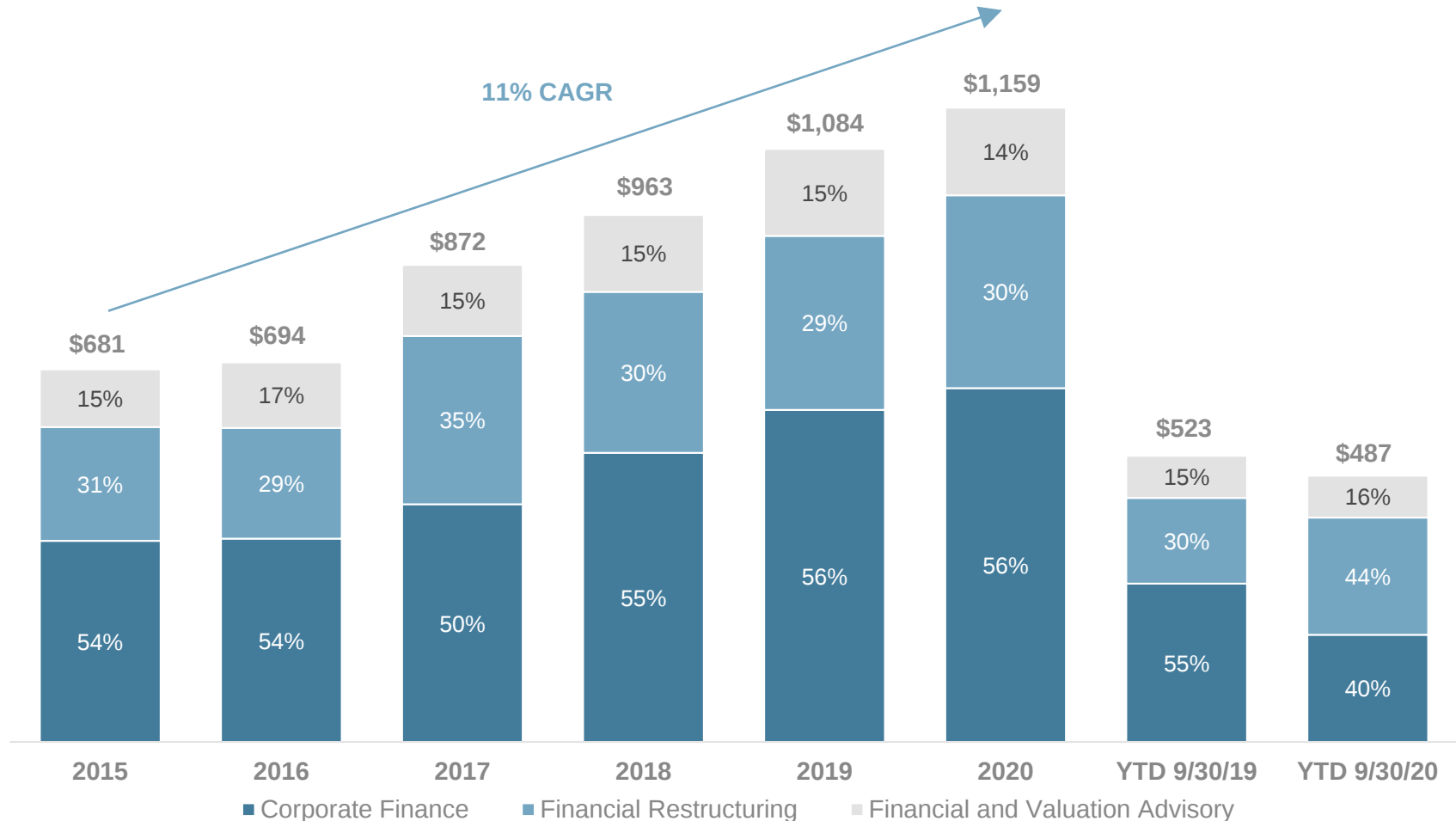


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1. Adjusted Net Income is a non-GAAP financial measure. See page 25 for a description and reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP measure. Please refer to previously filed earnings releases for historical adjustments.

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)

	Three Months Ended September 30		Six Months Ended September 30	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>				
Revenues	\$ 275,736	\$ 272,810	\$ 486,872	\$ 523,159
Employee compensation and benefits				
Employee compensation and benefits (GAAP)	\$ 177,249	\$ 174,638	\$ 314,370	\$ 337,949
(Less)/plus: Pre-IPO grant vesting	—	(5,964)	—	(12,076)
(Less)/plus: Acquisition related retention payments	(2,159)	(3,215)	(7,320)	(7,699)
Employee compensation and benefits (adjusted)	175,090	165,459	307,050	318,174
Non-compensation expenses				
Non-compensation expenses (GAAP)	\$ 31,612	\$ 53,019	\$ 63,037	\$ 92,280
(Less)/plus: Secondary offering related costs	—	(251)	(418)	(665)
(Less)/plus: Acquisition related costs	(1,258)	—	(1,258)	—
(Less)/plus: Acquisition amortization	(888)	(1,711)	(1,886)	(3,265)
(Less)/plus: Oracle ERP implementation	(736)	—	(736)	—
(Less)/plus: London office buildout	—	(6,831)	—	(6,831)
Non-compensation expenses (adjusted)	28,730	44,226	58,739	81,519
Operating income				
Operating income (GAAP)	\$ 66,875	\$ 45,153	\$ 109,465	\$ 92,930
(Less)/plus: Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	5,041	17,972	11,618	30,536
Operating income (adjusted)	71,916	63,125	121,083	123,466
Other (income)/expense, net				
Other (income)/expense, net (GAAP)	\$ (196)	\$ (1,101)	\$ (1,357)	\$ (2,748)
Other (income)/expense, net (adjusted)	(196)	(1,101)	(1,357)	(2,748)
Provision for income taxes				
Provision for income taxes (GAAP)	\$ 18,281	\$ 13,144	\$ 15,932	\$ 19,793
(Less)/plus: Impact of the excess tax benefit for stock vesting	—	—	13,408	7,605
Adjusted provision for income taxes	18,281	13,144	29,340	27,398
(Less)/plus: Resulting tax impact ⁽²⁾	1,377	5,108	3,039	8,731
Provision for income taxes (adjusted)	19,658	18,252	32,379	36,129
Net income				
Net income (GAAP)	\$ 48,790	\$ 33,110	\$ 94,890	\$ 75,885
(Less)/plus: adjustments ⁽³⁾	3,664	12,864	(4,829)	14,200
Net income (adjusted)	52,454	45,974	90,061	90,085
Diluted EPS (GAAP)	\$0.70	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.15
Diluted EPS (adjusted)	\$0.75	\$ 0.70	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.37

1. The aggregate of adjustments from employee compensation and benefits and non-compensation expenses.
2. Reflects the tax impact of utilizing the adjusted effective tax rate on the non-tax adjustments identified above.
3. Consists of all adjustments identified above net of the associated tax impact.



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.

