

# 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 Earnings Call

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Quad ®

# Call Participants & Forward-Looking Statements



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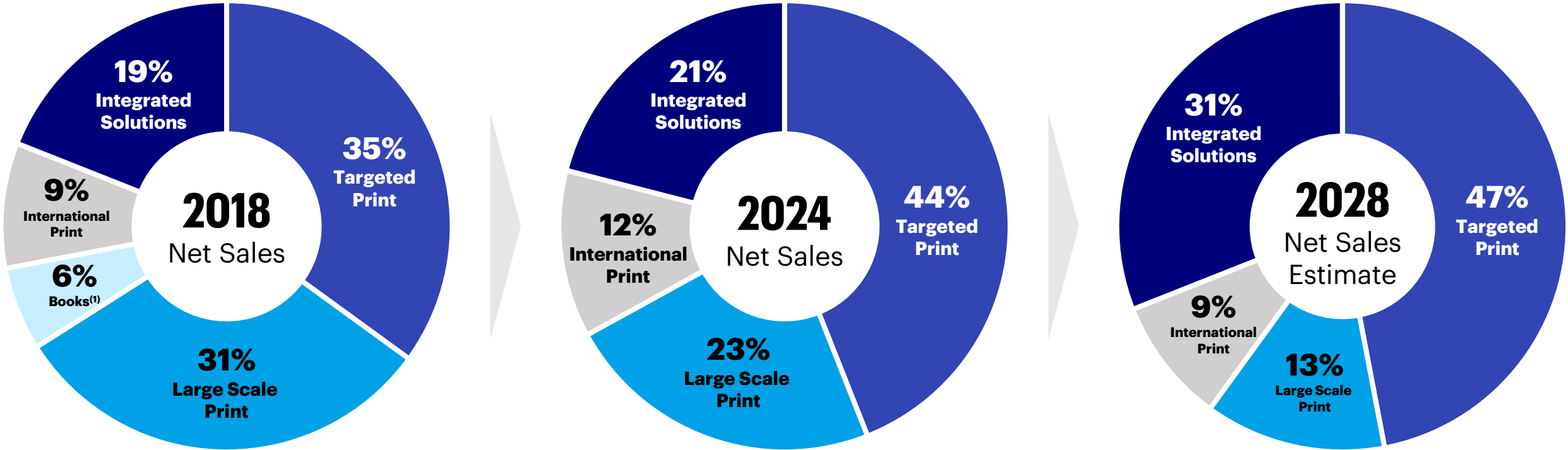
# 2024 Results

<b>\$2.7 billion</b> Net Sales	<b>\$224 million</b> Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>\$56 million</b> Free Cash Flow <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>\$684 million</b> Net Debt <sup>(1)</sup> Reduction since 1/1/20
<b>\$350 million</b> Net Debt <sup>(1)</sup> as of 12/31/24	<b>1.6x</b> Debt Leverage Ratio <sup>(1)</sup>

**Our 2024 results were in line with our expectations, and we continued to use our strong cash generation to reduce debt, invest in our business and return capital to shareholders**

(1) See slide 21 for definitions of our non-GAAP measures, slide 23 for a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA, slide 24 for a reconciliation of Free Cash Flow and slide 25 for a reconciliation of Net Debt and Debt Leverage Ratio as non-GAAP measures

# Net Sales Evolution



- Integrated Solutions**

  - Agency Solutions
  - Logistics
  - QuadMed
- Targeted Print**

  - Catalogs
  - Direct Marketing
  - Packaging
  - In-Store
  - Special Interest Publications
- Large Scale Print**

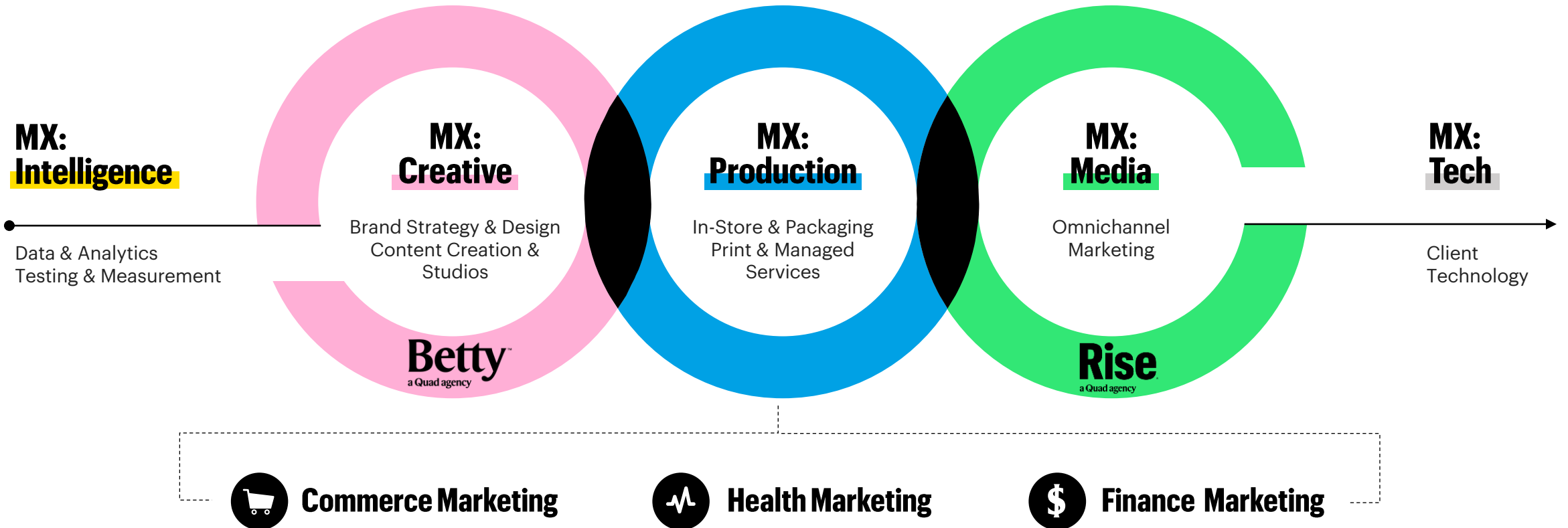
  - Magazines
  - Retail Inserts
  - Directories
- International Print**

  - Latin America
  - Europe<sup>(2)</sup>

(1) Quad divested its Books business in 2020  
 (2) Quad entered into a definitive agreement to sell its European operations to Germany-based entrepreneurial private capital investment manager Capmont GmbH. The transaction is expected to close in early 2025 pending customary closing conditions.

# MX Solutions Suite

From offline to online, across Creative, Production and Media, fueled by Intelligence and Tech, Quad's MX Suite of products and services is flexibly tailored for the unique needs of the marketer



# Quad's Proprietary Household-Based Data Stack

Quad's proprietary core dataset features **250 million consumers**, mapped to a resilient identifier – **their physical home address** coupled with additional data and contextual insights that can be activated across any media channel:

- Reaches **real people**
- Targets **individuals** and **households**
- Leverages **advanced** audiences and models



**97%**  
Reach of  
Adult US  
Population

**>3 Billion**  
Continuously  
Re-Validated  
Household  
Data Points

**20k+**  
Attributes  
and Profile  
Types

# At-Home Connect by Quad

At-Home Connect **modernizes direct mail** with an intelligent, automated platform for fast campaign activation

Seamlessly **complements digital marketing**, leveraging online consumer interactions or life events to trigger more relevant and engaging direct mail delivered to households



## Ease of Use

Connects audience data for automated, personalized campaigns



## Speed to Market

Triggers direct mail with 24/7 print production power



## Cost Efficiency

Low-cost, optimized postal distribution



## Personalization

Individualized 1:1 marketing messages





# In-Store Connect by Quad

We continue to **expand** our presence in **omnichannel retail media networks** and are onboarding our first banner in the **Midwest** to In-Store Connect in addition to:



**The Save Mart Companies** launched in 15 stores and intends to expand to additional stores this spring



**Homeland Stores** launched in 15 stores, delivering promising initial results





# Titleist



## MX: Intelligence

Research & Testing

- Accelerated Marketing Insights



## MX: Creative

Brand Strategy & Design

- Brand Positioning
- Design Strategy
- Visual Identity Creation
- Packaging Design
- Adaptive Design & Rollouts

## Opportunity

Update the client's packaging for its flagship Pro V1 and Pro V1x golf balls

## Quad Solutions

- Created an innovative design that visually distinguishes Titleist on-shelf from the busyness of competitors' products
- Applied a mix of pre-market testing solutions, including interviews, surveys and mock retail environments, to ensure the new design's impact



# Spirit of Gallo



## MX: Intelligence

Unique Data  
Audience Analytics



## MX: Media

Media Planning and  
Placement

- Out-of-home (OOH)
- Connected TV (CTV)
- Social Media

## Opportunity

Build brand awareness for its spirit brands through highly impactful and relevant media strategies tailored to local markets' needs

## Quad Solutions

- Applied Quad's household-based data stack to establish hyper-local audience segments
- Crafted an optimal media mix across out-of-home, social and connected TV media channels





# G.O.A.T. Foods



## MX: Intelligence

Unique Data  
Audience Analytics  
Campaign Measurement



## MX: Media

Omnichannel Media  
Addressable Media



## MX: Production

Catalog  
Direct Marketing  
Logistics

## Opportunity

Demonstrate the effectiveness of data-driven, targeted print to grow customer acquisition and sales

## Quad Solutions

- Applied a combination of Quad's proprietary, household data stack and the client's existing customer data to determine ideal prospecting for the client's first holiday catalog
- Integrated Flowcodes – advanced, privacy-forward QR technology – to drive traffic online for making purchases
- Sent targeted direct mail postcards to potential customers who have incomplete online purchases



**9.5x**

Return on advertising spend (ROAS)

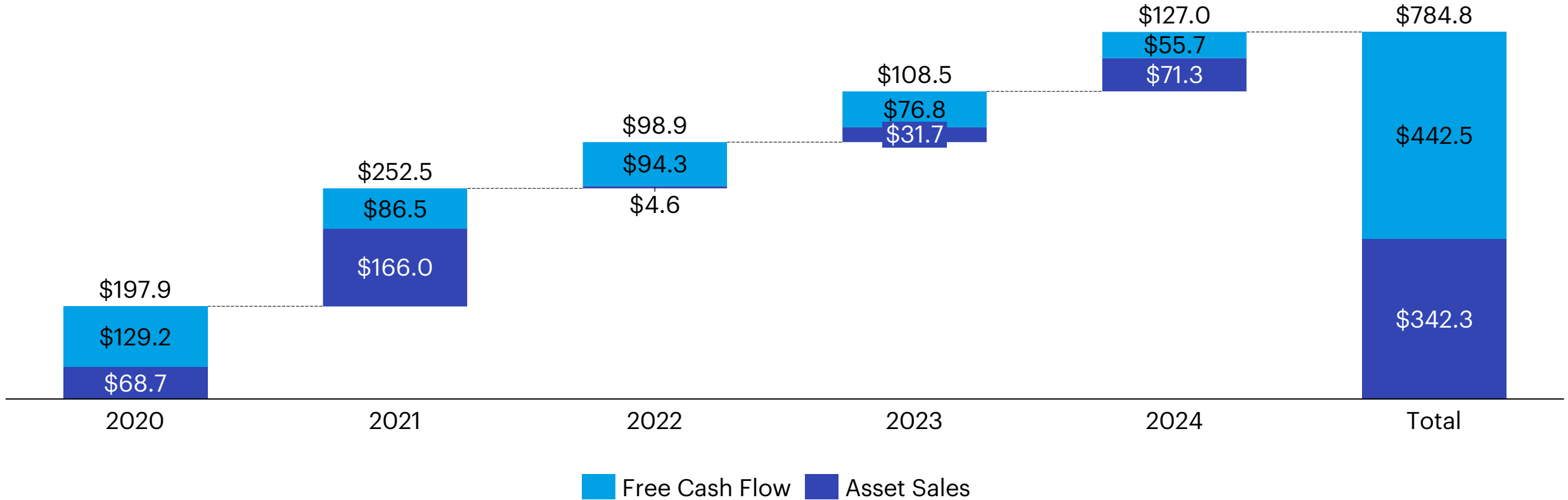
# Financial Overview

	Fourth Quarter		Year Ended	
US \$ Millions (Except Per Share Data)	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
<b>STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS</b>				
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>\$ 708.4</b>	<b>\$ 787.9</b>	<b>\$ 2,672.2</b>	<b>\$ 2,957.7</b>
Cost of Sales	549.4	633.1	2,092.2	2,381.2
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	96.6	89.5	356.8	344.5
<b>Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 62.6</b>	<b>\$ 65.7</b>	<b>\$ 224.0</b>	<b>\$ 233.7</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA Margin<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
<b>Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.36</b>	<b>\$ 0.23</b>	<b>\$ 0.85</b>	<b>\$ 0.52</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>				
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities			\$ 112.9	\$ 147.6
Capital Expenditures			(57.2)	(70.8)
<b>Free Cash Flow<sup>(1)</sup></b>			<b>55.7</b>	<b>76.8</b>
<b>Share Repurchases</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 2.4</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 12.6</b>

(1) See slide 21 for definitions of our non-GAAP measures, slides 22 and 23 for reconciliations of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin, slide 24 for a reconciliation of Free Cash Flow, and slides 27 and 28 for reconciliations of Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share as non-GAAP measures

# Strong Cash Generation

(\$ millions)



**We generated over \$780 million from 2020 to 2024 through our Free Cash Flow<sup>(1)</sup> and proceeds from asset sales<sup>(2)</sup>, excluding the sale of our European operations which is expected to close in early 2025**

(1) See slide 21 for definitions of our non-GAAP measures and slide 24 for a reconciliation of Free Cash Flow as a non-GAAP measure

(2) Includes proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment and proceeds from the sale of non-core businesses or investments



# Balanced Capital Allocation Strategy



**Cash  
Generation**

## **Growth Investments**

Increase growth investments as a marketing experience company

## **Shareholder Returns**

Increase return of capital to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks

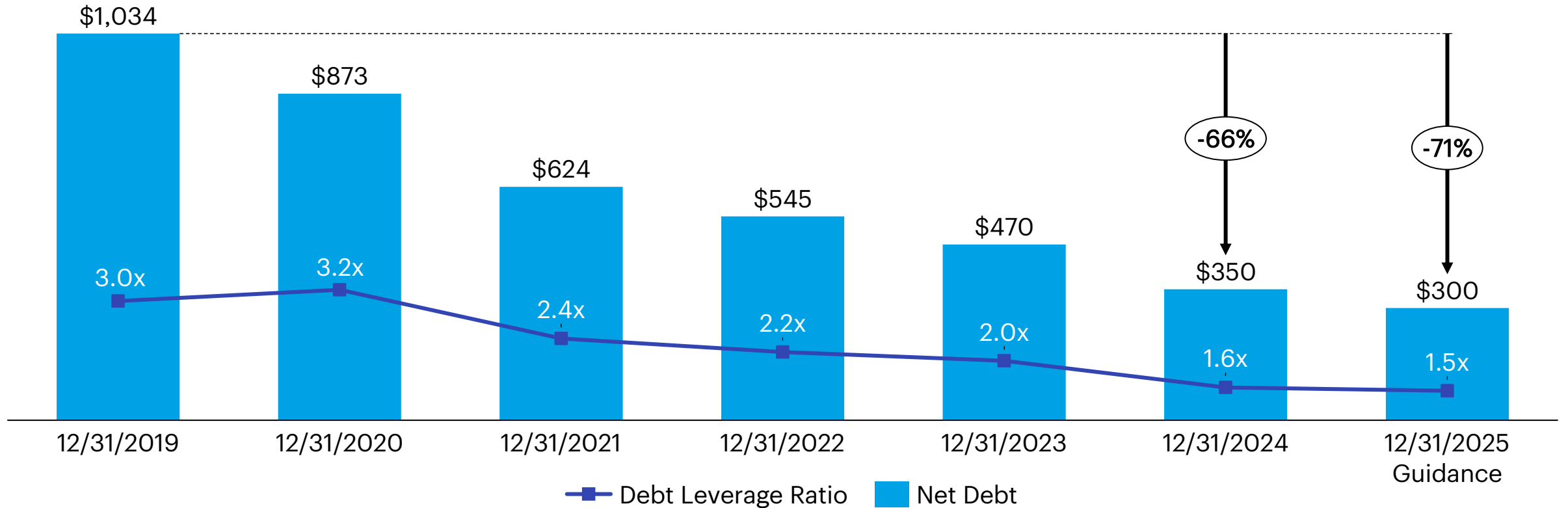
## **Debt Reduction**

Maintain low debt leverage and ensure long-term financial strength

**In 2025, we will grow our investments in innovation and capital expenditures, while also increasing our quarterly dividend by 50%, continuing opportunistic share repurchases and maintaining low debt leverage**

# Net Debt and Debt Leverage Reduction

(\$ millions)



**From 2020 through 2024, we reduced Net Debt<sup>(1)</sup> by \$684 million, a 66% decrease, and we expect to further reduce debt leverage<sup>(1)</sup> to approximately 1.5x by the end of 2025**

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# Debt Capital Structure

**\$350 million**

Net Debt<sup>(1)</sup>  
as of December 31, 2024

**7.7%**

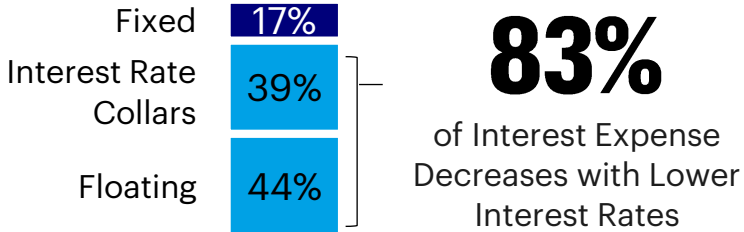
Blended Interest Rate  
as of December 31, 2024

**\$328 million**

Total Liquidity Including Cash on Hand  
as of December 31, 2024

**1.6x**

Debt Leverage Ratio<sup>(1)</sup>  
as of December 31, 2024



Debt Composition  
as of December 31, 2024

**October 2029**

Next Significant Debt Maturity  
of \$193 Million

**During the fourth quarter, we extended our \$690 million bank debt agreement to October 2029 due to the continued long-term partnership and support of our premier bank group**

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# 2025 Guidance

Financial Metric	2025 Guidance (Excluding European Operations)
Organic Annual Net Sales Change <sup>(1)</sup>	2% to 6% decline
Full-Year Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	\$180 million to \$220 million
Free Cash Flow <sup>(2)</sup>	\$40 million to \$60 million
Capital Expenditures	\$65 million to \$75 million
Year-End Debt Leverage Ratio <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Approximately 1.5x

**The expected decline in Adjusted EBITDA is due to: (1) the divestiture of our European operations, (2) lower Net Sales, and (3) increased investments in innovation and our offerings to drive future revenue growth**

(1) Organic Annual Net Sales Change excludes the 2024 Net Sales of \$153 million from the Company's European operations

(2) See slide 21 for definitions of our non-GAAP measures

(3) Debt Leverage Ratio is calculated at the midpoint of the Adjusted EBITDA guidance

# Key Investment Highlights



1

## One-of-a-Kind Integrated Marketing Platform

- Featuring through-the-line marketing solutions deployed across offline and online channels
- Accessing additional revenue opportunity in advertising and marketing services industry

2

## Trusted by Leading Global Brands

- Serving 2,500 clients across growing verticals such as retail, publishing, consumer packaged goods, finance and insurance, health and direct-to-consumer

3

## Transformation Momentum

- Winning new clients and diversifying revenue and client mix through strategic investments in innovative data and media solutions, agency talent, business development and marketing

4

## Strong Cash Generation Supporting Growth

- Proven ability to execute and scale costs driving Free Cash Flow generation
- Divesting non-core assets and generating cash to fuel growth strategy

5

## Industry Leading Financial Foundation

- Targeting approximately 1.5x Debt Leverage by the end of 2025, a reduction of over \$730M or 71% since 1/1/20
- Balanced Capital Allocation including amplifying our investments in innovation and capital expenditures, increasing our quarterly dividend by 50%, continuing opportunistic share repurchases and maintaining low debt leverage





**Thank You**



# Supplemental Information

# Non-GAAP Financial Measures

- In addition to financial measures prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”), this presentation also contains non-GAAP financial measures, specifically EBITDA, EBITDA Margin, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin, Free Cash Flow, Net Debt, Debt Leverage Ratio, and Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share. The Company believes that these non-GAAP measures, when presented in conjunction with comparable GAAP measures, provide additional information for evaluating Quad’s performance and are important measures by which Quad’s management assesses the profitability and liquidity of its business. These non-GAAP measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for or superior to, net earnings (loss) as a measure of operating performance or to cash flows provided by operating activities as a measure of liquidity. These non-GAAP measures may be different than non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. Reconciliations to the GAAP equivalent of these non-GAAP measures are contained on slides 22 - 28.
- Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net earnings (loss) excluding interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”) and restructuring, impairment and transaction-related charges, net.
- EBITDA Margin and Adjusted EBITDA Margin are defined as either EBITDA or Adjusted EBITDA divided by net sales.
- Free Cash Flow is defined as net cash provided by operating activities less purchases of property, plant and equipment.
- Debt Leverage Ratio is defined as total debt and finance lease obligations less cash and cash equivalents (“Net Debt”) divided by the last twelve months of Adjusted EBITDA.
- Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share is defined as earnings (loss) before income taxes excluding restructuring, impairment and transaction-related charges, net, and adjusted for income tax expense at a normalized tax rate, divided by diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding.

# Adjusted EBITDA

## Fourth Quarter

US \$ Millions	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 4.7	\$ (22.0)
Interest expense	15.1	19.0
Income tax expense	0.1	6.9
Depreciation and amortization	23.1	31.1
<b>EBITDA (non-GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 43.0</b>	<b>\$ 35.0</b>
EBITDA Margin (non-GAAP)	6.1%	4.4%
Restructuring, impairment and transaction-related charges, net	19.6	30.7
<b>Adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 62.6</b>	<b>\$ 65.7</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA Margin (non-GAAP)</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>

# Adjusted EBITDA

## Full-Year

US \$ Millions	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Net loss	\$ (50.9)	\$ (55.4)
Interest expense	64.5	70.0
Income tax expense	6.4	12.8
Depreciation and amortization	102.5	128.8
<b>EBITDA (non-GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 122.5</b>	<b>\$ 156.2</b>
EBITDA Margin (non-GAAP)	4.6%	5.3%
Restructuring, impairment and transaction-related charges, net	101.5	77.5
<b>Adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 224.0</b>	<b>\$ 233.7</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA Margin (non-GAAP)</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>



# Free Cash Flow

US \$ Millions	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 112.9	\$ 147.6
Less: purchases of property, plant and equipment	57.2	70.8
<b>Free Cash Flow (non-GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 55.7</b>	<b>\$ 76.8</b>

# Net Debt and Debt Leverage Ratio

US \$ Millions	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Total debt and finance lease obligations on the balance sheets	\$ 379.2	\$ 522.7
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	29.2	52.9
Net Debt (non-GAAP)	\$ 350.0	\$ 469.8
Divided by: Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended (non-GAAP)	\$ 224.0	\$ 233.7
<b>Debt Leverage Ratio (non-GAAP)</b>	<b>1.56x</b>	<b>2.01x</b>

# Balance Sheet

US \$ Millions	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 29.2	\$ 52.9
Receivables, less allowances for credit losses	273.2	316.2
Inventories	162.4	178.8
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	69.5	39.8
Property, plant and equipment—net	499.7	620.6
Operating lease right-of-use assets—net	78.9	96.6
Goodwill	100.3	103.0
Other intangible assets—net	7.2	21.8
Other long-term assets	78.6	80.0
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,299.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,509.7</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 356.7	\$ 373.6
Other current liabilities	289.2	237.6
Current portion of debt and finance lease obligations	28.8	154.2
Current portion of operating lease obligations	24.0	25.4
Long-term debt and finance lease obligations	350.4	368.5
Operating lease obligations	61.4	77.2
Deferred income taxes	3.2	5.1
Other long-term liabilities	135.4	148.6
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,249.1</b>	<b>1,390.2</b>
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>119.5</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,299.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,509.7</b>

# Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share

## Fourth Quarter

US \$ Millions (Except Per Share Data)	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	\$ 4.8	\$ (15.1)
Restructuring, impairment and transaction-related charges, net	19.6	30.7
Adjusted net earnings, before income taxes (non-GAAP)	24.4	15.6
Income tax expense at 25% normalized tax rate	6.1	3.9
Adjusted net earnings (non-GAAP)	\$ 18.3	\$ 11.7
Basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding	47.8	47.2
Plus: effect of dilutive equity incentive instruments (non-GAAP)	3.4	2.8
Diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding (non-GAAP)	51.2	50.0
<b>Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share (non-GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 0.36</b>	<b>\$ 0.23</b>
Diluted earnings (loss) per share (GAAP)	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.47)

# Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share

## Full-Year

US \$ Millions (Except Per Share Data)	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Loss before income taxes	\$ (44.5)	\$ (42.6)
Restructuring, impairment and transaction-related charges, net	101.5	77.5
Adjusted net earnings, before income taxes (non-GAAP)	57.0	34.9
Income tax expense at 25% normalized tax rate	14.3	8.7
Adjusted net earnings (non-GAAP)	\$ 42.7	\$ 26.2
Basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding	47.6	48.4
Plus: effect of dilutive equity incentive instruments (non-GAAP)	2.8	2.3
Diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding (non-GAAP)	50.4	50.7
<b>Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share (non-GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 0.85</b>	<b>\$ 0.52</b>
Diluted loss per share (GAAP)	\$ (1.07)	\$ (1.14)