### EUROPEAN WAX CENTER® 20 Years of Smooth

## European Wax Center

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## **Executive Summary**

20 Years of Smooth

### **Overview of European Wax Center**

European Wax Center is the largest and fastest-growing provider of out-of-home ("OOH") waxing services

### **CATEGORY CREATOR and LEADER**

Professionalized OOH waxing experience Only player with a national footprint and 6x larger than next competitor Performed over 23 million waxing services via 15+ million guest visits in FY 2023

#### **FAVORABLE MARKET DYNAMICS**

Addresses a recurring human need Fragmented and growing market Considerable market penetration opportunity remains

#### **COMPELLING ASSET-LIGHT FRANCHISE MODEL**

Stable, recurring revenue Largely fixed SG&A structure supports long-term margin opportunity Strong cash flow conversion Demonstrated resilience

### ATTRACTIVE AND HIGHLY PREDICTABLE CENTER LEVEL ECONOMICS

Modest upfront investment Consistent maturation curve Strong cash-on-cash returns Drives reinvestment in the network

#### GUEST EXPERIENCE AND LOYALTY PROGRAM DRIVE STICKINESS

Over 75% of sales from our Core guests (Wax Pass holders and Routine guests) Non-discretionary service for our Core Guests



#### DIFFICULT TO REPLICATE AND COMPETITIVELY MOATED

Unmatched scale, superior guest experience, strong loyalty, established pipeline of wax specialists, committed franchise partners

### TANGIBLE GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

**OUR STRONG FINANCIAL FOUNDATION** 

1,044

**\$221M** 

Centers<sup>1</sup>

FY 2023 revenue<sup>1</sup>

**\$955M** 

34.4%

FY 2023 system-wide sales<sup>1</sup>

FY 2023 Adj. EBITDA margin<sup>2</sup>

+2.9%

FY 2023 SSS

\$55M

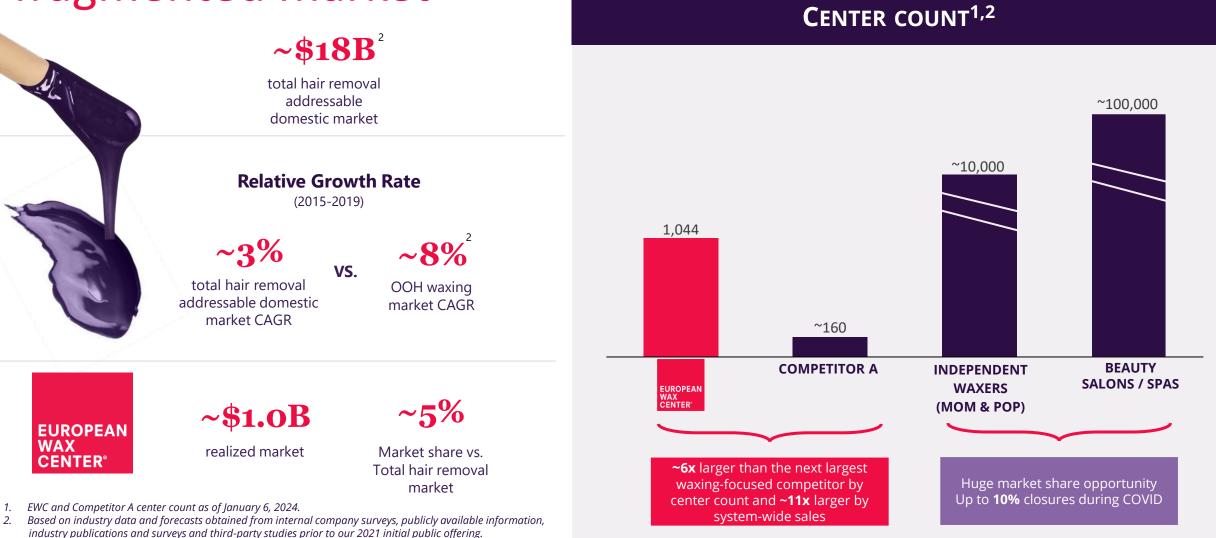
FY 2023 Free Cash Flow <sup>3</sup>

1. As of January 6, 2024 on a 53 week basis.

2. See Appendix for reconciliations of our non-GAAP financial measures.

3. Defined as Operating Cash Flow less Investing Cash Flows.

# Unmatched scale in a large, growing and fragmented market



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## Waxing provides our guests with benefits surpassing other temporary hair removal methods

		SHAVING	SUGARING
COST PER SESSION	\$12 - \$92	Less	More
TIME SPENT	15 – 30 MINUTES / MONTH	MUCH MORE	More
FREQUENCY	1 – 2 TIMES / MONTH	MUCH MORE	Same
EXPERIENCE	CLEAN, PROFESSIONAL	DIY	MESSIER

EWC boosts guest confidence and provides them a **cost-effective** and **time-efficient** way to maintain personal hygiene – creating the ultimate outcome in terms of **results, time** and **value.** 

We are also testing Laser Hair Removal as an addition to our core service offering and evaluating its potential to attract new guests, increase share of wallet from existing guests, and enhance already-compelling 4-wall economics.

## Our differentiated guest experience and scale provide us with a competitive moat

	EUROPEAN WAX CENTER'	OTHER PURE PLAY WAXERS	NAIL / BEAUTY SALONS	MOM & POP WAXING
INSTILL TRUST	Largest OOH waxing     BRAND IN THE U.S.			$\checkmark$
INSTILL REPEAT BEHAVIOR	CORE GUESTS VISIT 7X – 8X PER YEAR, COMPRISING ~75% OF NETWORK SALES			
HIGH QUALITY SERVICE / HOSPITALITY ORIENTATION	WAX SPECIALISTS MUST COMPLETE PROPRIETARY TRAINING PROGRAM IN ADDITION TO BEING LICENSED	$\checkmark$		
FOCUS ON HYGIENE STANDARDS	V INDUSTRY-LEADING HYGIENE STANDARDS	$\checkmark$		
DIFFERENTIATED EXPERIENCE	Scale-Based Tech investment & proprietary Comfort Wax® Formula			
ANYWHERE, ANYTIME CONVENIENCE	V OVER 1,040 LOCATIONS IN 45 STATES TO CHOOSE FROM		$\checkmark$	
COST EFFICIENT, SAFE & HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	SERVICES START AS LOW AS \$12 PER SESSION AND MOST PERFORMED IN LESS THAN 15 MINUTES	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

## **Competitive Moat**

SCALE	<ul> <li>National footprint of 1,040+ locations</li> <li>Sourcing efficiencies and cost negotiations through our leading scale</li> <li>As category leader, we maintain pricing power to protect gross profit and franchisee 4-wall margins</li> </ul>
GUEST EXPERIENCE	<ul> <li>Trusted</li> <li>Proprietary</li> <li>Expert</li> <li>Tech-enabled</li> <li>Consistent</li> <li>Industry-leading hygiene standards</li> <li>Professional</li> <li>Award-winning products</li> <li>Convenient</li> </ul>
MARKETING & LOYALTY PROGRAMS	<ul> <li>Driving retention for loyal guests through our pre-paid Wax Pass program</li> <li>Large-scale, data driven national and local media partnerships</li> <li>Leverage CRM to drive behaviors including purchasing a Wax Pass, attaching retail products, and adding new services</li> <li>Loyalty program provides further incentives</li> </ul>
PIPELINE OF WAX SPECIALISTS	<ul> <li>Nearly 9,000 licensed wax specialists trained through our award-winning programs</li> <li>Reputable brand that is a leading employer of cosmetologists nationwide</li> <li>Beauty school partnership program now includes 30+ schools</li> <li>Website upgrades highlight compelling in-center experience for wax specialists and drive application conversion in centers</li> </ul>
COMMITTED FRANCHISEE BASE	<ul> <li>Strong relationships with existing franchisees who comprise the vast majority of our development pipeline</li> <li>Diverse franchisee base of small operators, multi-unit developers and large private equity-backed operators</li> <li>Support services (pre-opening / training / monitoring / operational support / local marketing / best practices)</li> </ul>

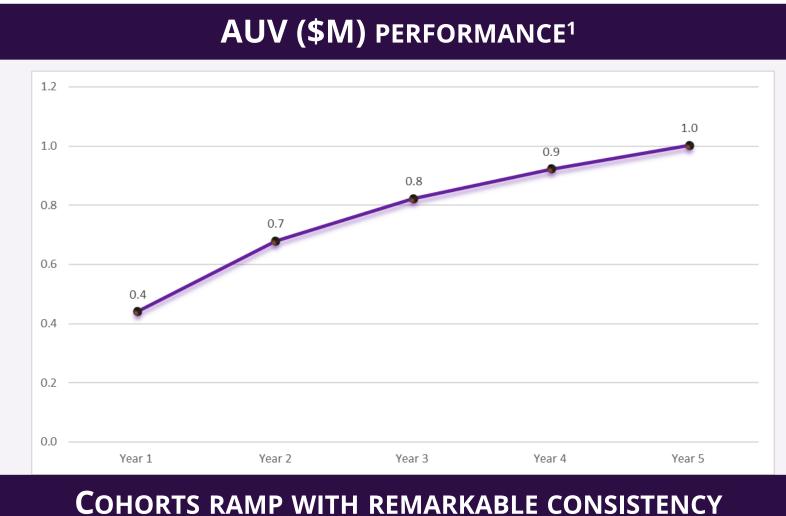
### **Superior Franchise Model**

AUV<sup>2</sup> **\$1.0M** 

Ramp to Maturity **5 years** 

Investment<sup>3</sup> ~\$450K

Cash-on-Cash Return<sup>4</sup> 50%+



. NCO ramp based on weighted-average AUV of centers opened between 2009-2022 excluding Covid impacted periods from the yearly averages.

2. Represents Year 5.

- Assumes typical capital investment and initial operating expenses as reported by franchisee partners, along with franchise fee and start-up package. Investment may vary based on local market conditions.
- 4. Cash on cash return is an internal Company estimate based on unaudited results as reported by franchisee partners. It is calculated as Year 5 EBITDA divided by initial capital investment, franchise fee and start-up package.

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## Resilient business model that performs through various economic cycles

### **ENGAGEMENT REMAINS STRONG**



Franchisee demand and core guest engagement remain strong despite rising interest rates and inflationary pressures



Center count increased 11% in 2023 with 370+ licenses in pipeline



Wax Pass holders and Routine guests represent ~75% of sales and have maintained EWC frequency and spending habits



Attractive value proposition with services starting at \$12 and averaging \$35



Average guest household income of \$100K+ with significantly higher income for our most engaged guests



Asset-light model drives outsized free cash flow with \$55M in FY 2023

# Since IPO, our highly predictable model has continued to deliver...

Opened 200+ new centers, with a strong pipeline for anticipated strong future growth

System wide sales growth of ~31%

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Revenue growth of ~36%

Adj EBITDA growth of ~39%

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Enhanced our marketing capabilities and guest insights

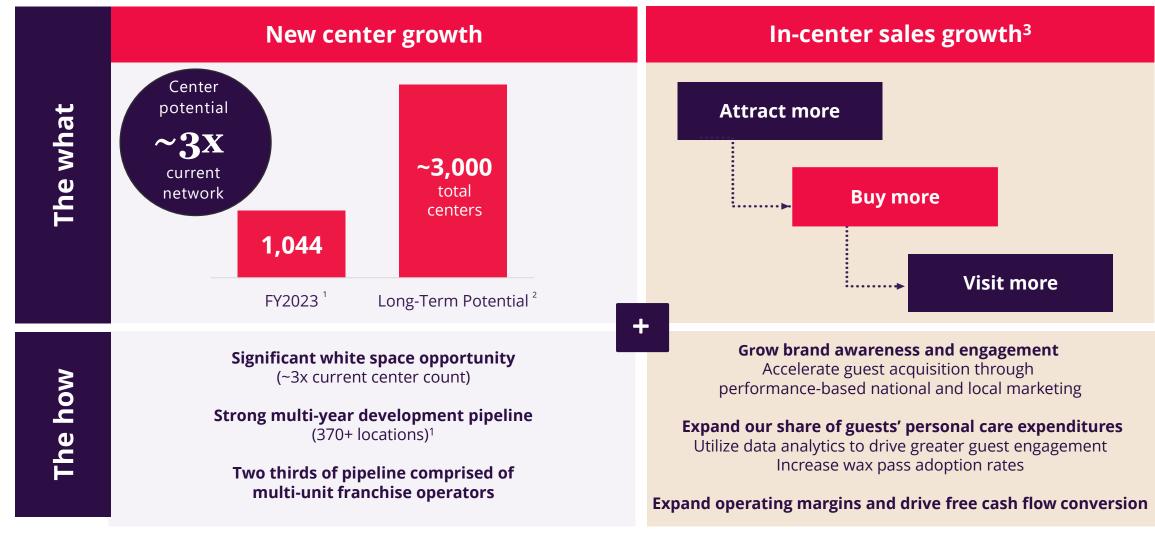
Strong management team

Continue to test and learn, including launch of Laser Hair Removal pilot



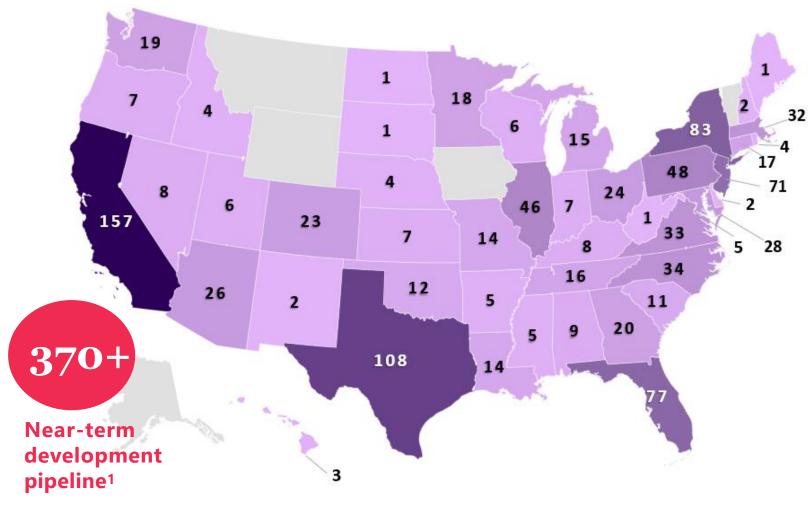
## Our Focused Growth Opportunity

## Our compelling growth story



As of January 6, 2024.
 Within the next 15 years.
 Drives both system-wide sales and same-store sales growth

## We will grow our national footprint across new and existing markets



**Center** growth sales growth

### PATH TO GROWTH

Partner with existing franchisees to fuel new center growth

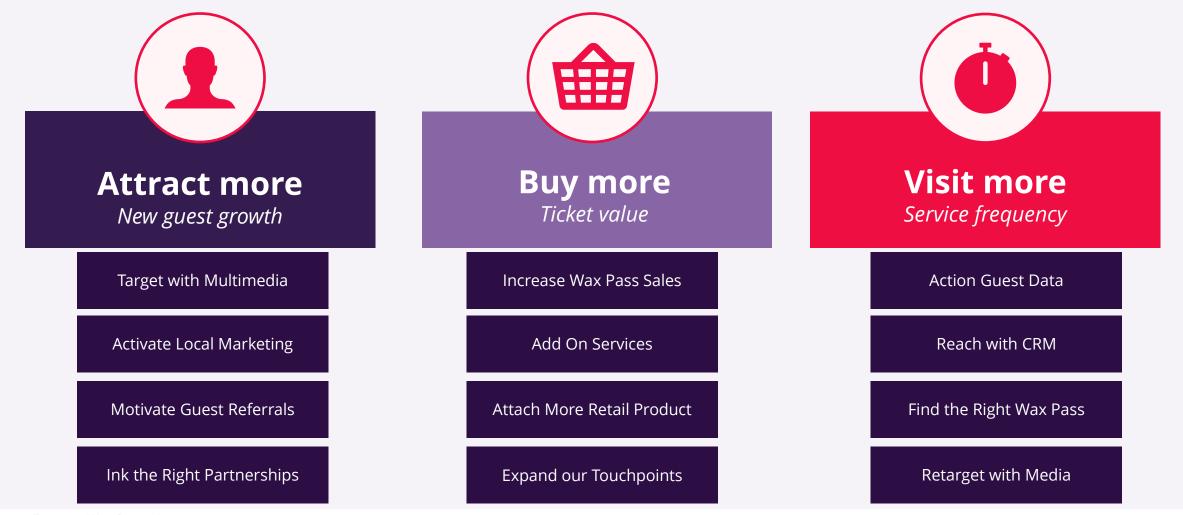
Grow density in key markets, leading to increased network effects and word of mouth marketing

While also focusing on markets with less development activity over the last few years

Provide ongoing franchisee support to ensure franchisee success

- New pre-opening playbook launched network wide
- Enhanced local marketing support and agency partnerships

## To drive sustained in-center sales growth, our formula is simple

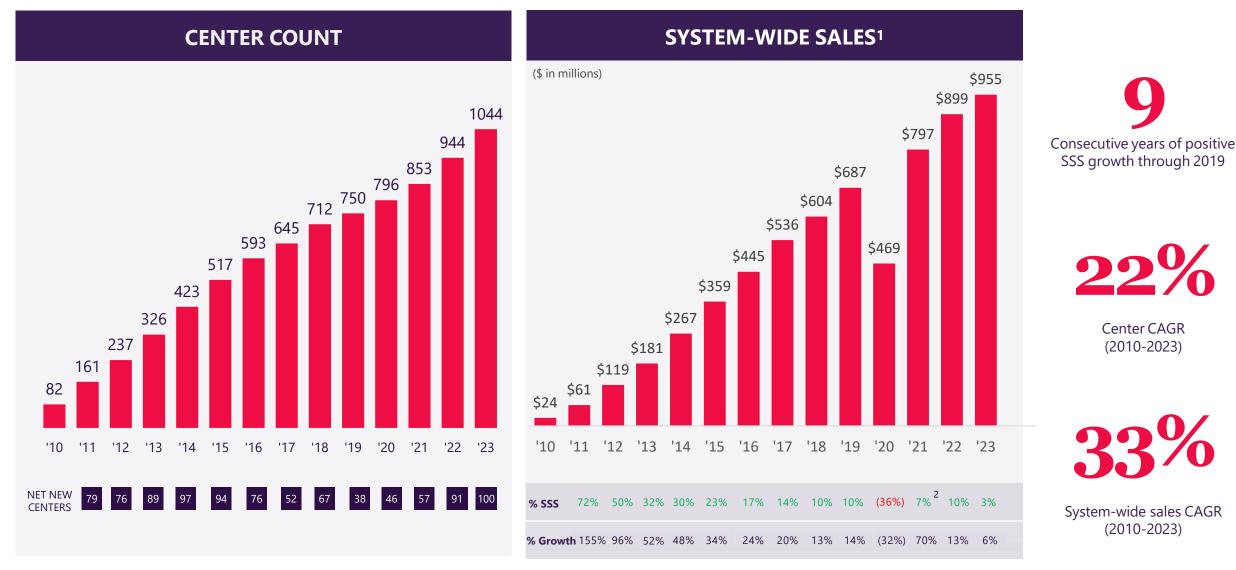


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## Our Strong and Predictable Financial Performance

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### Long track record of sustained growth



1. Represents sales from same day services, retail sales and cash collected from wax passes.

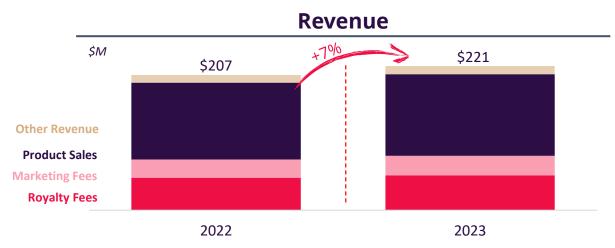
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2. Same-store sales increase for the year ended December 25, 2021 is calculated in comparison to the year ended December 28, 2019 due to the significant decline in our sales in 2020 due to COVID-19.

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## Recurring revenue streams generate resilient profitability





Adjusted EBITDA<sup>3</sup> *SM 572 576 2022 2023 34.5% 34.4%* 

#### The network:

- Wax Pass program fosters loyalty and return visits
- 50%+ cash-on-cash returns at maturity<sup>2</sup>

### European Wax Center, Inc:

- Highly predictable recurring revenue model via Product Sales (Comfort Wax and retail products) and Royalty Fees
- Asset-light and largely fixed SG&A structure generates strong margins

2. Cash on cash return is an internal Company estimate based on unaudited results as reported by franchisee partners. It is calculated as Year 5 EBITDA divided by

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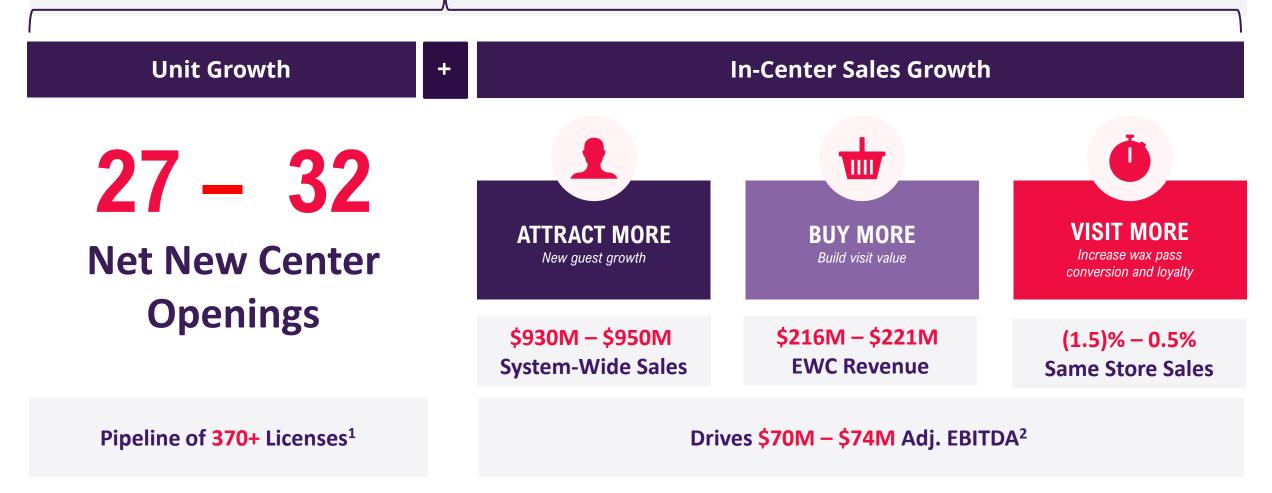
### Capital structure supports continued growth

FY2023 Net Leverage		Capital Allocation Framework	
(\$M)	1/06/2024		
Total Debt	\$394	Preserve Liquidity	Cash Surplus to Support Growth
Cash	\$59		
Net Debt	\$334		
Adj. EBITDA	\$76	Locked in Attractive Long-Term Interest	Return Capital to Shareholders
Net Debt / Adj. EBITDA	4.4x	Rate	Shareholders

We are committed to optimizing our capital structure as evidenced by \$90M in cumulative share repurchase authorizations. Given the growing cash flow of our business, we expect to be able to further de-lever over time.

### Our outlook – FY 2024

**Two Growth Vectors Drive Achievement of Our Financial Outlook** 



Pipeline of signed licenses as of January 6, 2024.
 Includes approximately \$4M of costs related to Company's investment in laser hair removal.

### Long-term financial growth framework

METRIC	LONG-TERM TARGET
UNIT GROWTH	High Single-Digits
ANNUAL SSS	High Single-Digits
ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH	Low Double-Digit
ADJUSTED EBITDA GROWTH	Low-to-Mid Teens

### Our investment highlights

Truly Differentiated Brand Experience Undisputed Leader in a Massive Category Dominated by Independents

Recurring Revenue Generated From a Recurring Human Need

Franchisee Reinvestment Drives Rapid Center Growth Tech-Enabled Platform Deepens Guest Relationships Asset-Light Franchise Model with Proven and Consistent Growth

Robust Free Cash Flow Generation

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Appendix

## **EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation**

	For the Years	Ended Ended
Adjusted EBITDA	Janaury 6, 2024	December 31, 2022
(in thousands)		
Net income	\$12,346	\$13,613
Interest expense, net	26,686	23,626
Income tax expense (benefit)	6,236	-53,191
Depreciation and amortization	20,170	20,231
EBITDA	\$65,438	\$4,279
Equity-based compensation <sup>(1)</sup>	10,988	9,033
Remeasurement of tax receivable agreement liability (2)	-412	56,228
Transaction costs <sup>(3)</sup>	-	1,405
Other <sup>(4)</sup>		666
Adjusted EBITDA	\$76,014	\$71,611
Adjusted EBITDA margin	34.4%	34.5%

(1) Represents non-cash equity-based compensation expense.

(2) Represents non-cash expense related to the remeasurement of our tax receivable agreement liability and contractual cash interest paid on our tax receivable liability.

(3) Represents costs related to our secondary offering of Class A common stock by selling stockholders and certain costs incurred in connection with our securitization transaction.

(4) Represents non-core operating expenses identified by management. For fiscal year 2022 these costs relate to executive severance.