Global Payments Reports First Quarter 2021 Results



May 4, 2021

Returns to Growth in the First Quarter of 2021

Raises 2021 Targets

Reaches Agreement to Acquire Leading Real Estate Technology Provider Zego

Expands European Presence with Agreement to Purchase Wordline's PAYONE Austrian Acquiring Business

ATLANTA -- Global Payments Inc. (NYSE: GPN) today announced results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021.

"We returned to growth in the first quarter and delivered the fastest rate of sequential expansion across our markets since the end of 2019," said Jeff Sloan, Chief Executive Officer of Global Payments. "And our performance improved substantially as the quarter progressed with growth in each of our three segments in March. We also continued to deliver on our strategic priorities with today's announcements of our agreements to acquire Zego, a leading property technology company with a comprehensive resident management software and payments platform, and Worldline's PAYONE Austrian acquiring business.

"We have further widened our competitive moat. With Zego we underscore our distinctive focus on software driven solutions with an emphasis on commerce enablement. With Worldline's PAYONE Austrian acquiring business, we deepen our presence in the most attractive markets worldwide."

Sloan concluded, "By combining strategic investments in future growth with our entry into unique relationships with two of the world's largest technology companies, ongoing consistency in execution and our longstanding focus on returning capital efficiently to our shareholders, we are as optimistic today as we have been since prior to the pandemic. We exited the first quarter of 2021 in a better position than we entered it."

First Quarter 2021 Summary

- GAAP revenues were \$1.99 billion, compared to \$1.90 billion in the first quarter of 2020; diluted earnings per share were \$0.66 compared to \$0.48 in the prior year; and operating margin was 13.8% compared to 12.8% in the prior year.
- Adjusted net revenues increased 5% to \$1.81 billion, compared to \$1.73 billion in the first quarter of 2020.
- Adjusted earnings per share increased 15% to \$1.82, compared to \$1.58 in the first quarter of 2020.
- Adjusted operating margin of 40.6% expanded 160 basis points.

2021 Outlook

"We are pleased with our financial performance in the first quarter, which demonstrated meaningful sequential momentum," said Paul Todd, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. "Consistent execution of our technology-enabled strategy resulted in adjusted net revenue growth, adjusted operating margin expansion and double-digit adjusted earnings per share growth during the quarter despite a difficult comparison given the late March onset of COVID-19 last year.

"While achieving these strong results, we have also made substantial progress with our integration activities and remain on track to realize our targeted synergies within three years from the close of the TSYS merger. Specifically, we continue to expect annual run rate revenue synergies to amount to at least \$150 million and annual run rate expense synergies to amount to at least \$400 million by September 2022.

"We are raising our expectations for full year 2021 adjusted net revenue to be in the range of \$7.55 billion to \$7.625 billion, reflecting growth of 12% to 13%, and we are increasing our adjusted earnings per share estimate to be in a range of \$7.87 to \$8.07, or growth of 23% to 26% over 2020."

Todd concluded, "This outlook presumes we remain on a path toward recovery worldwide over the balance of the year and does not include any impact from the transactions we announced today. We expect the Zego and Worldline Austrian business acquisitions to close by the end of the second quarter and in the second half of 2021, respectively."

Capital Allocation

Global Payments' Board of Directors approved a dividend of \$0.195 per share payable June 25, 2021 to shareholders of record as of June 11, 2021.

Conference Call

Global Payments' management will host a live audio webcast today, May 4, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. EDST to discuss financial results and business highlights. All interested parties may access the audio webcast via the investor relations page of the company's website at investors.globalpaymentsinc.com. A replay of the audio webcast will be archived on the company's website following the live event.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Global Payments supplements revenues, income, operating income, operating margin and earnings per share determined in accordance with GAAP by providing these measures with certain adjustments (such measures being non-GAAP financial measures) in this earnings release to assist with evaluating our performance. In addition to GAAP measures, management uses these non-GAAP financial measures to focus on the factors the company believes are pertinent to the daily management of our operations.

Reconciliations of the non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measure are included in the schedules to this release.

About Global Payments

Global Payments Inc. (NYSE: GPN) is a leading pure play payments technology company delivering innovative software and services to our customers globally. Our technologies, services and employee expertise enable us to provide a broad range of solutions that allow our customers to operate their businesses more efficiently across a variety of channels around the world.

Headquartered in Georgia with nearly 24,000 employees worldwide, Global Payments is a member of the S&P 500 with worldwide reach spanning over 100 countries throughout North America, Europe, Asia Pacific and Latin America. For more information, visit www.globalpayments.com and follow Global Payments on Twitter (@globalpayinc), LinkedIn and Facebook.

Forward-Looking Statements

Investors are cautioned that some of the statements we use in this report contain forward-looking statements and are made pursuant to the "safe-harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements, which are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about the industry and markets in which we operate, and beliefs of and assumptions made by our management, involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could significantly affect the financial condition, results of operations, business plans and the future performance of Global Payments. Actual events or results might differ materially from those expressed

or forecasted in these forward-looking statements. Accordingly, we cannot guarantee that our plans and expectations will be achieved. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements we make regarding guidance and projected financial results for the year 2021; the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, including estimates of the effects of the pandemic on our revenues, financial operating results and liquidity; the effects of actions taken by us in response to the pandemic; the anticipated benefits of the merger with TSYS (the "Merger'), including the combined company's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions; timing and completion of anticipated benefits of acquisitions or strategic initiatives; our success and timing in developing and introducing new services; and future financial and operating results. Although we believe the expectations reflected in any forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, we can give no assurance that our expectations will be attained, and therefore actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements.

In addition to factors previously disclosed in Global Payments' reports filed with the SEC and those identified elsewhere in this communication, the following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements or historical performance: the effects and duration of global economic, political, market, health and social events or other conditions, including the effects and duration of the COVID-19 pandemic; regulatory measures or voluntary actions, including continued or prolonged social distancing, shelter-in-place orders, operating restrictions on nonessential businesses and similar measures imposed or undertaken in an effort to combat the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic; management's assumptions and projections used in their estimates of the timing and severity of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our future revenues, results of operations and liquidity; our ability to meet our liquidity needs in light of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against the Company and our directors; difficulties, delays and higher than anticipated costs related to integrating the businesses of Global Payments and TSYS, including with respect to implementing systems to prevent a material security breach of any internal systems or to successfully manage credit and fraud risks in business units; failing to fully realize anticipated cost savings and other anticipated benefits of the Merger when expected or at all; business disruptions from the Merger integration that may harm our business, including current plans and operations; failing to comply with the applicable requirements of Visa, Mastercard or other payment networks or card schemes or changes in those requirements; the ability to maintain Visa and Mastercard registration and financial institution sponsorship; the ability to retain and hire key personnel; the diversion of management's attention from ongoing business operations; the continued availability of capital and financing; the business, economic and political conditions in the markets in which we operate; increased competition in the markets in which we operate and our ability to increase our market share in existing markets and expand into new markets; our ability to safeguard our data; risks associated with our indebtedness, foreign currency exchange and interest rate risks; the effects of new

or changes in current laws, regulations, credit card association rules or other industry standards, including privacy and cybersecurity laws and regulations; and events beyond our control, such as acts of terrorism, and other factors included in the "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, and in other documents that we file with the SEC, which are available at https://www.sec.gov. Any forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this communication or as of the date they were made, and we undertake no obligation to update forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

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SCHEDULE 1 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED) GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

(In thousands, except per share data)

Three Months Ended March 31,

	IVIAIGIT 31,				
		2021		2020	% Change
Revenues	\$ 1	,990,007	\$1,	903,598	4.5 %
Operating expenses:					
Cost of service		925,246		933,871	(0.9)%
Selling, general and administrative		789,502		725,748	8.8 %
	1	,714,748	1,	659,619	3.3 %
Operating income		275,259		243,979	12.8 %
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Interest and other income		4,234		2,506	69.0 %
Interest and other expense		(83,141)		(92,644)	(10.3)%
		(78,907)		(90,138)	(12.5)%
Income before income taxes and equity in income of equity method investments		196,352		153,841	27.6 %
Income tax expense		20,675		15,502	33.4 %
Income before equity in income of equity method investments		175,677		138,339	27.0 %
Equity in income of equity method investments, net of tax		22,733		12,269	85.3 %
Net income		198,410		150,608	31.7 %
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests, net of income tax	_	(1,729)		(7,033)	(75.4)%
Net income attributable to Global Payments	\$	196,681	\$	143,575	37.0 %
Earnings per share attributable to Global Payments:					
Basic	\$	0.66	\$	0.48	37.5 %
Diluted	\$	0.66	\$	0.48	37.5 %
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding:					
Basic		296,425		299,388	
Diluted		297,671		300,838	

SCHEDULE 2 NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (UNAUDITED)

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

(In thousands, except per share data)

Three Months Ended
March 31

		March 31,					
	2021	2020	% Change				
Adjusted net revenue	\$1,812,21	8 \$1,728,851	4.8 %				
Adjusted operating income	\$ 735,11	5 \$ 674,708	9.0 %				
Adjusted net income attributable to Global Payments	\$ 541,36	3 \$ 473,847	14.2 %				
Adjusted diluted earnings per share attributable to Global Payments	\$ 1.8	2 \$ 1.58	15.2 %				

See Schedules 6 and 7 for a reconciliation of each non-GAAP financial measure to the most comparable GAAP measure and Schedule 8 for a discussion of non-GAAP financial measures.

SCHEDULE 3 SEGMENT INFORMATION (UNAUDITED) GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended										
		March 3	31, 2	2021	March 31, 2020		2020	9	% Change		
		GAAP	!	Non-GAAP		GAAP	1	Non-GAAP	GAAP		Non-GAAP
Revenues:											
Merchant Solutions	\$	1,267,872	\$	1,149,820	\$	1,215,269	\$	1,101,344	4.3	%	4.4 %
Issuer Solutions		500,251		439,380		503,762		441,986	(0.7)%	(0.6)%
Business and Consumer Solutions		243,585		243,585		203,946		203,946	19.4	%	19.4 %
Intersegment Elimination		(21,701)		(20,567)		(19,379)		(18,425)	(12.0)%	(11.6)%
	\$	1,990,007	\$	1,812,218	\$	1,903,598	\$	1,728,851	4.5	%	4.8 %
Operating income:											
Merchant Solutions	\$	339,989	\$	532,142	\$	304,153	\$	500,425	11.8	%	6.3 %
Issuer Solutions		68,455		189,788		59,304		174,678	15.4	%	8.7 %
Business and Consumer Solutions		61,923		80,862		31,112		52,486	99.0	%	54.1 %
Corporate		(195,108)		(67,677)		(150,590)		(52,881)	(29.6)%	(28.0)%
	\$	275,259	\$	735,115	\$	243,979	\$	674,708	12.8	%	9.0 %

See Schedules 6 and 7 for a reconciliation of adjusted net revenue and adjusted operating income by segment to the most comparable GAAP measures and Schedule 8 for a discussion of non-GAAP financial measures.

SCHEDULE 4 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED) GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

(In thousands, except share data)

	Ma	rch 31, 2021	December 31, 2020		
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,082,414	\$	1,945,868	
Accounts receivable, net		824,822		794,172	
Settlement processing assets		1,397,002		1,230,853	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		574,592		621,467	
Total current assets		4,878,830		4,592,360	
Goodwill		23,853,850		23,871,451	
Other intangible assets, net		11,698,884		12,015,883	
Property and equipment, net		1,580,743		1,578,532	
Deferred income taxes		8,120		7,627	
Other noncurrent assets		2,237,301		2,135,692	
Total assets	\$	44,257,728	\$	44,201,545	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Settlement lines of credit	\$	459,360	\$	358,698	
Current portion of long-term debt		64,530		827,357	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		2,096,637		2,061,384	
Settlement processing obligations		1,495,638		1,301,652	
Total current liabilities		4,116,165		4,549,091	
Long-term debt		9,627,052		8,466,407	
Deferred income taxes		2,895,401		2,948,390	
Other noncurrent liabilities		776,919		750,613	
Total liabilities		17,415,537		16,714,501	
Commitments and contingencies					
Equity:					
Preferred stock, no par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized and none issued		_		_	
Common stock, no par value; 400,000,000 shares authorized at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020; 295,157,603 issued and outstanding at March 31, 2021 and 298,332,459 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2020		_		_	
Paid-in capital		24,403,323		24,963,769	
Retained earnings		2,500,812		2,570,874	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(212,373)		(202,273)	
Total Global Payments shareholders' equity		26,691,762		27,332,370	
Noncontrolling interests		150,429		154,674	
Total equity		26,842,191		27,487,044	
		44,257,728	\$	44,201,545	

SCHEDULE 5 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED) GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

(In thousands)

		Three Months Ended				
	Mai	rch 31, 2021	March 31, 2020			
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Net income	\$	198,410	\$ 150,608			
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment		96,372	83,573			
Amortization of acquired intangibles		329,201	314,245			
Amortization of capitalized contract costs		21,050	18,738			
Share-based compensation expense		37,165	27,822			
Provision for operating losses and credit losses		23,405	37,629			
Noncash lease expense		27,066	25,924			
Deferred income taxes		(56,390)	(47,957			
Equity in income of equity investments, net of tax		(22,733)	(12,269			
Other, net		(5,847)	512			
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of the effects of business combinations:						
Accounts receivable		(37,141)	47,624			
Settlement processing assets and obligations, net		21,714	12,966			
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(33,128)	(53,540			
Accounts payable and other liabilities		262	(169,301			
Net cash provided by operating activities		599,406	436,574			
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Business combinations and other acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(11,074)	(67,196			
Capital expenditures		(86,159)	(104,802			
Other, net		293	2,348			
Net cash used in investing activities		(96,940)	(169,650			
Cash flows from financing activities:						
Net borrowings from (repayments of) settlement lines of credit		108,488	(78,092			
Proceeds from long-term debt		1,987,005	607,000			
Repayments of long-term debt		(1,575,435)	(110,978			
Payments of debt issuance costs		(6,819)	_			
Repurchases of common stock		(802,955)	(421,162			
Proceeds from stock issued under share-based compensation plans		17,705	28,283			
Common stock repurchased - share-based compensation plans		(39,437)	(44,253			
Dividends paid		(57,574)	(58,279			
Net cash used in financing activities		(369,022)	(77,481			
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(21,141)	(67,655			
Increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		112,303	121,788			
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of the period		2,089,771	1,678,273			
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of the period	\$	2,202,074	\$ 1,800,061			

SCHEDULE 6 RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES TO GAAP MEASURES (UNAUDITED)

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2021									
		GAAP	Ne Ad	et Revenue justments ⁽¹⁾	Ac	Earnings ljustments ⁽²⁾	Ac	Income Taxes on djustments ⁽³⁾	N	on-GAAP
Revenues	\$	1,990,007	\$	(177,789)	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 1	1,812,218
Operating income	\$	275,259	\$	1,749	\$	458,107	\$	_	\$	735,115
Net income attributable to Global Payments	\$	196,681	\$	1,749	\$	450,935	\$	(108,002)	\$	541,363
Diluted earnings per share attributable to Global Payments	\$	0.66							\$	1.82
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding		297,671								297,671
				Three Mor	nths	Ended Mar	ch 3	1, 2020		
		GAAP		et Revenue justments ⁽¹⁾	Ac	Earnings ljustments ⁽²⁾	Ac	Income Taxes on djustments ⁽³⁾	N	on-GAAP
Revenues	\$	1,903,598	\$	(174,747)	\$	_	\$	_	\$ ^	1,728,851
Operating income	\$	243,979	\$	2,899	\$	427,830	\$	_	\$	674,708
Net income attributable to Global Payments	\$	143,575	\$	2,899	\$	432,941	\$	(105,568)	\$	473,847
Diluted earnings per share attributable to Global Payments	\$	0.48							\$	1.58

⁽¹⁾ Represents adjustments to revenues for gross-up related payments (included in operating expenses) associated with certain lines of business to reflect economic benefits to the company. For the three months ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2020, includes \$1.7 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, to eliminate the effect of acquisition accounting fair value adjustments for software-related contract liabilities associated with acquired businesses.

For the three months ended March 31, 2020, earnings adjustments to operating income included \$320.3 million in COS and \$107.5 million in SG&A expenses. Adjustments to COS include \$314.8 million of amortization of acquired intangibles and \$5.5 million of other items. Adjustments to SG&A include \$27.8 million of share-based compensation expense, \$71.6 million of acquisition and integration expenses and \$8.1 million of other items. Other items included in COS and SG&A include employee termination benefits and other incremental charges directly related to COVID-19. Net income attributable to Global Payments also reflects the removal of a \$6.7 million loss associated with the partial sale of an ownership position in a strategic partner.

See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" discussion on Schedule 8.

⁽COS) and \$128.9 million in selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A). Adjustments to COS represent amortization of acquired intangibles of \$329.2 million. Adjustments to SG&A include share-based compensation expense of \$37.2 million and acquisition and integration expenses of \$91.7 million. Net income attributable to Global Payments also reflects the removal of \$6.3 million of equity method investment earnings from our interest in a private equity investment fund.

⁽³⁾ Income taxes on adjustments reflect the tax effect of earnings adjustments to income before income taxes. The tax rate used in determining the tax impact of earnings adjustments is either the jurisdictional statutory rate in effect at the time of the adjustment or the jurisdictional expected annual effective tax rate for the period, depending on the nature and timing of the adjustment.

SCHEDULE 7
RECONCILIATION OF SEGMENT NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES TO GAAP MEASURES (UNAUDITED)
GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

(In thousands)

			Three	months end	ed Ma	arch 31, 202	1	
	_	GAAP		et Revenue justments ⁽¹⁾	Ad	Earnings justments ⁽²⁾		Non-GAAP
Revenues:								
Merchant Solutions	\$	1,267,872	\$	(118,052)	\$	_	\$	1,149,820
Issuer Solutions		500,251		(60,871)		_		439,380
Business and Consumer Solutions		243,585		_		_		243,585
Intersegment Eliminations		(21,701)		1,134		_		(20,567)
	\$	1,990,007	\$	(177,789)	\$		\$	1,812,218
Operating income:								
Merchant Solutions	\$	339,989	\$	294	\$	191,859	\$	532,142
Issuer Solutions		68,455		1,455		119,878		189,788
Business and Consumer Solutions		61,923		_		18,939		80,862
Corporate		(195,108)		_		127,431		(67,677
	\$	275,259	\$	1,749	\$	458,107	\$	735,115
		GAAP	Ne	e months end et Revenue justments ⁽¹⁾		erch 31, 2020 Earnings justments ⁽²⁾		Non-GAAP
Revenues:								
Merchant Solutions	\$	1,215,269	\$	(113,925)	\$	_	\$	1,101,344
Issuer Solutions		503,762		(61,776)		_		441,986
Business and Consumer Solutions		203,946		_		_		203,946
Intersegment Eliminations		(19,379)		954		_		(18,425
	\$	1,903,598	\$	(174,747)	\$	_	\$	1,728,851
Operating income:								
Merchant Solutions	\$	304,153	\$	197	\$	196,075	\$	500,425
Issuer Solutions		59,304		2,702		112,672		174,678
Business and Consumer Solutions		31,112		_		21,374		52,486
Corporate		(150,590)		_		97,709		(52,881
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⁽¹⁾ Represents adjustments to revenues for gross-up related payments (included in operating expenses) associated with certain lines of business to reflect economic benefits to the company. Also, for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2020, includes \$1.7 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, to eliminate the effect of acquisition accounting fair value adjustments for software-related contract liabilities associated with acquired businesses.

For the three months ended March 31, 2020, earnings adjustments to operating income included \$320.3 million in COS and \$107.5 million in SG&A expenses. Adjustments to COS include \$314.8 million of amortization of acquired intangibles and \$5.5 million of other items. Adjustments to SG&A include \$27.8 million of share-based compensation expense, \$71.6 million of acquisition and integration expenses and \$8.1 million of other items. Other items included in COS and SG&A include employee termination benefits and other incremental charges directly related to COVID-19.

See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" discussion on Schedule 8.

⁽²⁾ For the three months ended March 31, 2021, earnings adjustments to operating income include \$329.2 million in COS and \$128.9 million in SG&A. Adjustments to COS represent amortization of acquired intangibles of \$329.2 million. Adjustments to SG&A include share-based compensation expense of \$37.2 million and acquisition and integration expenses of \$91.7 million.

SCHEDULE 8 OUTLOOK SUMMARY (UNAUDITED)

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

(In billions, except per share data)

	2020	2021 Outlook	% Change
Revenues:			
GAAP revenues	\$7.424	\$8.230 to \$8.305	11% to 12%
Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	(0.676)	(0.680)	
Adjusted net revenue	\$6.748	\$7.550 to \$7.625	12% to 13%
Earnings Per Share:			
GAAP diluted EPS	\$1.95	\$3.54 to \$3.74	82% to 92%
Adjustments ⁽²⁾	4.45	4.33	
Adjusted diluted EPS	\$6.40	\$7.87 to \$8.07	23% to 26%

⁽¹⁾ Represents adjustments to revenues for gross-up related payments (included in operating expenses) associated with certain lines of business to reflect economic benefit to the company. Amounts also include adjustments to eliminate the effect of acquisition accounting fair value adjustments for software-related contract liabilities associated with acquired businesses.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Global Payments supplements revenues, income, operating income, operating margin and EPS determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP by providing these measures with certain adjustments (such measures being non-GAAP financial measures) in this document to assist with evaluating our performance. In addition to GAAP measures, management uses these non-GAAP financial measures to focus on the factors the company believes are pertinent to the daily management of our operations. Management believes adjusted net revenue more closely reflects the economic benefits to the company's core business and allows for better comparisons with industry peers. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures, together with other metrics, to set goals for and measure the performance of the business and to determine incentive compensation. Adjusted net revenue, adjusted operating income, adjusted operating margin, adjusted net income and adjusted EPS should be considered in addition to, and not as substitutes for, revenues, operating income, net income and EPS determined in accordance with GAAP. The non-GAAP financial measures reflect management's judgment of particular items, and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

Adjusted net revenue excludes gross-up related payments associated with certain lines of business to reflect economic benefits to the company. On a GAAP basis, these payments are presented gross in both revenues and operating expenses. Adjusted operating income, adjusted net income and adjusted EPS exclude acquisition-related amortization expense, share-based compensation expense, acquisition and integration expense and certain other items, such as unusual, direct and discrete costs due to the global pandemic, specific to each reporting period as more fully described in the accompanying reconciliations in Schedules 6 and 7. Adjusted operating margin is derived by dividing adjusted operating income by adjusted net revenue. The tax rate used in determining the income tax impact of earnings adjustments is either the jurisdictional statutory rate in effect at the time of the adjustment or the jurisdictional expected annual effective tax rate for the period, depending on the nature and timing of the adjustment.

⁽²⁾ Adjustments to 2020 GAAP diluted EPS include the removal of 1) software-related contract liability adjustments described above of \$0.03, 2) acquisition related amortization expense of \$3.20, 3) share-based compensation expense of \$0.38, 4) acquisition and integration expense of \$0.82, 5) other items, inclusive of employee termination benefits and other incremental charges directly related to COVID-19, of \$0.13, 6) gain associated with the fair value of common shares received from the conversion of certain Visa Inc. preferred shares of \$0.07, 7) equity method investment earnings from our interest in a private equity investment fund of \$0.11, 8) loss associated with the partial sale of an ownership position in a strategic partner of \$0.02 and 9) discrete tax items of \$0.05. Adjustments to 2020 GAAP diluted EPS include the effect on noncontrolling interests and income taxes, as applicable.