#### **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934  $\,$ 

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 17, 2021

Commission File Number 0-25346

#### ACI WORLDWIDE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 47-0772104

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2811 Ponce de Leon Blvd Suite 1300 Coral Gables, Florida

33134

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(305) 894-2200 (Registrant's telephone number, inclu ne number, including area code)

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#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 17, 2021, ACI Worldwide, Inc. ("the Company") issued a press release with its long-term guidance. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

On November 17, 2021, ACI Worldwide, Inc. (the "Company") posted investor relations materials on its website (www.aciworldwide.com). A copy of the presentation materials is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

The foregoing information (including the exhibits hereto) is being furnished under "Item 7.01- Regulation FD Disclosure." Such information (including the exhibits hereto) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release dated November 17, 2021 99.2

Investor presentation materials dated November 17, 2021

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

#### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized. ACI WORLDWIDE, INC. (Registrant)

By:

Date: November 17, 2021

/s/ SCOTT W. BEHRENS

Scott W. Behrens Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Financial Officer)



#### Analyst Day 2021: ACI Worldwide Strategy on Track and Increases Long-Term Guidance

MIAMI, FL—November 17, 2021—ACI Worldwide (NASDAQ: ACIW), a leading global provider of real-time digital payment software, today hosted a hybrid virtual and in-person briefing in New York with investors and analysts. The Company said its three-pillar strategy is on track, presented an increase in its long-term guidance and shared plans for leveraging its leadership in real time to shape the future of global payments.

ACI Worldwide plans to accelerate revenue growth from mid-single digits to mid to high single-digits, reaching an expected 7-9% organic revenue growth rate in 2024. This revised outlook results from the success of ACI's transformation and execution of its three-pillar strategy and is higher than previous expectations of mid-single-digit organic revenue growth. The Company continues to expect a gradual increase in net adjusted EBITDA margin over the same period.

"We are at the forefront of shaping the future of payments globally. I am proud to say ACI is in a great position to modernize and innovate the world's payments software. As payments evolve, we believe real time will accelerate in both volume and value and we are enabling our customers to succeed in this brave new world of payments," said Odilon Almeida, president and CEO, ACI Worldwide.

"Our 3-pillar strategy - Fit-for-growth, Focused-on-growth, and Step-change value creation, which remains unchanged from last year, is on track and is guiding us through this journey, while also creating shareholder value in the short- and long-term," Almeida concluded.

Scott Behrens, chief financial officer, ACI Worldwide, said, "ACI is well-positioned to benefit from the explosive growth in real-time payments. We have the framework in place to deliver significant value to shareholders with our increased long-term organic revenue growth outlook, strong cash flow generation, solid balance sheet and financial flexibility to balance growth investments and return cash to shareholders.'

A replay of the event, along with the accompanying presentation, is available on the Company's investor relations website.

About ACI Worldwide
ACI Worldwide is a global software company that provides mission-critical real-time payment solutions to corporations. Customers use our proven, scalable and secure solutions to process and manage digital payments, enable omni-commerce payments, present and process bill payments, and manage fraud and risk. We combine our global footprint with local presence to drive the real-time digital transformation of payments and commerce.

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Forward-looking statements in this press release include, but are not limited to, statements regarding:

(i) our plans to accelerate revenue growth from mid-single digits to mid- to high-single-digits, reaching an expected 7-9% organic revenue growth in 2024; (ii) our expectations of a gradual increase in net adjusted EBITDA; (iii) being at the forefront of shaping the future of payments globally; (iv) that our three-pillar strategy is creating shareholder value in the short- and long-term; and (v) that we are well-positioned to benefit from explosive growth in real-time payments; and (vi) that we have the framework in place to deliver significant value to shareholders.

All of the foregoing forward-looking statements are expressly qualified by the risk factors discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such factors include, but are not limited to, increased competition, demand for our products, restrictions and other financial covenants in our debt agreements, consolidations and failures in the financial services industry, customer reluctance to switch to a new vendor, the accuracy of management's backlog estimates, failure to obtain renewals of customer contracts or to obtain such renewals on favorable terms, delay or cancellation of customer projects or inaccurate project completion estimates, volatility and disruption of the capital and credit markets and adverse changes in the global economy, events outside of our control including natural disasters, wars, and outbreaks of disease, our ability to attract and retain senior management personnel and skilled technical employency existing levels of debt, potential adverse effects from the impending replacement of LIBOR, impairment of our goodwill or intangible assets, litigation, future acquisitions, strategic partnerships and investments, integration of and achieving benefits from the Speedpay acquisition, the complexity of our products and services and the risk that they may contain hidden defects or be subjected to security breaches or viruses, compliance of our products with applicable legislation, governmental regulations and industry standards, our ability to protect customer information from security breaches or attacks, our compliance with privacy regulations, our ability to adequately defend our intellectual property, exposure to credit or operating risks arising from certain payment funding methods, the cyclical nature of our revenue and earnings and the accuracy of forecasts due to the concentration of revenue-generating activity during the final weeks of each quarter, business interruptions or failure of our information technology and communication systems, our offshore software developmen



## **ACI Worldwide Analyst Day**

November 17, 2021

#### **Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of** 1995 Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements

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## Welcome

**John Kraft** 

Head of Strategy and Finance



# Leading the future of payments worldwide

**Odilon Almeida** 

President and CEO

## **Key takeaways**

ACI is well positioned to lead the future of payments through Real Time

ACI has built momentum; our 3-pillar strategy is already delivering results

We are continually reviewing the company's portfolio for shareholder value maximization



#### **Our Vision**

To be the global leader in real-time payments

#### **Our Mission**

To accelerate global commerce through real-time payments

### **Our Purpose**

To create global prosperity through real-time payments



## Our story is simple, yet powerful

We are a global software company

Our software powers mission-critical payment systems

For leading corporations, fintechs and financial disruptors worldwide



Our software processes...

\$14 Trillion

in payments and securities transactions. Every. Day.



## The world's largest banks, bank on us

of the top 20 banks worldwide

of the top 100 banks globally

87
countries
with customers



## We transform retail experiences worldwide

>80,000
merchants powered by ACI directly and through PSPs

**>250**API library



### We lead the U.S. direct-to-biller market

>3,000 billers in the U.S.

>500
million bill pay transactions annually

~9,000
endpoint relationships



## We are at the forefront of real-time

17 country real-time schemes

central bank infrastructures in Asia-Pacific and Latin America

50% of U.K. Faster Payments transactions



## **ACI** serves the world



## Our addressable market is growing





Source: GlobalData 14

### Real-time is the growth engine of global payments



**//CI** Worldwide

Source: GlobalData 15

## We are building the NextGen real-time payments cloud





### Our journey started in 2020 and is yielding results

#### MARGIN

2020 net adjusted EBITDA margin increased more than

450 basis points

#### **REVENUE**

Expect 2021 organic revenue growth to

accelerate to 5%

#### **INCREASED GUIDANCE**

2021 revenue estimated at

\$1.355B - \$1.360B

#### **RULE OF 40**

Will reach Rule of 40 in 2021 with a

score of 42%

Estimates based on achieving full-year 2021 guidance

Rule of 40 equals sum of total company organic revenue growth and net adjusted EBITDA margin



## Our three-pillar strategy is working





## 400

## FIT FOR GROWTH

We are organized and operating with a strong focus on growth

## FOCUSED ON GROWTH

We are focusing investments on the biggest growth opportunities and continue to accelerate the digital transformation of payments

## STEP-CHANGE VALUE CREATION

We continue to build on our successful history of mergers and acquisitions



### Agenda: A closer look at our three-pillar strategy

#### Pillar 1: Fit for Growth

Tony Dinkins, Chief Human Resources Officer Eve Aretakis, Chief Revenue Officer

#### Pillar 2: Focused on Growth

Jeremy Wilmot, Chief Product Officer Sanjay Gupta, Head of Billers Debbie Guerra, Head of Merchants Sam Jawad, Head of Banks and Intermediaries Ram Puppala, Chief Technology Officer

#### Pillar 3: Step-Change Value Creation

Craig Maki, Chief Development Officer

#### **Total Shareholder Return**

Scott Behrens, Chief Financial Officer

#### Q&A

Moderated by **John Kraft**, Head of Strategy and Finance





# Fit for Growth An agile and accountable organization

### **Tony Dinkins**

Chief Human Resources Officer

# We have built organizational readiness and efficiency

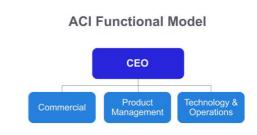
Functional model

Fewer layers

Cost discipline

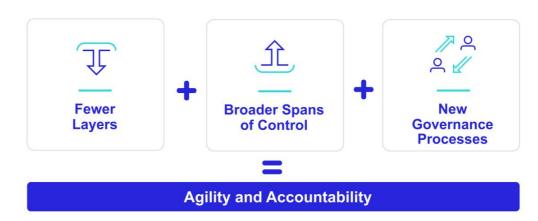
Talent alignment and development

Values-based culture





# We have created an agile and accountable organization





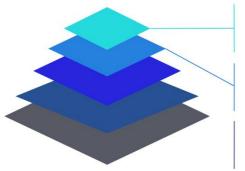
## Our improved efficiencies generated savings for growth investments







## We have strengthened and empowered our leaders



**Two-thirds** of Executive Leadership Team newly hired or in new roles

**More than half** of Senior Leadership Team newly hired or promoted

**More than 800** talented individuals joined ACI year-to-date



# We are building our culture based on new core values







**Accountability** 



**Diversity** 







# Fit for Growth Commercial excellence and discipline to drive organic growth

**Eve Aretakis** 

Chief Revenue Officer

## Commercial excellence and discipline to drive organic growth

Weekly operating cadence

More predictable business model

Local focused "fighting units"

Greater relevance in international markets

Demand generation excellence

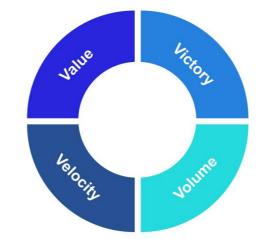
Increased pipeline

Sales compensation linked to revenue

Enhanced customer experience

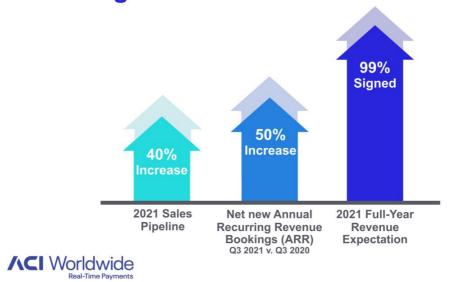


# We have established disciplined pipeline management





# Our disciplined go-to-market approach is delivering results



# We are building stronger customer relationships







# Focused on Growth Accelerating organic growth

**Jeremy Wilmot** 

**Chief Product Officer** 

# We have focused investments in high-growth areas



Real-Time Payments

Global banks and central infrastructures



Global Merchants

Large, sophisticated global merchants



International Markets

High-growth international markets



# We are building the NextGen real-time payments cloud





### ACI is accelerating revenue growth





ACI Worldwide
Real-Time Payments

Estimates based on achieving full year 2021 guidance

2024 growth rates based on long-term forecast

### Our three segments will lead the real-time revolution

### Banks and Intermediaries

Connecting consumer and corporate accounts to domestic and crossborder real-time

#### **Merchants**

Accepting zero interchange, digital, real-time payments

#### **Billers**

Delivering real-time invoices and requests to pay that settle immediately

#### **REAL-TIME LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE**





# Focused on Growth Billers

Sanjay Gupta

Head of Billers

### ACI is the leader in the direct-to-biller market in the U.S.

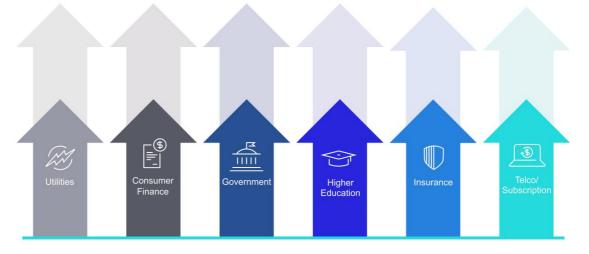






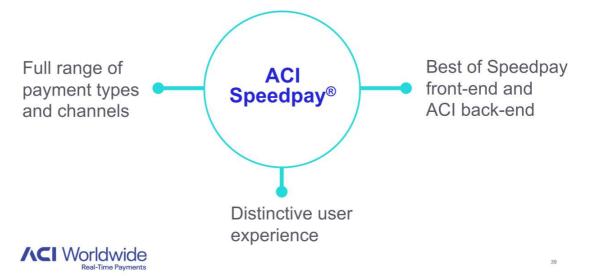


### **ACI** is focused on six verticals



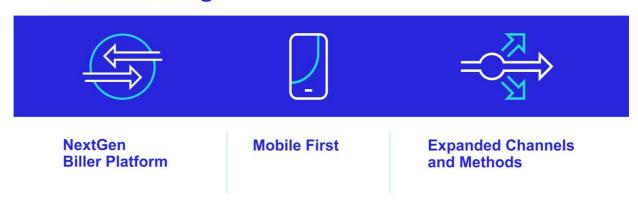


# **ACI's bill payment platform is unique and rapidly transforming**





# Investments to date have strengthened our biller offering





### Focused initiatives will drive growth

Vertical channel partnerships

Value-added services

Real-time payments

Modernization and innovation



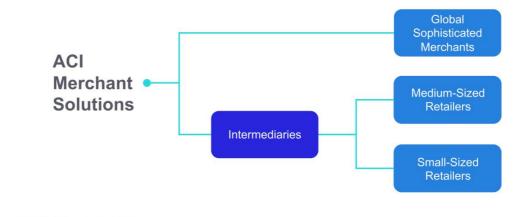


# Focused on Growth Merchants

**Debbie Guerra** 

**Head of Merchants** 

# ACI sells to large, sophisticated global retailers and intermediaries





### **ACI** offers three powerful merchant solutions



ACI® Omni-Commerce™



ACI Secure eCommerce™



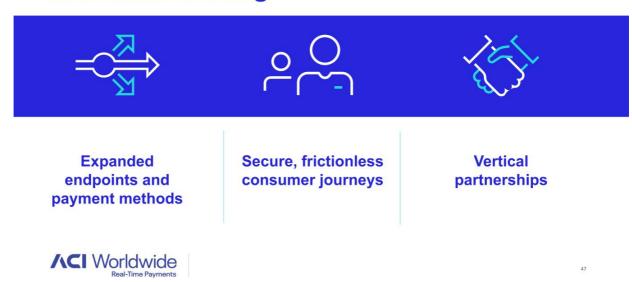
ACI Fraud Management™ for Merchants



# **ACI** is addressing the digital payments transformation



# Investments to date have strengthened our merchant offering



### Focused initiatives will drive growth

Payments acceptance and vertical specialization Al and machine learning

Real-time payments

Modernization and innovation





# Focused on Growth Banks and Intermediaries

#### Sam Jawad

Head of Banks and Intermediaries

### **ACI** serves the entire financial ecosystem



Financial Institutions
Corporations
Processors



Central Infrastructures
Payment Networks



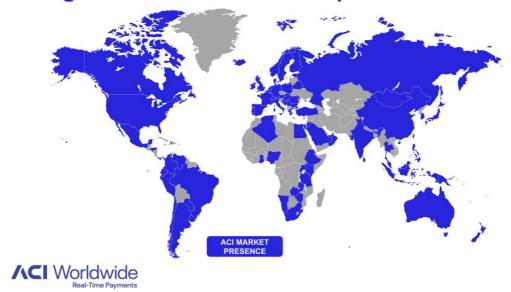
Fintechs Disruptors



### ACI's global reach and local expertise is unmatched



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# Investments to date have strengthened our banks and intermediaries offering





### Focused initiatives will drive growth

International markets

Real-time payments

Modernization and innovation





# Focused on Growth ACI is building the NextGen real-time payments cloud

Ram Puppala

Chief Technology Officer



We are building the NextGen real-time payments cloud by innovating our payments software stack

To power the world's payments value chain

To deliver real-time payment cloud solutions that **span the entire payments ecosystem** with global and local integration

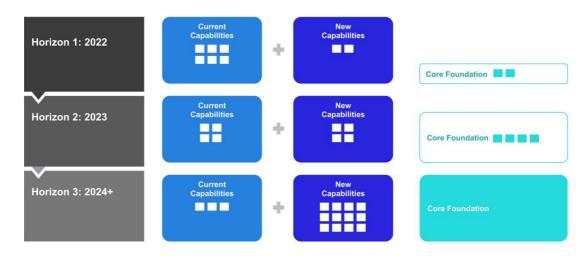


# NextGen real-time payments cloud is comprehensive, yet simple





### We have already started our modernization





# NextGen payments cloud will propel core payments growth for our customers

Extensible through open APIs for faster digital payments innovation Easy-to-access, increasing cloud solutions adoption without major disruption Modernizes and streamlines user experience

Delivers capabilities that are compliant and secure across the full value chain





### **Step-Change Value Creation**

**Craig Maki** 

**Chief Development Officer** 

### We will continue to build on our history of successfully executing inorganic strategies



Continual portfolio review and optimization

Disciplined on price and use of capital

Actionable synergy opportunities

Operational integration excellence



### Optimizing portfolio to maximize shareholder value

Real-time payments, localized last-mile capabilities Bill payment value-added services and strategic partnerships

Scale opportunities

Near and long-term value creation





### **Total Shareholder Return**

#### **Scott Behrens**

**Chief Financial Officer** 

### **ACIW** is well positioned for continued profitable growth

**EXPECTED HIGHLIGHTS** 

5%

ORGANIC REVENUE GROWTH 2021 73% RECURRING REVENUE 2021

38%
NET ADJUSTED
EBITDA MARGIN
2021

42% RULE OF 40 2021

Highest organic revenue growth in almost a decade

Up from 70% in 2019

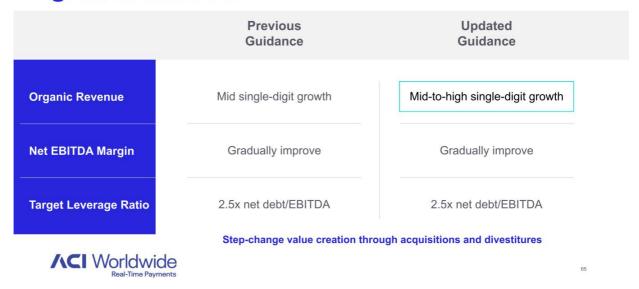
Up 500 bps since 2019

First time ever

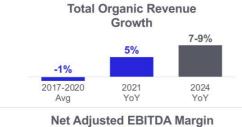


Estimates based on achieving full-year 2021 guidance
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# We are raising our long-term organic growth outlook



# Revenue growth expected to accelerate from 5% in 2021 to 7-9% by 2024



38%

2021



~150 bps

2024



Percentage recurring revenue

>75%



33%

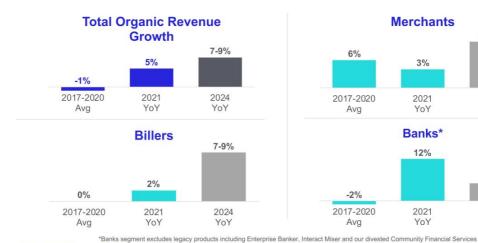
2019

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Adjusted EBITDA excludes an \$18M investment over 3 years to move our European data centers to the public cloud

### ACI is accelerating revenue growth





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# **ACIW** is a resilient company

\$1,355M -\$1,360M

Revenue

2.4x
Debt Leverage

ACI Worldwide
Real-Time Payments

2021 Full-Year Guidance

\$380M -\$385M

Adjusted EBITDA

\$650M

Liquidity

stimates based on achieving full year 2021 guidance

\$250M

Operating Cash Flow

\$100M

Shares repurchased since January 2020

# Our strategy is to balance growth investments with returning cash to shareholders

Targeting half of our free cash flow in the near-term to share repurchases

\$250M

2021 Operating Cash Flow **Allocation Priorities** 

Reinvest M&A Repurchases



ACI remains committed to disciplined deployment of its strong cash flow

# **ACIW** is a strategic investment at an attractive valuation

#### ACIW is a good short-term opportunity

Software company trading at discount to peers

Turnaround story showing early evidence of success

High cash flow and solid balance sheet

Organic growth of 5% in 2021



#### ACIW is a long-term strategic investment

Leading explosive real-time payments growth

Building the next generation of real-time payments cloud

Organic growth of upper single digits by 2024

2024 data based on long-term forecast



# Leading the future of payments worldwide

**Odilon Almeida** 

President and CEO

# **Key takeaways**



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### **Q&A: ACI Worldwide Leadership Team**

#### **Leading the Future of Payments Worldwide**

Odilon Almeida, President and CEO

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# Q&A



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# **Appendix**

To supplement our financial results presented on a GAAP basis, we use non-GAAP measures, including in this presentation, that we believe are helpful in understanding our past financial performance and our future results. The non-GAAP measures in this presentation include pro forma adjustments for our Speedpay acquisition as well as excluding the revenue from our CFS assets sold in 2016, significant transaction expenses, and significant non-cash expenses such as stock-based compensation, depreciation, and amortization. The presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to our GAAP results and are not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP. Management generally compensates for limitations in the use of non-GAAP financial measures by relying on comparable GAAP financial measures and providing investors with a reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures only in addition to and in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP. We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures reflect an additional way to view aspects of our operations that, when viewed with our GAAP results, provide a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our business.



Certain non-GAAP measures include:

- Adjusted EBITDA: net income (loss) plus income tax expense (benefit), net interest income (expense), net other income (expense), depreciation, amortization, and non-cash compensation, as well as significant transaction related expenses. Adjusted EBITDA should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, net income (loss).
- Net Adjusted EBITDA Margin: Adjusted EBITDA divided by revenue net of pass through interchange revenue. Net Adjusted EBITDA Margin should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, net income (loss).
- Adjusted Revenue: total revenue plus the Speedpay pro forma adjustment and less CFS revenue. Adjusted Revenue should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, total revenue.
- Adjusted Interchange: total interchange expense plus the Speedpay pro forma adjustment. Adjusted Interchange should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, interchange.



Adjusted EBITDA (millions) Year Ended December 31,		2019		
Net income	s	67		
Plus:				
Income tax expense		5		
Net interest expense		52		
Net other (income) expense		(1)		
Depreciation expense		24		
Amortization expense		99		
Non-cash stock-based compensation expense		37		
Adjusted EBITDA before significant transaction-related expenses		283		
Significant transaction-related expenses		25		
Adjusted EBITDA		308		
Speedpay proforma adjustment		31		
Adjusted EBITDA including Speedpay pro forma adjustment	\$	339		
Net Adjusted EBITDA Margin		33%		
Recurring Revenue				
SaaS and PaaS fees	\$	678		
Maintenance fees		213		
Recurring revenue	\$	891		

Adjusted Revenue and Net Revenue (millions) Year Ended December 31,	2018	2019
Revenue	\$1,010	\$1,258
Speedpay proforma adjustment	352	125
Total adjusted revenue	\$1,362	\$1,383
Interchange	\$ 170	\$ 322
Speedpay proforma adjustment	184	71
Total adjusted interchange	\$ 354	\$ 393
Net Revenue	\$ 840	\$ 936
Speedpay proforma adjustment	168	54
Total adjusted net revenue	\$1,008	\$ 990



Historic Segment Revenue Information (millions) Year Ended December 31,		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
Revenue											
Biller	\$	256	\$	271	\$	276	\$	511	\$	586	
Excluding Speedpay *		-		1-				(228)		(329)	
Total adjusted Biller		256		271		276		283		257	
Banks		630		620		595		591		559	
Excluding CFS revenue *		(15)	10	-	33	-		-		-	
Total adjusted Banks		615		620		595		591		559	
Merchants		120		132		140		156		149	
Total adjusted revenue	\$	991	\$	1,023	\$	1,011	\$	1,030	\$	965	

\*Revenue by segment amounts exclude revenue from CFS assets sold in 2016 and from acquisition date of Speedpay in 2019.



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Forward-looking statements in this presentation include, but are not limited to, statements relating to expectations regarding: (i) ACIW as a short- and long-term strategic investment and a good short-term opportunity; (ii) the growth of our addressable market; (iii) continuing to accelerate the digital transformation of payments; (iv) 2021 organic revenue growth rate and estimated range, recurring revenue, net adjusted EBITDA margin, and Rule of 40 achievement; (v) achievement of a more predictable business model, greater relevance in international markets, an increased pipeline, and enhanced customer experience; (vi) 2021 sales pipeline, net new annual recurring revenue bookings, and full-year revenue; (vii) 2021 and 2024 revenue growth, percentage recurring revenue, net adjusted EBITDA margin, and Rule of 40 achievement; (viii) our three segments leading the real-time revolution; (ix) initiatives in our Biller, Merchant and Banks and Intermediaries segments driving growth; (x) the building of the next-gen payments cloud, and that the next-gen payments cloud will propel core payments growth for our customers; (xi) building on our history of successfully executing inorganic strategies; (xii) near-and long-term value creation through optimization of our portfolio; (xiii) our long-term outlook for organic revenue growth, net EBITDA margin, and target leverage ratio; (xiv) debt leverage, liquidity and operating cash flow based on achieving 2021 guidance; (xv) targeting half of our free cash flow in the near term to share repurchases; and (xvi) ACIW as a strategic investment at an attractive valuation.



### **Forward Looking Statements**

All of the foregoing forward-looking statements are expressly qualified by the risk factors discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the COVID-19 pandemic, increased competition, business interruptions or failure of our information technology and communication systems, may be subjected to security breaches or viruses, our ability to attract and retain senior management personnel and skilled technical employees, new members of senior management coupled with our headquarters relocation, future acquisitions, strategic partnerships and investments, integration of and achieving benefits from the Speedpay acquisition, implementation and success of our new Three Pillar strategy, impact if we convert some or all on-premise licenses from fixed-term to subscription model, anti-takeover provisions, exposure to credit or operating risks arising from certain payment funding methods, customer reluctance to switch to a new vendor, our ability to adequately defend our intellectual property, litigation, our offshore software development activities, risks from operating internationally, including fluctuations in currency exchange rates, adverse changes in the global economy, compliance of our products with applicable legislation, governmental regulations and industry standards, the complexity of our products and services and the risk that they may contain hidden defects, complex regulations applicable to our payments business, our compliance with privacy regulations, exposure to unknown tax liabilities, consolidations and failures in the financial services industry, volatility in our stock price, demand for our products, failure to obtain renewals of customer contracts or to obtain such renewals on favorable terms, delay or cancellation of customer projects or inaccurate project completion estimates, impairment of our goodwill or intangible assets, the accuracy of management's backlog estimates, the cyclical nature of our revenue and earnings and the accuracy of forecasts due to the concentration of revenue-generating activity during the final weeks of each quarter, restrictions and other financial covenants in our debt agreements, our existing levels of debt, potential adverse effects from the impending replacement of LIBOR, events outside of our control including natural disasters, wars, and outbreaks of disease. For a detailed discussion of these risk factors, parties that are relying on the forward-looking statements should review our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and our



