

Second Quarter 2024 Earnings Presentation

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More information regarding these risks and uncertainties and other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements is set forth in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, and subsequent filings. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This presentation refers to certain non-GAAP financial measures, including adjusted operating profit, defined as operating profit before depreciation, amortization, severance, multiemployer pension plan withdrawal costs and special items; adjusted operating profit margin, defined as adjusted operating profit divided by revenues; adjusted operating costs, defined as as operating costs before depreciation, amortization, severance and multiemployer pension plan withdrawal costs and special items; adjusted diluted EPS, defined as as diluted EPS excluding amortization of acquired intangible assets, severance, non-operating retirement costs and special items; and free cash flow, defined as net cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures. Refer to the appendix for reconciliations to the most comparable GAAP financial measures. Certain guidance is provided on a non-GAAP basis and not reconciled to the most directly comparable GAAP measure because we are unable to provide, without unreasonable effort, a calculation or estimation of amounts necessary for such reconciliation due to the inherent difficulty of forecasting such amounts.

The sum of individual metrics may not always equal total amounts indicated due to rounding.



Second quarter 2024 business highlights

Subscriber growth was fueled by multiple products across the Company's portfolio

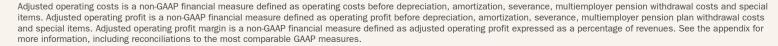
- The Company added approximately 300k net digital-only subscribers in the quarter, bringing the Company's total subscribers to 10.84 million
- The Company added approximately 280k net bundle and multiproduct subscribers and 240k net other single-product subscribers in the quarter
- Bundle and multiproduct subscribers now make up 45% of the Company's total subscriber base, up from 43% in the first quarter of 2024

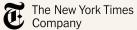
Saw growth across the Company's multiple revenue streams

- Total digital-only average revenue per user (ARPU) increased 2.1% year-over-year to \$9.34
- Digital-only subscription revenues increased 12.9% year-over-year as both digital subscribers and total digital-only ARPU grew
- Digital advertising revenues increased 7.8% yearover-year due to higher revenues from display advertising
- Other revenues increased 4.9% year-over-year largely as a result of higher Wirecutter affiliate referral and licensing revenues

AOP and AOP margin continued to grow as the Company demonstrated cost discipline

- Year-over-year adjusted operating costs (AOC) grew
 4.4%, which reflects our disciplined approach to costs even as we continue to invest in the areas that differentiate us
- Adjusted operating profit (AOP) grew 13.6% yearover-year to approximately \$105 million
- AOP margin increased approximately 110 basis points year-over-year to 16.7%





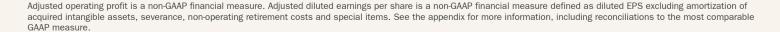
Second quarter 2024 actual results compared to guidance

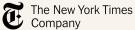
	Q2 2024 Guidance	Q2 2024 Actuals		
Digital-only subscription revenues	increase 11 - 14%	+12.9%		
Total subscription revenues	increase 6 - 8%	+7.3%		
Digital advertising revenues	increase high-single-digits	+7.8%		
Total advertising revenues	increase low-single-digits	+1.2%		
Other revenues	flat to increase low-single-digits	+4.9%		
Adjusted operating costs	increase 4 - 5%	+4.4%		



Continued execution of the Company's strategy is driving healthy financial results

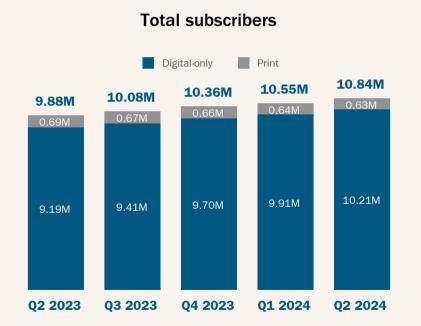




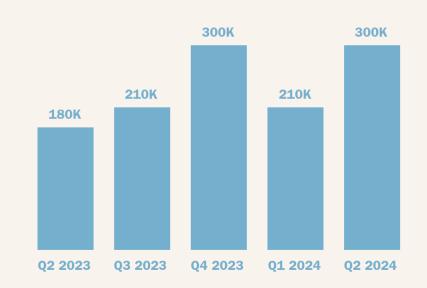


The Company added 300K digital-only net new subscribers in the second quarter, bringing the total subscriber count to 10.84 million

Digital-only net additions were largely driven by bundle and multiproduct subscriber additions as well as other single product subscriber additions



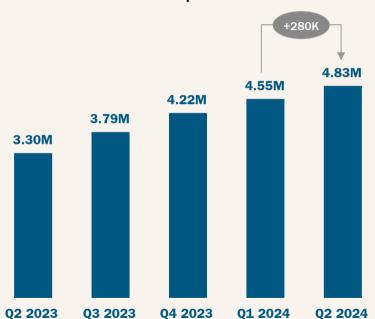
Digital-only subscriber net adds



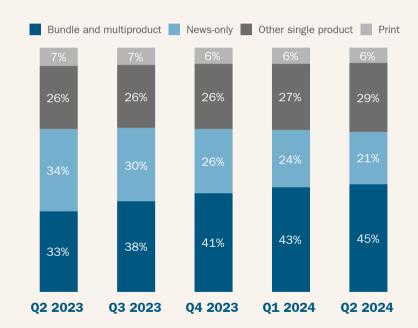


Bundle and multiproduct subscribers are becoming a larger portion of the subscriber base

Bundle and multiproduct subscribers



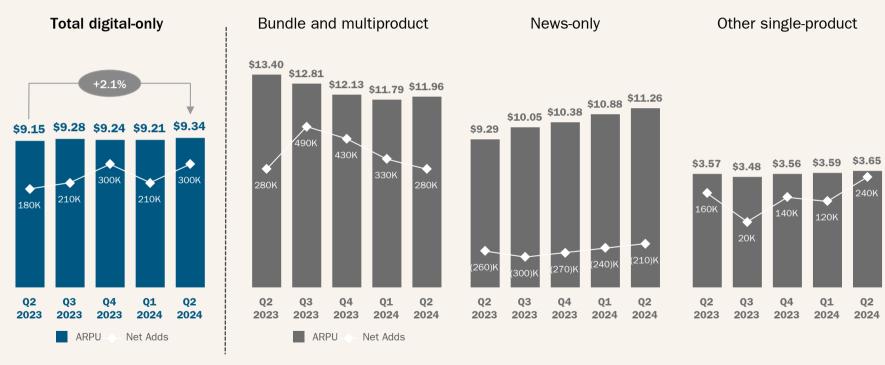
Breakdown of total subscribers by type





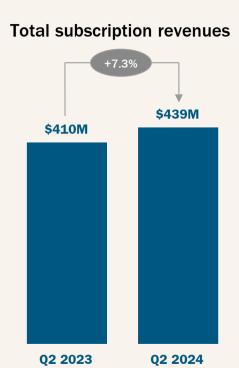
Total digital-only ARPU grew 2.1% year-over-year

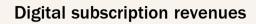
The year-over-year increase was driven primarily by subscribers transitioning from promotional to higher prices and price increases on tenured non-bundled subscribers





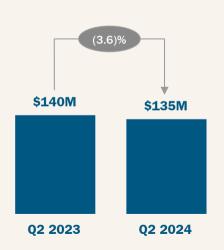
Total subscription revenues grew 7.3% year-over-year as growth from digital was partially offset by print declines







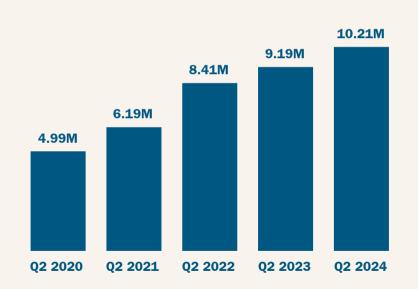
Print subscription revenues



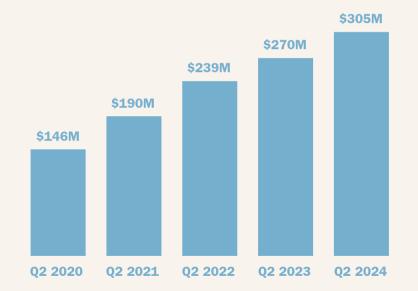


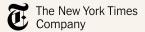
The Company continued to scale its digital-only subscriber base and grow digital subscription revenues

Total digital-only subscribers



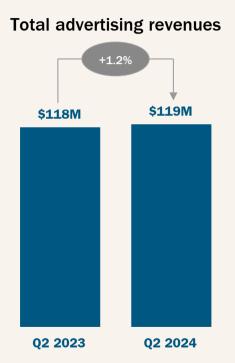
Total digital-only subscription revenues





Total advertising revenues increased 1.2% year-over-year

Growth in digital advertising was partially offset by declines in print advertising







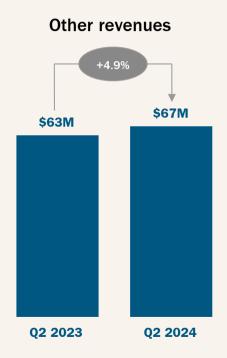
Print advertising revenues





Other revenues grew 4.9% year-over-year

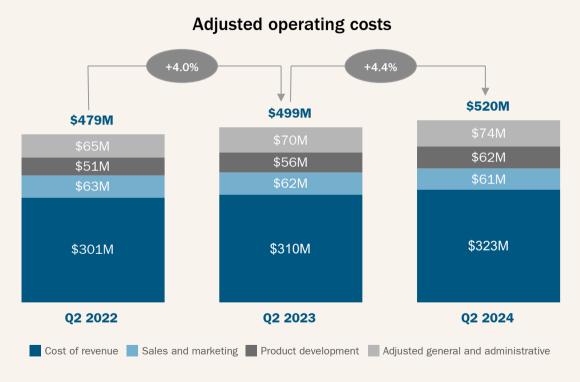
Growth was driven by continued strength from Wirecutter affiliate referral and licensing revenues





Adjusted operating costs grew 4.4% year-over-year

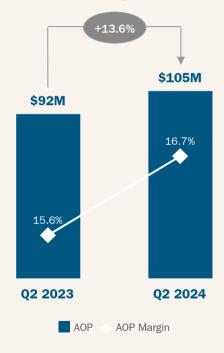
Growth was driven largely by higher journalism, product development, and general and administrative costs, partially offset by lower sales and marketing costs





Adjusted operating profit grew 13.6% year-over-year and adjusted operating profit margin expanded 110 basis points to 16.7%

Adjusted operating profit and adjusted operating profit margin





The Company continues to generate healthy and growing free cash flow and aims to return at least 50% of free cash flow to shareholders over the mid-term





The New York Times Company's third quarter 2024 guidance

Below is the Company's guidance for revenues and adjusted operating costs for the third quarter of 2024 compared with the third quarter of 2023

Q3 2024 Guidance

Digital-only subscription revenues	increase 12 - 15%
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Total subscription revenues increase 7 - 9%

Digital advertising revenues increase high-single-digits

Total advertising revenues flat to increase low-single-digits

Other revenues increase 9 - 11%

Adjusted operating costs increase 5 - 6%

The Company expects the following on a pre-tax basis in 2024:

Depreciation and amortization approximately \$80 million

Interest income and other, net approximately \$35 million

Capital expenditures approximately \$40 million



Appendix



Reconciliation of operating profit to adjusted operating profit and adjusted operating profit margin

We define adjusted operating profit as operating profit, as reported, before depreciation and amortization, severance, multiemployer pension plan withdrawal costs and special items. Adjusted operating profit margin is defined as adjusted operating profit expressed as a percentage of revenues.

Second Quarter		Quarter	% Change	
(\$ in thousands)	2024	2023	2024 vs. 2023	
Operating profit	\$79,410	\$55,775	42.4%	
Add:				
Depreciation and amortization	20,537	21,858	(6.0)%	
Severance	1,473	713	*	
Multiemployer pension plan withdrawal costs	1,297	1,084	19.6%	
Generative AI Litigation Costs ⁽¹⁾	1,983	_	*	
Impairment charge	_	12,736	*	
Adjusted operating profit	\$104,700	\$92,166	13.6%	
Divided by:				
Revenues	\$625,097	\$590,853	5.8%	
Operating profit margin	12.7%	9.4%	330 bps	
Adjusted operating profit margin	16.7%	15.6%	110 bps	

⁽¹⁾ Second quarter 2024 results included as a special item litigation-related costs in connection with a lawsuit against Microsoft Corporation and Open AI Inc. and various of its corporate affiliates alleging unlawful and unauthorized copying and use of the Company's journalism and other content in connection with their development of generative artificial intelligence products ("Generative AI Litigation Costs"). Management determined to report Generative AI Litigation Costs as a special item beginning in the first quarter of 2024 because, unlike other litigation expenses, the Generative AI Litigation Costs arise from a discrete, complex and unusual proceeding and do not, in management's view, reflect the Company's ongoing business operational performance.



^{*} Represents a change equal to or in excess of 100% or not meaningful.

Reconciliation of total operating costs to adjusted operating costs and general and administrative costs to adjusted general and administrative costs

We define adjusted operating costs as operating costs, as reported, before depreciation and amortization, severance, multiemployer pension withdrawal costs and special items. Adjusted general and administrative costs are defined as general and administrative costs before severance and multiemployer pension withdrawal costs.

	Second Quarter			% Change	
(\$ in thousands)	2024	2023 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2024 vs. 2023	2023 vs. 2022
Total operating costs	\$545,687	\$535,078	\$504,019	2.0%	6.2%
Less:					
Depreciation and amortization	20,537	21,858	20,704	(6.0)%	5.6%
Severance	1,473	713	2,660	*	(73.2)%
Multiemployer pension plan withdrawal costs	1,297	1,084	1,194	19.6%	(9.2)%
Generative Al Litigation Costs	1,983	_	_	*	*
Impairment charge	_	12,736	_	*	*
Adjusted operating costs	\$520,397	\$498,687	\$479,461	4.4%	4.0%

⁽¹⁾ Recast to conform to the current presentation of total operating costs.

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	Second Quarter			% C h	% Change	
(\$ in thousands)	2024	2023	2022	2024 vs. 2023	2023 vs. 2022	
General and administrative	\$76,870	\$72,273	\$69,141	6.4%	4.5%	
Less:						
Severance	1,473	713	2,660	*	(73.2)%	
Multiemployer pension plan withdrawal costs	1,297	1,084	1,194	19.6%	(9.2)%	
Adjusted general and administrative	\$74,100	\$70,476	\$65,287	5.1%	7.9%	

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Reconciliation of diluted earnings per share to adjusted diluted earnings per share

We define adjusted diluted earnings per share as diluted EPS, as reported, excluding amortization of acquired intangible assets, severance, non-operating retirement costs and special items

	Second Quarter		% Change
	2024	2023	2024 vs. 2023
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.40	\$0.28	42.9%
Add:			
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	0.04	0.04	*
Severance	0.01	_	*
Non-operating retirement costs:			
Multiemployer pension plan withdrawal costs	0.01	0.01	*
Other components of net periodic benefit costs	0.01	_	*
Special items:			
Generative AI Litigation Costs	0.01	_	*
Impairment charge	_	0.08	*
Income tax expense of adjustments	(0.02)	(0.03)	*
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (1)	\$0.45	\$0.38	18.4%

⁽¹⁾ Amounts may not add due to rounding.

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Reconciliation of net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities to free cash flow

We define free cash flow as net cash provided by operating activities, as reported, less capital expenditures

	Last Twelve Months Ended				
(\$ in thousands)	Jun 30, 2024	Mar 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023	Sep 30, 2023	Jun 30, 2023
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$374,146	\$362,967	\$360,618	\$289,763	\$254,321
Less:					
Capital expenditures	\$(25,931)	\$(23,108)	\$(22,669)	\$(25,691)	\$(28,748)
Free cash flow	\$348,215	\$339,859	\$337,949	\$264,072	\$225,573