MSCI FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL-YEAR 2018

Earnings Presentation January 31, 2019



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- Percentage changes and totals in this earnings presentation may not sum due to rounding.
- Percentage changes refer to the comparable period in 2017, unless otherwise noted.
- Gross sales include both recurring subscription and non-recurring sales as reported in Table 6: Sales and Retention Rate by Segment (unaudited) of the press release reporting MSCI's financial results for fourth quarter and full-year 2018.
- Foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations reflect the difference between the current period results as reported compared to the current period results recalculated using the foreign currency exchange rates in effect for the comparable prior period. While operating revenues adjusted for the impact of foreign currency fluctuations includes asset-based fees that have been adjusted for the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, the underlying AUM, which is the primary component of asset-based fees, is not adjusted for foreign currency fluctuations. Approximately two-thirds of the AUM are invested in securities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, and accordingly, any such impact is excluded from the disclosed foreign currency adjusted variances.



Q4'18 – FINANCIAL RESULTS¹

Exceptional Revenue Growth

Revenue Growth (Recurring & Asset-Based Fees)

+8%

(9% & 4%)

Subscription Run Rate Growth Reported / Organic

+7% / +10%

Continued Operational Efficiency

Adj. EBITDA Margin (Change in bps) / Operating Margin (Change in bps)

52.5% (+55 bps) /

47.0% (+91 bps)

Tax

Effective Tax Rate / (YoY Reduction)

18.8%

(3,035 bps)

Adj. EBITDA Growth / Operating Income Growth

+9% / +10%

Capital Optimization

Share Repurchases (Q4 & Q1'19 QTD)

\$754.5 million

5.1 million shares

Avg. Price: \$147.71

Outstanding EPS Growth

Adjusted EPS

+14%

Diluted EPS

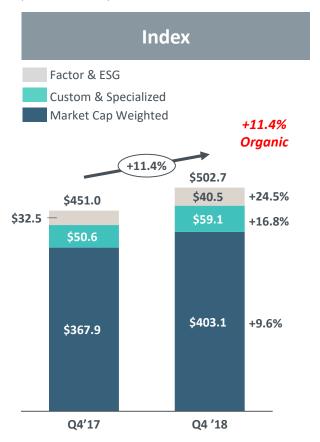
+143%

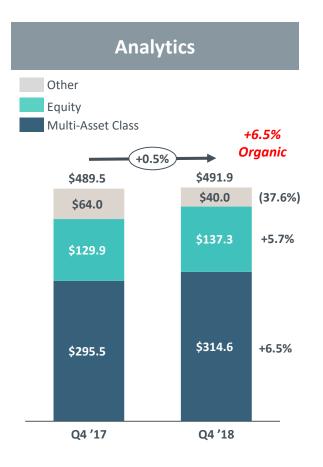
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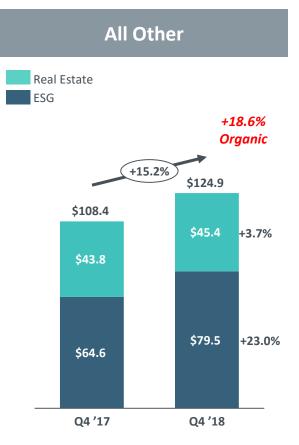


HIGH SUBSCRIPTION RUN RATE GROWTH

(US\$ in millions)







Momentum Across All Client Segments

Best-In-Class Solutions¹
Driving Growth

Integrating ESG Across Entire
Investment Process

¹Solutions refers to the usage of our products and / or services by our clients to help them achieve their specific investment objectives.

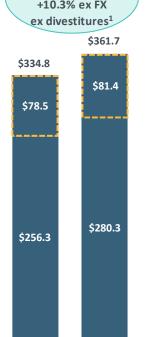


Q4'18 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(US\$ in millions)

Operating Revenue





= Recurring + Non-Recurring Revenue

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= Asset-Based Fees Revenue

Operating Expenses







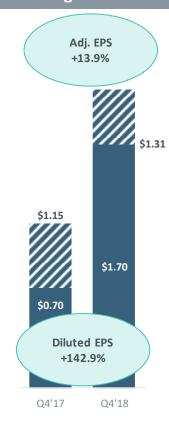
Operating Income

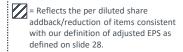




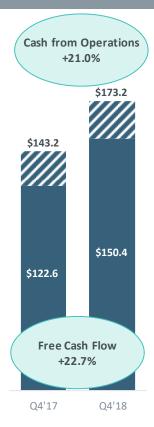
Operating Margin

Earnings Per Share





Cash Generation



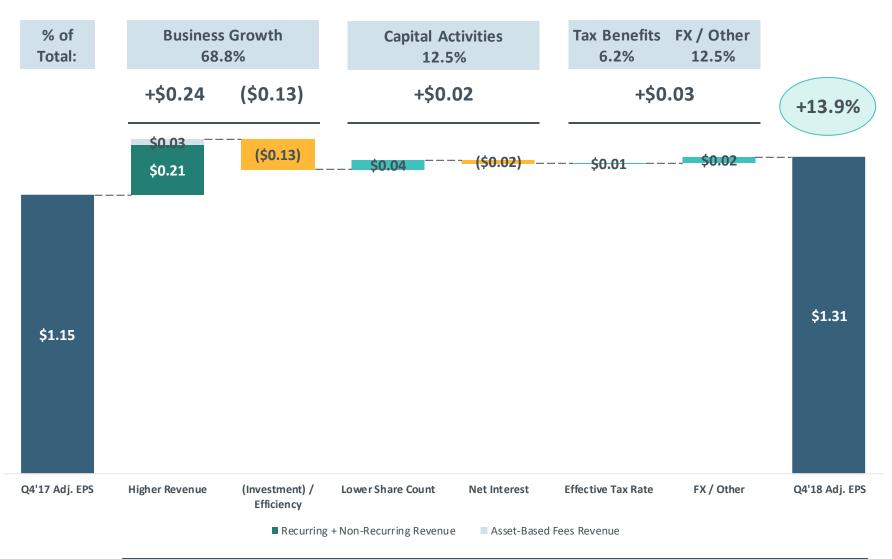


¹ex divestitures refers to excluding the impact of the divestitures of Financial Engineering Associates, Inc. ("FEA") and Investor Force Holdings, Inc. ("InvestorForce")



04'17

ADJUSTED EPS GROWTH



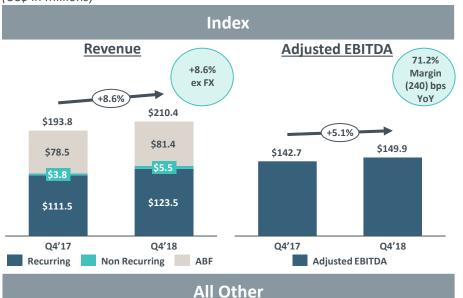


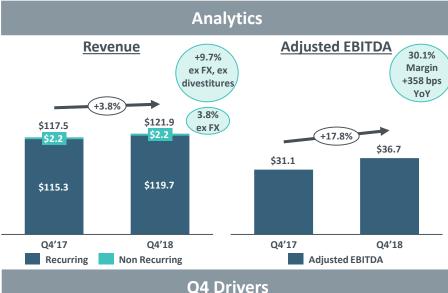
SEGMENT RESULTS



Q4'18 SEGMENT RESULTS





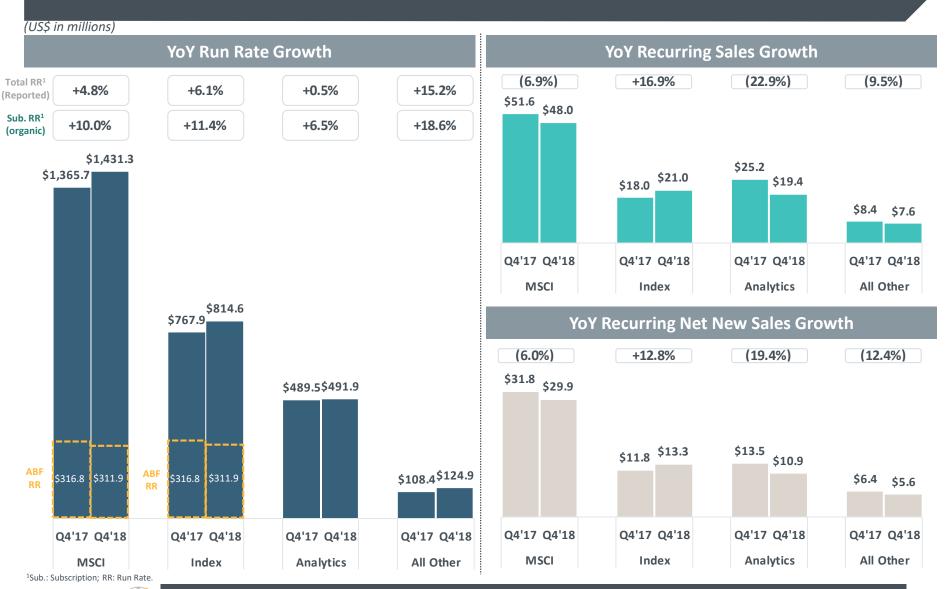


Revenue **Adjusted EBITDA** 10.8% +26.7% Margin ex FX +1,086 bps +24.8% \$29.3 \$0.9 \$23.5 \$1.3 NM \$28.4 \$22.2 \$3.2 (\$0.0)Q4'17 Q4'18 Q4'18 Q4'17 Recurring Non Recurring Adjusted EBITDA

- Demand across all client segments remains robust, driving strong recurring subscription revenue growth
- ABF revenue growth moderating due to lower AUM
- Continue executing strategy while maintaining disciplined approach to investments



Q4 OPERATING METRICS

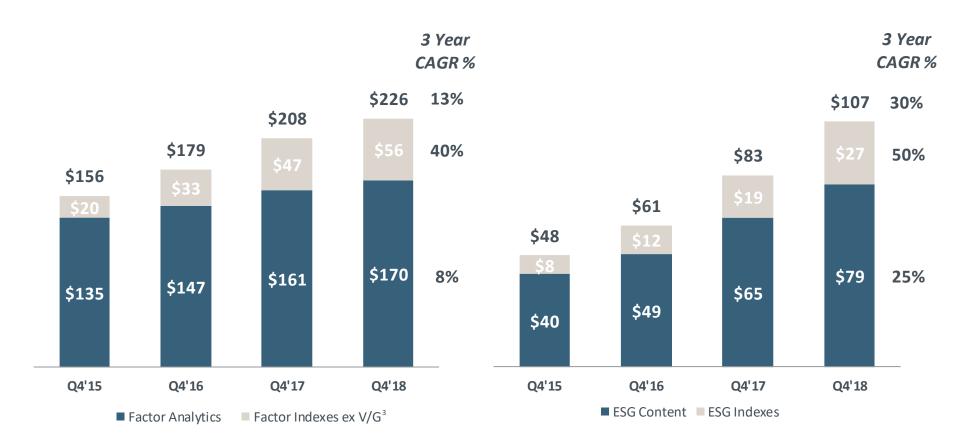


INTEGRATED FACTOR AND ESG RUN RATE TRENDS

(US\$ in millions)

Factor Index and Analytics Run Rate Growth¹

ESG Content and ESG Index Run Rate Growth²

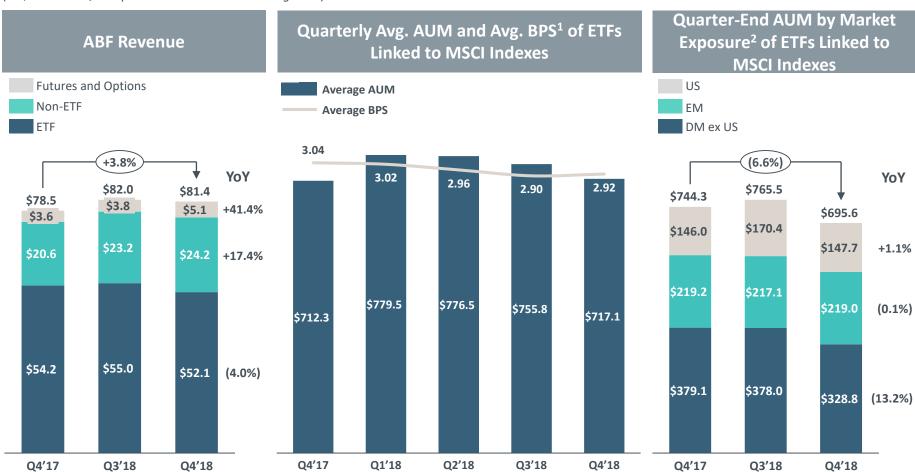


¹Factor Index Run Rate includes Factor related Index subscription and asset-based fees Run Rate, and Factor Analytics Run Rate includes Factor module Run Rate in the Analytics segment. ²ESG Content includes ESG segment Run Rate, and ESG Index includes ESG related Index subscription and asset-based fees Run Rate. ³V/G: Traditional value and growth product Run Rate for Indexes.



INDEX SEGMENT — ASSET-BASED FEES DETAIL

(US\$ in millions, except AUM in billions and Average BPS)



¹Average BPS based on Run Rate and period–end AUM in ETFs linked to MSCI Indexes.

EM = ETFs linked to MSCI indexes, the majority of whose weight is comprised of securities that are not in MSCI DM countries.

Prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current period classification.

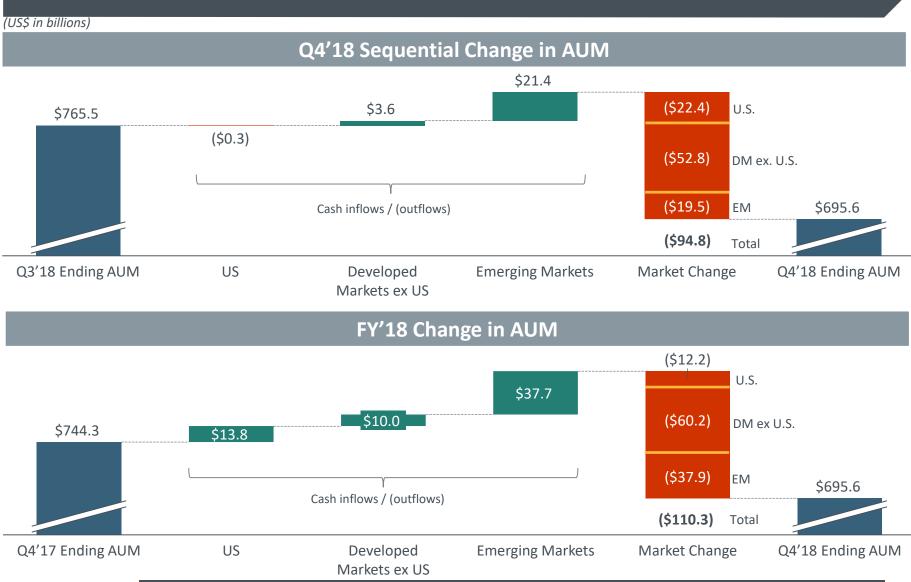
Note: The AUM in ETFs also include AUM in Exchange Traded Notes, the value of which is less than 1.0% of the AUM amounts presented.



²US = ETFs linked to MSCI indexes, the majority of whose weight is comprised of securities in MSCI Developed Market (DM) countries, primarily or exclusively in the US.

DM ex US = ETFs linked to MSCI indexes, the majority of whose weight is comprised of securities in MSCI DM countries other than the US.

Q4 & FY'18 AUM DRIVERS: MSCI-LINKED EQUITY ETFS





CAPITAL, LIQUIDITY AND GUIDANCE



CAPITAL AND LIQUIDITY

Capital Position (As of 1	12/31/18)	Continued Capital Discipline				
(US\$ in millions)						
Total Cash	\$904		 Repurchased \$925.0 million of shares at average price of \$148.34 as of December 31, 2018, year-to-date. 			
Total Debt ¹	\$2,600	Return of Capital	 \$0.8 billion remains under board authorization as of December 31, 2018. 			
Net Debt ¹	\$1,696					
Total Debt / Adj. EBITDA	3.4x	Excess	 Strong balance sheet provides optionality 			
Net Debt / Adj. EBITDA	2.2x	Cash	 Disciplined and consistent approach to deployment 			

¹Excludes deferred financing fees of \$24.5 million as of December 31, 2018.



FULL YEAR 2019 GUIDANCE

(US\$ in millions)

	2018 Actual	2019 Guidance	YoY Variance
Operating Expenses	\$747	\$772 to \$800	3% to 7%
Adjusted EBITDA Expenses ¹	\$662	\$685 to \$705	3% to 6%
Interest Expense	\$133	\$144	\$11
Effective Tax Rate ²	19.4%	11.5% - 14.5%	(7.9%) to (4.9%)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$613	\$600 to \$630	(\$13) to \$17
Capex	(\$49)	(\$55) to (\$45)	(\$6) to \$4
Free Cash Flow	\$564	\$545 to \$585	(\$19) to \$21

¹Excludes the estimated payroll tax impact from the vesting in the three months ending March 31, 2019 of the multi-year PSU awards granted to executives in 2016 (the "Multi-Year PSUs").

²Includes the estimated income tax windfall benefit related to the vesting of the Multi-Year PSUs which is expected to reduce the 2019 effective tax rate by 8.5 to 9.5 percentage points.



APPENDIX



FY'18 - FINANCIAL RESULTS¹

Exceptional Revenue Growth

Revenue Growth (Recurring & Asset-Based Fees) +13%

(10% & 22%)

Subscription Run Rate Growth Reported / Organic

+7% / +10%

Continued Operational Efficiency

Adj. EBITDA Margin (Change in bps) / Operating Margin (Change in bps)

53.9% (+209 bps) / 47.9% (+240 bps)

Tax

Effective Tax Rate / (YoY Reduction)

19.4% (1,553 bps)

Adj. EBITDA Growth / Operating Income Growth

+17% / +18%

Capital Optimization

Share Repurchases (FY 2018)

\$925.0 million
6.2 million shares
Avg. Price: \$148.34

Outstanding EPS Growth

Adjusted EPS

+34%

Diluted EPS

+71%

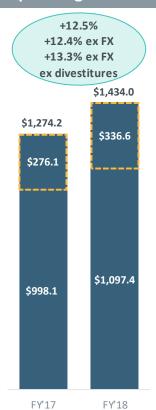
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FY'18 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(US\$ in millions)

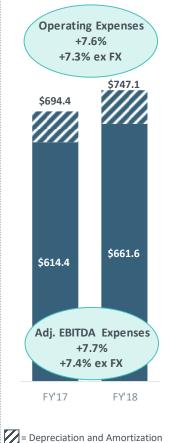
Operating Revenue



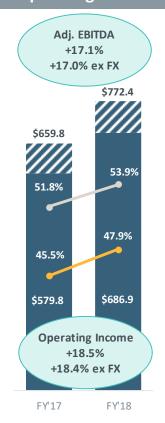
= Recurring + Non-Recurring

= Asset-Based Fees Revenue

Operating Expenses



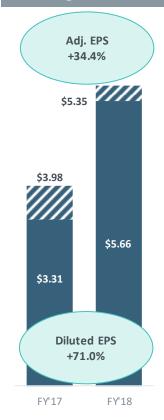
Operating Income



= Depreciation and Amortization
Adj. EBITDA Margin

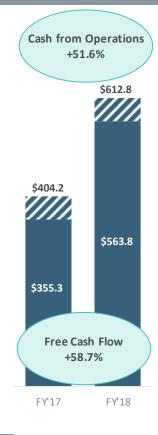
Operating Margin

Earnings Per Share



= Reflects the per diluted share addback/reduction of items consistent with our definition of adjusted EPS as defined on slide 28.

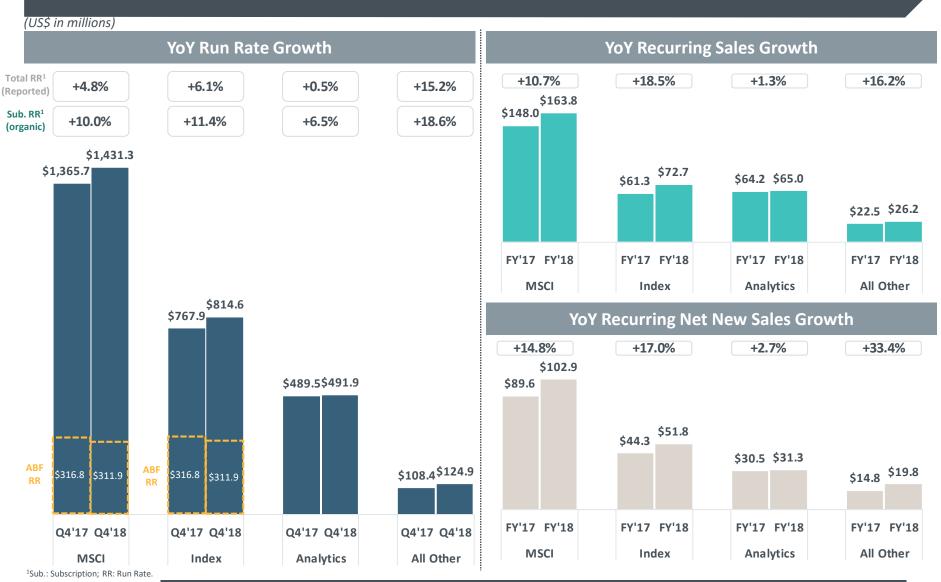
Cash Generation



= Capex



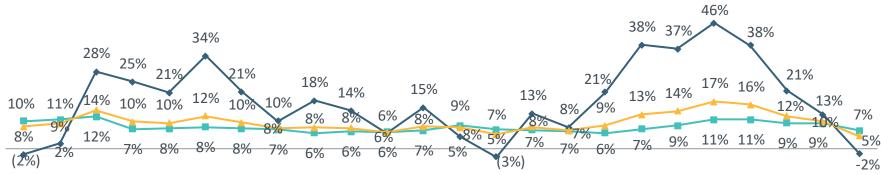
STRONG 2018 OPERATING METRICS





Q1'13 – Q4'18 YoY RUN RATE GROWTH TREND

YoY Run Rate Growth as Reported



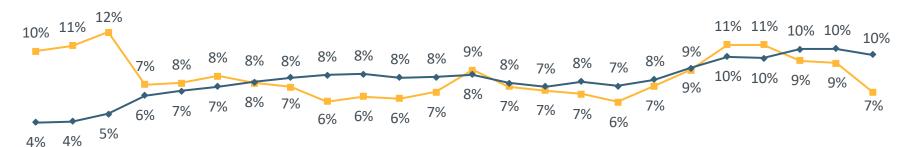
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Subscription Total

→ Asset-Based Fees

MSCI Total

YoY Subscription Run Rate Growth as Reported vs. Organic Growth



Q1'13 Q2'13 Q3'13 Q4'13 Q1'14 Q2'14 Q3'14 Q4'14 Q1'15 Q2'15 Q3'15 Q4'15 Q1'16 Q2'16 Q3'16 Q4'16 Q1'17 Q2'17 Q3'17 Q4'17 Q1'18 Q2'18 Q3'18 Q4'18

----Subscription Run Rate Growth as Reported

→ Organic Subscription Run Rate Growth



Q1'13 – Q4'18 YoY SEGMENT RUN RATE GROWTH TREND





Q1'13 Q2'13 Q3'13 Q4'13 Q1'14 Q2'14 Q3'14 Q4'14 Q1'15 Q2'15 Q3'15 Q4'15 Q1'16 Q2'16 Q3'16 Q4'16 Q1'17 Q2'17 Q3'17 Q4'17 Q1'18 Q2'18 Q3'18 Q4'18

Subscription Run Rate Growth as Reported

→ ABF Run Rate Growth as Reported

Analytics



Q1'13 Q2'13 Q3'13 Q4'13 Q1'14 Q2'14 Q3'14 Q4'14 Q1'15 Q2'15 Q3'15 Q4'15 Q1'16 Q2'16 Q3'16 Q4'16 Q1'17 Q2'17 Q3'17 Q4'17 Q1'18 Q2'18 Q3'18 Q4'18

Subscription Run Rate Growth as Reported

Organic Subscription Run Rate Growth

All Other



Q4'13 Q1'14 Q2'14 Q3'14 Q4'14 Q1'15 Q2'15 Q3'15 Q4'15 Q1'16 Q2'16 Q3'16 Q4'16 Q1'17 Q2'17 Q3'17 Q4'17 Q1'18 Q2'18 Q3'18 Q4'18

Subscription Run Rate Growth as Reported

Organic Subscription Run Rate Growth



RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED EBITDA TO NET INCOME

		7	Three I	Year Ended					
In thousands	Dec. 31, 2018			Dec. 31, 2017 ⁽¹⁾	Sep. 30, 2018	Dec. 31, 2018		Dec. 31, 2017 ⁽¹⁾	
Index adjusted EBITDA	\$ 149,930		\$	142,702	\$ 154,477	\$	607,853	\$	522,241
Analytics adjusted EBITDA		36,679		31,141	37,046		143,645		125,624
All Other adjusted EBITDA		3,153		(26)	4,014		20,935		11,892
Consolidated adjusted EBITDA		189,762		173,817	195,537		772,433		659,757
Amortization of intangible assets		11,633		11,560	11,681		54,189		44,547
Depreciation and amortization of property,									
equipment and leasehold improvements		8,311		8,118	7,453		31,346		35,440
Operating income		169,818		154,139	176,403		686,898		579,770
Other expense (income), net		(17,471)		27,179	29,557		57,002		112,871
Provision for income taxes		35,157		62,358	23,014		122,011		162,927
Net income	\$	152,132	\$	64,602	\$ 123,832	\$	507,885	\$	303,972

¹As a result of the adoption of recent accounting guidance, the Company has restated its adjusted EBITDA by excluding \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million of non-service related pension costs from adjusted EBITDA expenses for the three months and full-year ended December 31, 2017, respectively.



RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME AND DILUTED EPS TO ADJUSTED NET INCOME AND ADJUSTED EPS

		Т	Year Ended							
		Dec. 31,		Dec. 31,		Sep. 30,	ı	Dec. 31,	ı	Dec. 31,
In thousands, except per share data	2018		2017		2018		2018		2017	
Net income	\$	152,132	\$	64,602	\$	123,832	\$	507,885	\$	303,972
Plus: Amortization of acquired intangible assets		8,746		9,238		8,999		43,981		39,157
Less: Gain on sale of Alacra (not tax-effected)		_		_		_		_		(771)
Less: Gain on sale of FEA (not tax-effected)		_		_		(10)		(10,646)		_
Less: Gain on sale of InvestorForce		(46,595)		_		_		(46,595)		_
Less: Valuation Allowance released related to										
InvestorForce disposition		_		_		(7,758)		(7,758)		_
Less: Tax Reform adjustments		(6,671)		34,500		_		(8,272)		34,500
Less: Income tax effect		9,390		(1,922)		(1,884)		1,678		(10,772)
Adjusted net income	\$	117,002	\$	106,418	\$	123,179	\$	480,273	\$	366,086
Diluted EPS	\$	1.70	\$	0.70	\$	1.36	\$	5.66	\$	3.31
Plus: Amortization of acquired intangible assets	ڔ	0.10	٦	0.10	ڔ	0.10	ڔ	0.49	ڔ	0.43
Less: Gain on sale of Alacra (not tax-effected)		0.10		0.10		0.10		0.43		(0.01)
		-		-		-		- (0.12)		(0.01)
Less: Gain on sale of FEA (not tax-effected)		- (0.53)		-		-		(0.12)		-
Less: Gain on sale of InvestorForce		(0.52)		-		-		(0.52)		-
Less: Valuation Allowance released related to										
InvestorForce disposition		-		-		(0.08)		(0.09)		-
Plus: Tax Reform adjustments		(0.07)		0.37		-		(0.09)		0.38
Less: Income tax effect		0.10		(0.02)		(0.03)		0.02		(0.13)
Adjusted EPS	\$	1.31	\$	1.15	\$	1.35	\$	5.35	\$	3.98



RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED EBITDA EXPENSES TO OPERATING EXPENSES

		1	Three I	Months Ende	d			Year I	Ended	Full-Year	
In thousands	(1)		Dec. 31, 2018		Dec. 31, 2017 ⁽¹⁾	2019 Outlook ⁽²⁾					
Index adjusted EBITDA expenses	\$	60,503	\$	51,072	\$	55,717	\$	227,622	\$	196,718	
Analytics adjusted EBITDA expenses		85,256		86,369		82,852		336,294		332,645	
All Other adjusted EBITDA expenses		26,167		23,521		23,828		97,635		85,052	
Consolidated adjusted EBITDA expenses		171,926		160,962		162,397		661,551		614,415	\$685,000 - \$705,000
Payroll taxes from vesting of Multi-Year PSUs		-		-		-		-		-	12,000 - 15,000
Amortization of intangible assets		11,633		11,560		11,681		54,189		44,547	
Depreciation and amortization of property,											75,000 - 80,000
equipment and leasehold improvements		8,311		8,118		7,453		31,346		35,440	
Total operating expenses	\$	191,870	\$	180,640	\$	181,531	\$	747,086	\$	694,402	\$772,000 - \$800,000

²We have not provided a line-item reconciliation for adjusted EBITDA expenses to total operating expenses for this future period because we do not provide guidance on the individual reconciling items between total operating expenses and adjusted EBITDA expenses.



¹As a result of the adoption of recent accounting guidance, the Company has restated its adjusted EBITDA by excluding \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million of non-service related pension costs from adjusted EBITDA expenses for the three months and full-year ended December 31, 2017, respectively.

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO FREE CASH FLOW

	Three Months Ended							Year E	Ended	Full-Year	
In thousands	Dec. 31, 2018			Dec. 31, 2017		Sep. 30, 2018		Dec. 31, 2018		Dec. 31, 2017	2019 Outlook ⁽¹⁾
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	173,175	\$	143,153	\$	143,825	\$	612,762	\$	404,158	\$600,000 - \$630,000
Capital expenditures		(17,188)		(15,736)		(8,590)		(30,257)		(33,177)	
Capitalized software development costs		(5,589)		(4,863)		(4,517)		(18,704)		(15,640)	
Capex		(22,777)		(20,599)		(13,107)		(48,961)		(48,817)	(55,000 - 45,000)
Free cash flow	\$	150,398	\$	122,554	\$	130,718	\$	563,801	\$	355,341	\$545,000 - \$585,000

¹We have not provided a line-item reconciliation for free cash flow to net cash from operating activities for this future period because we do not provide guidance on the individual reconciling items between net cash from operating activities and free cash flow.



RECONCILIATION OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE TO ADJUSTED TAX RATE

Effective tax rate
Tax Reform impact on effective tax rate
Adjusted tax rate

Th	ree Months Ended	Year Ended					
Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Sep. 30,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,			
2018	2017	2018	2018	2017			
18.77%	49.12%	15.67%	19.37%	34.90%			
3.56%	(27.18%)	_%	1.31%	(7.39%)			
22.33%	21.94%	15.67%	20.68%	27.51%			



USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

- MSCI has presented supplemental non-GAAP financial measures as part of
 this earnings presentation. Reconciliations are provided in slides 23-27
 above that reconcile each non-GAAP financial measure with the most
 comparable GAAP measure. The non-GAAP financial measures presented
 in this earnings presentation should not be considered as alternative
 measures for the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. The
 non-GAAP financial measures presented in this earnings presentation are
 used by management to monitor the financial performance of the
 business, inform business decision-making and forecast future results.
- "Operating revenues ex-FX and ex-divestitures" is defined as operating revenues excluding the impact of foreign currency exchange and the operating revenues attributable to divested businesses for the comparable prior year period.
- "Adjusted EBITDA" is defined as net income before (1) provision for income taxes, (2) other expense (income), net, (3) depreciation and amortization of property, equipment and leasehold improvements, (4) amortization of intangible assets and, at times, (5) certain other transactions or adjustments.
- "Adjusted EBITDA expenses" is defined as operating expenses less depreciation and amortization of property, equipment and leasehold improvements and amortization of intangible assets and, at times, certain other transactions or adjustments.
- "Adjusted net income" and "adjusted EPS" are defined as net income and diluted EPS, respectively, before the after-tax impact of the amortization of acquired intangible assets, the impact of divestitures, the impact of Tax Reform adjustments (except for amounts associated with active tax planning implemented as a result of Tax Reform) and, at times, certain other transactions or adjustments.
- "Adjusted tax rate" is defined as the effective tax rate excluding the impact of Tax Reform adjustments (except for amounts associated with active tax planning implemented as a result of Tax Reform).
- "Capex" is defined as capital expenditures plus capitalized software development costs.
- "Free cash flow" is defined as net cash provided by operating activities, less Capex.
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- We believe operating revenues ex-FX and ex-divestitures are meaningful
 measures of the operating performance of MSCI because they adjust for
 the impact of foreign currency exchange and exclude the impact of
 operating revenues attributable to divested businesses for the
 comparable prior year period, providing insight to our core operating
 performance for the period(s) presented.
- We believe adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA expenses are meaningful measures of the operating performance of MSCI because they adjust for significant one-time, unusual or non-recurring items as well as eliminate the accounting effects of capital spending and acquisitions that do not directly affect what management considers to be our core operating performance in the period.
- We believe adjusted net income and adjusted EPS are meaningful measures of the performance of MSCI because they adjust for the aftertax impact of significant one-time, unusual or non-recurring items as well as eliminate the accounting effects of acquisitions that do not directly affect what management considers to be our core performance in the period. From time to time, we may present normalized adjusted EBITDA expense that takes into account one-time discretionary investments and incremental severance, if material or helpful.
- We believe that free cash flow is useful to investors because it relates the
 operating cash flow of MSCI to the capital that is spent to continue and
 improve business operations, such as investment in MSCI's existing
 products. Further, free cash flow indicates our ability to strengthen
 MSCI's balance sheet, repay our debt obligations, pay cash dividends and
 repurchase shares of our common stock.
- We believe that adjusted tax rate is useful to investors because it increases the comparability of period-to-period results by adjusting for the estimated net impact of Tax Reform.
- We believe that the non-GAAP financial measures presented in this earnings presentation facilitate meaningful period-to-period comparisons and provide a baseline for the evaluation of future results.
- Operating revenues ex-FX and ex-divestitures, adjusted EBITDA expenses, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted net income, adjusted EPS, adjusted tax rate, Capex and free cash flow are not defined in the same manner by all companies and may not be comparable to similarly-titled non-GAAP financial measures of other companies.

USE OF OPERATING METRICS

- MSCI has presented supplemental key operating metrics as part of this earnings presentation, including Run Rate, subscription sales and cancellations, non-recurring sales and Retention Rate.
- Retention Rate for a period is calculated by annualizing the cancellations for which we have received a notice of termination or for which we believe there is an intention not to renew during the period, and we believe that such notice or intention evidences the client's final decision to terminate or not renew the applicable agreement, even though such notice is not effective until a later date. This annualized cancellation figure is then divided by the subscription Run Rate at the beginning of the year to calculate a cancellation rate. This cancellation rate is then subtracted from 100% to derive the annualized Retention Rate for the period. Retention Rate is computed by segment on a product/service-byproduct/service basis. In general, if a client reduces the number of products or services to which it subscribes within a segment, or switches between products or services within a segment, we treat it as a cancellation for reporting purposes, except in the case of a product or service switch that management considers to be a replacement product or service. In those replacement cases, only the net change to the client subscription, if a decrease, is reported as a cancel. In the Analytics and the ESG segments, substantially all product or service switches are treated as replacement products or services and netted in this manner, while in our Index and Real Estate segments, product or service switches that are treated as replacement products or services and receive netting treatment occur only in certain limited instances. In addition, we treat any reduction in fees resulting from a down-sale of the same product or service as a cancellation to the extent of the reduction. This definition of Retention Rate was revised and was previously provided beginning with our earnings release, dated August 2, 2018, to describe our methodology for calculating cancellations. We believe this methodology has been applied in all material respects in calculating cancellation rates reported in the prior periods covered in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and in our Form 10-Q for the guarters ended March
- 31, 2018, June 30, 2018, and September 30, 2018, and accordingly, we do not believe changes to those previously reported cancellation rates are required. Beginning in second quarter 2018, "Aggregate Retention Rate" is referred to as "Retention Rate."
- Run Rate estimates at a particular point in time the annualized value of the recurring revenues under our client license agreements ("Client Contracts") for the next 12 months, assuming all Client Contracts that come up for renewal are renewed and assuming then-current currency exchange rates, subject to the adjustments and exclusions described elsewhere in our Public Filings. For any Client Contract where fees are linked to an investment product's assets or trading volume/fees, the Run Rate calculation reflects, for ETFs, the market value on the last trading day of the period, for futures and options, the most recent quarterly volumes, and/or reported exchange fees, and for other non-ETF products, the most recent client reported assets. Run Rate does not include fees associated with "one-time" and other non-recurring transactions. In addition, we add to Run Rate the annualized fee value of recurring new sales, whether to existing or new clients, when we execute Client Contracts, even though the license start date, and associated revenue recognition, may not be effective until a later date. We remove from Run Rate the annualized fee value associated with products or services under any Client Contract with respect to which we have received a notice of termination or non-renewal during the period and have determined that such notice evidences the client's final decision to terminate or not renew the applicable products or services, even though such notice is not effective until a later date.
- "Organic subscription Run Rate growth" is defined as the period over period Run Rate growth, excluding the impact of changes in foreign currency and the first year impact of any acquisitions. It is also adjusted for divestitures. Changes in foreign currency are calculated by applying the currency exchange rate from the comparable prior period to current period foreign currency denominated Run Rate.



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