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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-K**

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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 001-38990

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**Advantage Solutions Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

83-4629508  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

8001 Forsyth Blvd, Suite 1025  
Clayton, Missouri 63105  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(314) 655-9333  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class  | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Class A common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share   | ADV               | Nasdaq Global Select Market               |
| Warrants exercisable for one share of Class A common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 | ADVWW             | Nasdaq Global Select Market               |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit such files). YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” “smaller reporting company,” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management’s assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant’s executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES  NO

As of June 30, 2024, the last business day of the registrant’s most recently completed second fiscal quarter, the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates, computed by reference to the closing sales price of \$3.22 reported on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, was approximately \$309 million.

As of March 5, 2025, there were 321,408,856 shares of the registrant’s common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, issued and outstanding.

#### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the registrant’s Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the registrant’s fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, are incorporated by reference in Part III of this report to the extent stated.

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## Part I

### Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K (“Annual Report”) and other documents we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) contain forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about us, our future performance, our business, our beliefs and our management’s assumptions. In addition, we, or others on our behalf, may make forward-looking statements in press releases, written statements or our communications and discussions with investors and analysts in the normal course of business through meetings, webcasts, phone calls and conference calls. Such words as “expect,” “anticipate,” “outlook,” “could,” “target,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “seek,” “estimate,” “should,” “may,” “assume” and “continue” as well as variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and they involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. We describe our respective risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could affect the outcome or results of operations in Part I, Item 1A. *Risk Factors*. We have based our forward-looking statements on our management’s beliefs and assumptions based on information available to our management at the time the statements are made. We caution you that actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed, implied or forecasted by our forward-looking statements. Except as required under the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC, we do not have any intention or obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements after the distribution of this report, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in assumptions or otherwise.

### Item 1. Business

#### Our Company

As a leading business solutions provider to consumer-packaged goods companies and retailers, we offer a platform of high-quality, interconnected, essential, business-critical omni-channel services such as brokerage (headquarter sales), retail merchandising, in-store sampling and private brand development. We assist brands and retailers of all sizes in getting the right products on the shelf - both physical or digital - and into the hands of consumers however they choose to shop. We innovate as a trusted partner with our clients, solving problems to increase efficiency, effectiveness and sales across various channels.

We are proud to serve more than 4,000 clients across diverse categories, such as grocery, mass merchandisers, club, drug and convenience retailers, maintaining trusted relationships and reach spanning more than 100,000 coast-to-coast locations. Our services reflect our differentiated business systems, talent, relationships, scale and expertise. We listen, learn and invest in capabilities that help us meet the evolving needs of brands and retailers. This approach enables us to address existing challenges more effectively and tackle new issues promptly while navigating an increasingly omni-channel world.

Our experience and the transformation underway are designed to improve our core capabilities through technology and strategic partnerships over time. We are committed to staying at the forefront of industry trends to harness data and analytic solutions that support our teammates in creating, executing, and measuring insight-based plans to foster our clients’ business growth.

At the most fundamental level:

- We operate at the nexus of consumer-packaged goods companies and retailers and are trusted partners for both.
- We help our clients sell more while spending less, making their operations more effective and efficient.
- We succeed by delivering market-leading services daily and offering innovative client solutions through a nimble operating platform.
- We drive our productivity to fuel reinvestment and growth in Advantage Solutions.
- Simply put, we seek to operate better, cost-effectively, and faster, keeping commerce and life moving for clients and consumers.

## Our Solutions

Our interconnected solutions for consumer-packaged goods brands and retailers are provided across three segments — Branded Services, Experiential Services and Retailer Services.

### Branded Services

We serve as the strategic extension of consumer-packaged goods brands by offering services that include selling to retailers, retail merchandising and omni-channel marketing. We typically generate revenues on a commission, fee-for-service or cost-plus basis.

Our primary branded services include:

#### ***Brokerage Services (Headquarter Sales)***

Our brokerage service offerings focus on providing solutions for branded consumer goods manufacturers and retailers. We represent our clients and facilitate relationships with retailers across a range of matters, including business development and sales planning that drives awareness and gets brands onto physical and digital shelves for consumers.

We create customized, data-driven business plans for clients and present business cases that aim to increase product distribution and optimize shelf placement, pricing and promotion of their products within our extensive network of industry contacts spanning retailer buying organizations and senior executive ranks. Our services are enhanced by our comprehensive understanding of both the manufacturers' and retailers' strategic priorities and proactive approach to identifying business-building opportunities. Our scale allows us to offer these services locally, regionally or nationally for a client's designated product, brand, or entire portfolio.

To support our sales efforts, we have a dedicated team of analytics professionals who provide category and space management services. These experts analyze consumer purchase and retailer data to identify retail opportunities that increase sales of our client's products and categories.

We utilize analytical tools that aggregate data to inform sales strategies to expand product distribution and optimize other factors such as assortment, planograms, pricing and trade promotions. Additionally, we employ post-promotion analytical tools, working closely with clients and retailers to make the necessary adjustments that align with sales and profit objectives at the product and category level.

Furthermore, we offer advanced analytical services for clients, including retailer point-of-sale and primary market and shopper research.

#### ***Branded Merchandising***

We deploy teams in retail locations that draw on our comprehensive insights to support consumer packaged goods companies' in-store sales strategies. Our teammates conduct regular and ad hoc store visits to manage product availability and positioning, implement promotions, install point-of-purchase displays, and perform other value-added merchandising services down to the aisle, shelf, and SKU.

We offer our clients a wide array of flexible service models for our retail services coverage. In our dedicated coverage model, our teammates perform services exclusively for a particular client and have intimate knowledge of its categories and products. Our syndicated coverage model utilizes shared teams in particular channels to perform services for multiple clients while in a store. We also offer hybrid coverage models whereby clients can choose to have dedicated teams covering designated channels or retailers and syndicated coverage for other channels.

Our branded merchandising services leverage internally sourced or third-party technologies for daily point-of-sale store data, supply chain data and advanced algorithms to target and correct potential store-level merchandising issues in real-time, such as stock-keeping units that are void, out of stock or past expiration. We use this information to improve the routing of our retail teams to address client's needs and mitigate risk. We also prioritize our teammates' work to address the highest-value opportunities while conducting a store visit.

We also offer supply chain and logistics services that deliver a more efficient and seamless flow of products from the warehouse to the consumer. We navigate retail distribution complexities and enhance consumer experiences with timely delivery and customer satisfaction. We help clients reach their target audiences by leveraging technology to optimize logistics, procurement and supply chain management.

We regularly seek opportunities to enhance our suite of technologies through internal development and strategic partnerships. For example, we recently implemented routing software that can efficiently and effectively guide our teammates from location to location, considering store volume, sales velocity, location and in-store conditions.

Additionally, our teammates utilize merchandising applications and scanners in-store to efficiently and effectively execute various activities such as distribution tasks, validating promotional compliance or answering survey questions.

### ***Omni-commerce Marketing Services***

We create distinct, shopper-centric brand experiences that seek to stand out physically and digitally across multiple consumer touchpoints, including digital shelf, Amazon, in-store, promotions, social/influencer, media, custom content and beyond. We immerse ourselves in each brand, leveraging consumer insights and retail intelligence to craft memorable campaigns that help brands break through and grow. Consumer packaged goods companies also hire us for national consumer promotions designed to broadly stimulate demand and awareness of their products.

### **Experiential Services**

We help brands break through, build loyalty, and drive sales with omni-channel sampling experiences in-store and online. We are a global leader in sampling and demonstration services, which we believe enhance the shopper experience and accelerate buy rates across channels and touchpoints, driving trial, sales lift, and brand loyalty. We manage highly customized, large-scale sampling programs for leading brands and retailers. Revenues are primarily recognized as fee-for-service and cost-plus fees for providing in-store, digital sampling, and demonstrations.

We cultivate community, loyalty, and results-driven relationships through world-class brand events. We design, orchestrate, and execute brand and premium events connecting consumers with brands, retailers, and products, leveraging our expertise in consumer insights and experiential marketing.

### **Retailer Services**

We provide retailers end-to-end solutions, including private brand strategy, merchandising, retail media and aisle/shelf optimization.

Retailer Services segment revenues are primarily recognized in commissions, fee-for-service, and cost-plus fees for providing consulting services related to private brand development, the execution of merchandising strategies and marketing strategies within retailer locations, including retail media networks and analyzing shopper behavior.

Our primary retailer services include:

#### ***Retailer Merchandising***

We serve select retailers as their exclusive providers and other retailers as authorized providers of in-store merchandising or reset services. For some of our retailer clients, we perform other in-store services, such as compliance audits, data collection, in-store product assembly and certain advisory services, such as analytics and planogram services to increase sales and optimize inventory and space management. These services allow the retailer's personnel to focus on interacting with and servicing its shoppers.

We equip retailers with experienced trade professionals, movers and lifters to build out and bring the physical shopping experience to life.

#### ***Advisory Services***

We expand our clients' businesses globally with our leading private brand agency, Daymon. We have the expertise to drive loyalty, differentiation, and sales by combining strong relationships through decades of partnerships with manufacturers and retailers. We help maximize the market potential of private brand portfolios by providing comprehensive strategy, development and management services to retailers and private brand manufacturers.

By leveraging our analytical capabilities and expertise, we develop strategies and provide insights that help retailers establish and grow productive and profitable private brand programs across new and existing product categories. This process often begins with a thorough marketplace analysis to develop a private brand portfolio strategy that aligns with a client's priorities. We help identify the most compelling product categories to target and specific products to develop. We also provide packaging and design services to bring our retailer clients' brands to life through strong brand identities. Our retailer clients are supported by analytical teams and teammates who execute strategies through assortment planning, product sourcing and marketing and ongoing program management.

### ***Agency Services***

We manage a wide variety of media, merchandising and display platforms for retailers, including multi-manufacturer print and digital circular programs. We offer targeted media and advertising solutions powered by our proprietary data or through third-party partnerships that deliver to curated, custom audiences. Our cross-screen advertising capabilities enable advertisers to target and engage with custom audience segments across devices via rich media, display, email and value exchange ads.

### **Government Regulation**

In connection with the services we provide, we must comply with various laws and regulations from federal, state, local and foreign regulatory agencies. We believe that we are in material compliance with regulatory requirements applicable to our business. These regulatory requirements include, without limitation:

- federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations involving minimum wage, overtime, exempt or non-exempt status, health care, sick leave, lunch and rest breaks and other similar wage, benefits and hour requirements and other similar laws;
- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act and regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor, the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the equivalent state agencies and other similar laws;
- food safety matters (*e.g.*, federal, state and local certification and training and inspection and enforcement of standards for our teammates, facilities, equipment and the products we promote), alcohol beverage regulations, food and permitting matters (*e.g.*, licensing under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act and regulations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture), custom and import matters with respect to products imported to and exported across international borders;
- federal and foreign laws and regulations regarding tariffs, taxes, embargoes, retaliations and other governmental responses;
- the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the UK Bribery Act and other similar anti-bribery and anti-kickback laws and regulations that generally prohibit companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business; and
- federal, state and foreign anti-corruption, data protection, privacy, consumer protection, content regulation and other laws and regulations, including without limitation, GDPR and the CCPA.

### **Human Capital Management**

Our people, who we refer to as our teammates, represent one of the most important assets to our business. As of December 31, 2024, we employed approximately 69,000 teammates. Approximately 17,000 are full-time and approximately 52,000 are part-time. Approximately 52,000 of our teammates are in the United States. As of December 31, 2024, none of our teammates in the United States were represented by a trade union or were the subject of a collective bargaining agreement.

We are committed to promoting a performance culture with a high degree of teammate engagement and an environment where everyone feels welcomed and included. Our talent and leadership development programs are intended to foster our teammates' ambitions, help develop their careers and support their changing needs and the needs of the business. We believe that our teammates' contributions and active engagement with their fellow teammates are important to the strength of our operational and financial performance. Furthermore, as our company transforms within an evolving industry, we are focused at all levels on improving turnover, retention, development, and the overall teammate experience.

We historically experience meaningful turnover among our entry-level part-time teammates each year. We experience less turnover among our mid-level and senior-level teammates. Given the nature of our services, our recruiting and retention practices are important to meeting the needs and expectations of our clients and customers. As such, we set clear objectives with our teammates, analyze performance and reward and recognize teammates who outperform. At the same time, we remain committed to providing

opportunities for our teammates to grow and develop their careers with us and encourage internal movement including promotions to leadership roles within our business units for high-performing or motivated teammates. No matter their career goals, we are committed to developing, rewarding and retaining high-performing teammates as we transform our business in response to the ever-changing needs of our clients and industry.

We strive to cultivate respect, trust and transparency, and we embrace a diversity of thought and of people. We are committed to creating a workplace where our teammates are seen, heard, respected, protected, valued, feel a sense of belonging and have an opportunity to pursue their career goals and dreams. We believe diversity, equity and inclusion are important components of our commitment to putting people first and our long-term operational and financial success. We believe that a diverse workforce that is reflective of our diverse customer base will position us to better understand customers' wants and needs, which we believe drives our ability to deliver superior customer value and successfully innovate. Diverse perspectives amongst our teammates allow them to evaluate issues through different experiences and perspectives and help guide us in a thoughtful way. Our diversity, equity and inclusion efforts include enterprise-wide training, a diversity equity and inclusion board, and eight distinct resource groups, and we encourage a culture of inclusivity.

### **Intellectual Property**

We own or have the rights to use certain trade names and trademarks that are registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or other foreign trademark registration offices or exist under common law in the United States and other jurisdictions. Trade names that are important in identifying and distinguishing our business include, but are not limited to, Advantage Solutions, Advantage Sales, Daymon, SAS and, Club Demonstration Services. Our rights to some of these trade names and trademarks may be limited to select markets. We also own domain names, including [advantagesolutions.net](http://advantagesolutions.net) and [youradv.com](http://youradv.com).

We rely on trade secrets, including unpatented know-how, and proprietary systems and information, to maintain and develop our technology-enabled services. We try to protect trade secrets and know-how by taking reasonable steps to keep them confidential, including entering into nondisclosure and confidentiality agreements with our teammates and contractors that contain confidentiality obligations and entering into invention assignment commitments that obligate teammates and contractors to assign to us any inventions developed in the course of their work for us.

### **Available Information**

We maintain a link to investor relations information on our website, <https://youradv.com>, where we make available, free of charge, SEC filings, including our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. All SEC filings are also available at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Our website and the information contained on or connected to our website are not incorporated by reference herein, and our web address is included as an inactive textual reference only.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

*Investing in our securities involves risks. Before you make a decision regarding our securities, in addition to the risks and uncertainties discussed above under "Forward-Looking Statements," you should carefully consider the specific risks set forth herein. If any of these risks actually occur, it may materially harm our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations. As a result, the market price of our securities could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. Additionally, the risks and uncertainties described in this Annual Report are not the only risks and uncertainties that we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial may become material and adversely affect our business. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes to the financial statements included herein.*

### **Summary of Principal Risks Associated with Our Business**

Set forth below is a summary of some of the principal risks we face:

- market-driven wage changes or changes to labor laws or wage or job classification regulations, including minimum wage;
- our ability to hire, timely train and retain talented individuals for our workforce, and to maintain our corporate culture as we grow;

- the effects of future pandemics and the measures taken to mitigate their spread including their adverse effects on our business, results of operations, financial condition and liquidity;
- developments with respect to retailers that are out of our control;
- our ability to continue to generate significant operating cash flow;
- consolidation within the industry of our clients creating pressure on the nature and pricing of our services;
- consumer goods manufacturers and retailers reviewing and changing their sales, retail, marketing and technology programs and relationships;
- our ability to successfully develop and maintain relevant omni-channel services for our clients in an evolving industry and to otherwise adapt to significant technological change;
- interruption of supply chains and tariffs, retaliations or other governmental restrictions;
- client procurement strategies putting additional operational and financial pressure on our services;
- our ability to avoid or manage business conflicts among competing brands;
- limitations, restrictions and business decisions involving our joint ventures and minority investments;
- our ability to identify attractive acquisition targets, acquire them at attractive prices and successfully integrate the acquired businesses;
- difficulties in integrating acquired businesses;
- complications with the implementation of our new enterprise resource planning system;
- changes in applicable laws or regulations;
- the possibility that we may be adversely affected by other political, economic, business and/or competitive factors;
- failure to meet environmental, social and governance expectations or standards could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition or stock price;
- our ability to respond to changes in digital practices and policies;
- exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and risks related to our international operations;
- our substantial indebtedness and our ability to refinance at favorable rates;
- our ability to maintain proper and effective internal control over financial reporting in the future; and
- the ability to maintain applicable listing standards.

#### **Risks Related to the Company's Business and Industry**

***Market-driven wage increases and changes to wage or job classification regulations, including minimum wages could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.***

Market competition has caused and may continue to cause us to increase the salaries or wages paid to our teammates or the benefits packages that they receive. If we experience further market-driven increases in salaries, wage rates or benefits packages or if we fail to increase our offered salaries, wages or benefits packages competitively, the quality of our workforce could decline, causing our standards of client service to suffer. Low unemployment rates or lower levels of labor force participation rates may increase the likelihood or impact of such market pressures. Any of these changes affecting wages or benefits for our teammates could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Changes in labor laws related to employee hours, wages, job classification and benefits, including health care benefits, could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. As of December 31, 2024, we employed approximately 69,000 teammates, many of whom are paid above, but near, applicable minimum wages, and their wages may be affected by changes in minimum wage laws.

Additionally, many of our salaried teammates are paid at rates that could be impacted by changes to minimum pay levels for exempt roles. Certain state or municipal jurisdictions in which we operate have recently increased their minimum wage by a significant amount, and other jurisdictions are considering or plan to implement similar actions, which may increase our labor costs.

Any increases at the federal, state or municipal level to the minimum pay rate required to remain exempt from overtime pay may adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

***An inability to hire, timely train and retain talented individuals for our workforce could adversely impact our ability to operate our business.***

Our ability to meet our workforce needs, while controlling teammate-related costs, including salaries, wages and benefits, is subject to numerous external factors, including the availability of talented persons in the workforce in the local markets in which we operate, prevailing unemployment rates and competitive wage rates in such markets. We may find that there is an insufficient number of qualified individuals to fill our positions with the qualifications we seek. Competition in these communities for qualified staff could require us to pay higher wages and provide greater benefits, especially if there is significant improvement in regional or national economic conditions. We must also train and, in some circumstances, certify these teammates under our policies and practices and any applicable legal requirements. If we are unable to hire, timely train or retain talented individuals we may face higher turnover and increased labor costs, which could compromise the quality of our service, and could adversely affect our business.

***Future pandemics may have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and liquidity.***

The COVID-19 pandemic, including the measures taken to mitigate its spread, had adverse effects on our business and operations. A future pandemic or health epidemic, could adversely impact our business and results of operations in a number of ways. For example, the COVID-19 pandemic and measures taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including restrictions on large gatherings, “shelter in place” health orders and travel restrictions, had far-reaching direct and indirect impacts on many aspects of our operations, including temporary termination of certain in-store demonstration services and other services, as well as on consumer behavior and purchasing patterns. In particular, our Experiential Services segment experienced a significant decline in revenues, primarily due to the temporary suspension or reduction of certain in-store demonstration services and decreased demand in our digital marketing services, both of which we believe were caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the various governmental and private responses to the pandemic. In our sales segment, we experienced significant shifts in consumer spending preferences and habits.

We cannot predict the full extent to which a future pandemic or health epidemic, may have similar or other adverse effects on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity, and the degree to which it may impact other risk factors described in this Annual Report.

***Our business and results of operations are affected by developments with and policies of retailers that are out of our control.***

A limited number of national retailers account for a large percentage of sales for our consumer goods manufacturer clients. We expect that a significant portion of these clients’ sales will continue to be made through a relatively small number of retailers and that this percentage is anticipated to increase if the growth of these large retailers continues. As a result, changes in the strategies of large retailers, including a reduction in the number of brands that these retailers carry or an increase in shelf space that they dedicate to private label products, could materially reduce the value of our services to these clients or these clients’ use of our services and, in turn, our revenues and profitability. Many retailers have critically analyzed the number and variety of brands they sell, and have reduced or discontinued the sale of certain of our clients’ product lines at their stores, and more retailers may continue to do so. If this continues to occur and these clients are unable to improve distribution for their products at other retailers, our business or results of operations could be adversely affected.

Additionally, many retailers, including several of the largest retailers in North America, which own and operate a significant number of the locations at which we provide our services, have implemented or may implement in the future, policies that designate certain service providers to be the exclusive provider or one of their preferred providers for specified services, including many of the services that we provide to such retailers or our clients.

Some of these designations apply across all of such retailers’ stores, while other designations are limited to specific regions. If we are unable to respond effectively to the expectations and demands of such retailers or if retailers do not designate us as their exclusive provider or one of their preferred providers for any reason, they could reduce or restrict the services that we are permitted to perform for our clients at their facilities or require our clients to purchase services from other designated services providers, which include our competitors, either of which could adversely affect our business or results of operations.

***Consolidation in the industries we serve could put pressure on the pricing of our services, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.***

Consolidation in the consumer goods and retail industries we serve could reduce aggregate demand for our services in the future and could adversely affect our business or our results of operations. When companies consolidate, the services they previously

purchased separately are often purchased by the combined entity, leading to the termination of relationships with certain service providers or demands for reduced fees and commissions. The combined company may also choose to insource certain functions that were historically outsourced, resulting in the termination of existing relationships with third-party service providers. While we attempt to mitigate the impact of any consolidation by maintaining existing or winning new service arrangements with the combined companies, there can be no assurance as to the degree to which we will be able to do so as consolidation continues in the industries we serve, and our business, financial condition or results of operations may be adversely affected.

***Consumer goods manufacturers and retailers may periodically review and change their sales, retail, marketing and technology programs and relationships to our detriment.***

The consumer goods manufacturers and retailers to whom we provide our business solutions operate in highly competitive and rapidly changing environments. From time to time these parties may put their sales, retail, marketing and technology programs and relationships up for competitive review. We have occasionally lost accounts with significant clients as a result of these reviews in the past, and our clients are typically able to reduce or cancel current or future spending on our services on short notice for any reason. We believe that key competitive considerations for retaining existing and winning new accounts include our ability to develop solutions that meet the needs of these manufacturers and retailers in this environment, the quality and effectiveness of our services and our ability to operate efficiently. To the extent that we are not able to develop these solutions, maintain the quality and effectiveness of our services or operate efficiently, we may not be able to retain key clients, and our business, financial condition or results of operations may be adversely affected.

***Our largest clients generate a significant portion of our revenues.***

Our five largest clients generated approximately 21.8% of our revenues, none of which individually generated more than 10%, in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. These clients are generally able to reduce or cancel spending on our services on short notice for any reason. A significant reduction in spending on our services by our largest clients, or the loss of one or more of our largest clients, if not replaced by new clients or an increase in business from existing clients, would adversely affect our business and results of operations. In addition, when large retailers suspend or reduce in-store demonstration services, such as in response to pandemic, our business and results of operations can be adversely affected.

***The retail industry is evolving, and if we do not successfully develop and maintain relevant omni-channel services for our clients, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely impacted.***

Historically, substantially all of our sales segment revenues were generated by sales and services that ultimately occurred in traditional retail stores. The retail industry is evolving, as demonstrated by the number of retailers that offer both traditional retail stores and e-commerce platforms or exclusively e-commerce platforms. Consumers are increasingly using electronic devices to comparison shop, determine product availability and complete purchases online, or arrange for store pickup or home delivery of products, trends that have accelerated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and which may continue thereafter. If consumers continue to purchase more products online, further reduce their in-store visits or e-commerce continues to displace brick-and-mortar retail sales, there may be a decrease in the demand for certain of our services. Omni-channel retailing is rapidly evolving and we believe we will need to keep pace with the changing consumer expectations and new developments by our competitors.

While we continue to seek to develop effective omni-channel solutions for our clients that support both their e-commerce and traditional retail needs, there can be no assurances that these efforts will result in revenue gains sufficient to offset potential decreases associated with a decline in traditional retail sales or that we will be able to maintain our position as a leader in our industry. If we are unable to provide, improve or develop innovative digital services and solutions in a timely manner or at all, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely impacted.

***Interruption of supply chains and tariffs, retaliations or other governmental restrictions could adversely affect our business and our profitability.***

The demand for our services is dependent on the ability of retailers and consumer goods manufacturers to offer and deliver products directly or indirectly to consumers. We provide services involving a wide variety of brands that are sourced from domestic and international suppliers. Any material interruption in the supply chains serving consumer goods manufacturers, retailers or ourselves, whether due to interruptions in service by our third-party logistic service providers, trade restrictions (such as increased tariffs, taxes or quotas, embargoes, customs or other governmental restrictions), pandemics, social or labor unrest, labor shortages, natural disasters, or political disputes and military conflicts that cause a material disruption in supply chains or a significant increase in supply costs could adversely affect our business and our profitability.

***We may be unable to adapt to significant technological change, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.***

We operate businesses that require sophisticated data collection, processing and software for analysis and insights. Some of the technologies supporting the industries we serve are changing rapidly. We will be required to continue to adapt to changing technologies, either by developing and marketing new services or by enhancing our existing services, to meet client demand.

Moreover, the introduction of new services embodying new technologies, including automation of certain of our in-store services, and the emergence of new industry standards could render existing services obsolete. Our continued success will depend on our ability to adapt to changing technologies, manage and process increasing amounts of data and information and improve the performance, features and reliability of our existing services in response to changing client and industry demands. We may experience difficulties that could delay or prevent the successful design, development, testing, introduction or marketing of our services. New services or enhancements to existing services may not adequately meet the requirements of current and prospective clients or achieve market acceptance.

***Our ability to maintain our competitive position depends on our ability to attract and retain talented executives.***

We believe that our continued success depends to a significant extent upon the efforts, abilities and relationships of our senior executives and the strength of our middle management team. Although we have entered into employment agreements with certain of our senior executives, each of them may terminate their employment with us at any time. The replacement of any of our senior executives likely would involve significant time and costs and may significantly delay or prevent the achievement of our business objectives and could therefore have an adverse impact on our business. In addition, we do not carry any “key person” insurance policies that could offset potential loss of service under applicable circumstances. Furthermore, if we are unable to attract and retain a talented team of middle management executives, it may be difficult to maintain the expertise and industry relationships that our clients value, and they may terminate or reduce their relationship with us.

***Client procurement practices could put additional operational and financial pressure on our services or negatively impact our relationships, business, financial condition or results of operations.***

Many of our clients seek opportunities to reduce their costs through procurement practices that reduce fees paid to third-party service providers. As a result, certain of our clients have sought, and may continue to seek, more aggressive terms from us, including with respect to pricing and payment terms. Such activities put operational and financial pressure on our business, which could limit the amounts we earn or delay the timing of our cash receipts. Such activities may also cause disputes with our clients or negatively impact our relationships or financial results. Our clients have experienced, and may continue to experience, increases in their expenses associated with materials and logistics, which may cause them to reduce expenses elsewhere. While we attempt to mitigate negative implications to client relationships and the revenue impact of any pricing pressure by aligning our revenues opportunity with satisfactory client outcomes, there can be no assurance as to the degree to which we will be able to do so successfully. Additionally, price concessions can lead to margin compression, which in turn could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

***If we fail to offer high-quality customer service, our business and reputation may suffer.***

High-quality education, training and customer service are important for successful marketing and sales and for the renewal of existing customers and for the pursuit of new customers. Providing this education, training and service requires that our personnel who manage our online training resource or provide customer service have specific inbound experience domain knowledge and expertise, making it more difficult for us to hire qualified personnel and to scale up our support operations. If we do not help our customers use multiple applications and provide effective ongoing service, our ability to sell additional functionality and services to, or to retain, existing customers may suffer and our reputation with existing or potential customers may be harmed.

***We may be adversely affected if clients reduce their outsourcing of sales and marketing functions.***

Our business and growth strategies depend in large part on companies continuing to elect to outsource sales and marketing functions. Our clients and potential clients will outsource if they perceive that outsourcing may provide quality services at a lower overall cost and permit them to focus on their core business activities and have done so in the past. We cannot be certain that the industry trend to outsource will continue or not be reversed or that clients that have historically outsourced functions will not decide to perform these functions themselves. Unfavorable developments with respect to outsourcing could adversely affect our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

***Divestitures or other dispositions could negatively impact our business, financial condition or results of operations.***

We continually assess the strategic fit of our existing businesses and may divest, spin-off, split-off or otherwise dispose of businesses that are deemed not to fit with our strategic plan or are not achieving the desired return on investment. Since January 2023, we have divested nine businesses, and also decreased our ownership interest in our European joint venture. Such transactions pose risks and challenges that could negatively impact our business and financial statements. For example, when we decide to sell or otherwise dispose of a business or assets, we may be unable to do so on satisfactory terms within our anticipated timeframe or at all, and even after reaching a definitive agreement to sell or dispose a business the sale is typically subject to satisfaction of pre-closing conditions which may not become satisfied. For example, during the second quarter of fiscal year 2024, we recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$99.7 million for the Branded Agencies reporting unit goodwill due to the pending sale of one of the businesses that comprised a substantial portion of the assets, liabilities and prospective cash flows of the Branded Agencies reporting unit. In addition, divestitures or other dispositions could decrease our Adjusted EBITDA or have other adverse financial, tax and accounting impacts and distract management, and disputes can arise with buyers. The resolution of any such disputes could adversely affect for our business, financial condition or results of operations.

***Divestitures or other dispositions could have significant accounting and tax implications that could negatively impact our business, financial condition or results of operations.***

If we approve plans to divest or dispose a business, accounting rules may require us to reclassify assets associated with such business unit, including the value of contracts, client relationships, goodwill, and other intangible assets, as assets held for sale. Assets held for sale are recorded at the lower of their carrying value or fair value, less estimated costs to sell, and any required impairment charge is recorded upon reclassification of the assets to held for sale. Allocating goodwill to assets held for sale requires us to make certain assumptions about a business, including the financial performance of such business unit against our company as a whole. There are inherent uncertainties related to these estimates and assumptions. If actual results differ from our estimates or assumptions, including our estimated costs to sell, additional charges may be required in the future. If future charges are significant, this could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. We will assess each divestiture or other disposition from a tax perspective and such assessment will rely on certain facts, assumptions, representations and undertakings regarding the past and future conduct of our businesses and other matters. If any of these facts, assumptions, representations or undertakings are incorrect or not satisfied, we could be subject to significant tax liabilities that minimize the benefits of such divestiture or other disposition.

***Our corporate culture is a significant factor to our long-term success and, if we are unable to promote the key aspects of our culture across our organization as we transform, our business, operating results and financial condition could be harmed.***

We believe our corporate culture is a significant factor to our long-term success. However, as our company transforms, including through acquisitions, divestitures and remote work, it may be difficult to promote our culture, which could reduce our ability to innovate and operate effectively. The failure to promote the key aspects of our culture as our organization transforms could result in decreased employee satisfaction, increased difficulty in attracting top talent, increased turnover and compromised quality of our client service, all of which are important to our success and to the effective execution of our business strategy. If we are unable to promote our corporate culture as we transform and execute our growth strategies, our business, operating results and financial condition could be harmed.

***Acquiring new clients and retaining existing clients depends on our ability to avoid or manage business conflicts among competing brands.***

Our ability to acquire new clients and to retain existing clients, whether by expansion of our own operations or through an acquired business may in some cases be limited by the other parties' perceptions of, or policies concerning, perceived competitive conflicts arising from our other relationships. Some of our contracts expressly restrict our ability to represent competitors of the counterparty. These perceived competitive conflicts may also become more challenging to avoid or manage as a result of continued consolidation in the consumer goods and retail industries and our own acquisitions. If we are unable to avoid or manage business conflicts among competing manufacturers and retailers, we may be unable to acquire new clients or be forced to terminate existing client relationships, and in either case, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected.

***Limitations, restrictions and business decisions involving our joint ventures and minority investments may adversely affect our growth and results of operations.***

We have made substantial investments in joint ventures and minority investments and may use these and other similar methods to expand our service offerings and geographical coverage in the future. These arrangements typically involve other business services companies as partners that may be competitors of ours in certain markets. Joint venture agreements may place limitations or restrictions on our services. For example, as part of our joint venture with, and investments in Smollan, we were restricted under

certain circumstances from making direct acquisitions and otherwise expanding many of our service offerings into markets outside of North America. The limitations and restrictions tied to our joint venture and minority investments limit our potential business opportunities and reduce the economic opportunity for certain prospective international investments and operations.

Additionally, we may rely upon our equity partners or local management for operational and compliance matters associated with our joint ventures or minority investments. Moreover, our other equity partners and minority investments may have business interests, strategies or goals that are inconsistent with ours. Business decisions, including actions or omissions, of a joint venture or other equity partner or management for a business unit may adversely affect the value of our investment, result in litigation or regulatory action against us or adversely affect our growth and results of operations.

***Our international operations and investments expose us to risks that could impede growth in the future, and our attempts to grow our business internationally may not be successful.***

We continue to explore opportunities in major international markets. International operations expose us to various additional risks that could adversely affect our business, including:

- costs of customizing services for clients outside of the United States;
- the burdens of complying with a wide variety of foreign laws;
- potential difficulty in enforcing contracts;
- being subject to U.S. laws and regulations governing international operations, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and sanctions regimes;
- being subject to foreign anti-bribery laws in the jurisdictions in which we operate, such as the UK Bribery Act;
- reduced protection for intellectual property rights;
- increased financial accounting and reporting complexity;
- additional legal compliance requirements, including custom and import requirements with respect to products imported to and exported across international borders;
- exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations;
- exposure to local economic conditions;
- limitations on the repatriation of funds or profits from foreign operations;
- exposure to local political conditions, including adverse tax policies, civil unrest and war; and
- the risks of a natural disaster, public health crisis (including the occurrence of a contagious disease or illness, such as the coronavirus), an outbreak of war, the escalation of hostilities and acts of terrorism in the jurisdictions in which we operate.

Additionally, in many countries outside of the United States, there has not been a historical practice of using third parties to provide sales and marketing services. Accordingly, while it is part of our strategy to expand certain services into international markets, it may be difficult for us to grow our international business units on a timely basis, or at all.

***If we are unable to identify attractive acquisition targets, acquire them at attractive prices or successfully integrate the acquired businesses, we may be unsuccessful in growing our business.***

There can be no assurance that we will find attractive acquisition targets, that we will acquire them at attractive prices, that we will succeed at effectively managing the integration of acquired businesses into our existing operations or that such acquired businesses or technologies will be well received by our clients, potential clients or our investors. We could also encounter higher-than-expected earnout payments, unforeseen transaction- and integration-related costs or delays or other circumstances such as disputes with or the loss of key or other personnel from acquired businesses, challenges or delays in integrating systems or technology of acquired businesses, a deterioration in our relationship with our teammates and clients, harm to our reputation with clients, interruptions in our business activities or unforeseen or higher-than-expected inherited liabilities. Many of these potential circumstances are outside of our control and any of them could result in increased costs, decreased revenue, decreased synergies or the diversion of management time and attention.

We may choose to pay cash, incur debt or issue equity securities to pay for any such acquisition. The incurrence of indebtedness would result in increased fixed obligations and could also include covenants or other restrictions that would impede our ability to manage our operations. The sale of equity to finance any such acquisition could result in dilution to our stockholders.

***We may encounter significant difficulties integrating acquired businesses.***

The integration of any businesses is a complex, costly and time-consuming process. The failure to meet the challenges involved in integrating businesses and to realize the anticipated benefits of any acquisition could cause an interruption of, or a loss of momentum in, the activities of our combined business and could adversely affect our results of operations. The difficulties of combining acquired businesses with our own include, among others:

- the diversion of management attention to integration matters;
- difficulties in integrating functional roles, processes and systems, including accounting systems;
- challenges in conforming standards, controls, procedures and accounting and other policies, business cultures and compensation structures between the two companies;
- difficulties in assimilating, attracting and retaining key personnel;
- challenges in keeping existing clients and obtaining new clients;
- difficulties in achieving anticipated cost savings, synergies, business opportunities and growth prospects from an acquisition;
- difficulties in managing the expanded operations of a significantly larger and more complex business;
- contingent liabilities, including contingent tax liabilities or litigation, that may be larger than expected; and
- potential unknown liabilities, adverse consequences or unforeseen increased expenses associated with an acquisition, including possible adverse tax consequences to the combined business pursuant to changes in applicable tax laws or regulations.

Many of these factors are outside of our control, and any one of them could result in increased costs, decreased expected revenues and diversion of management time and energy, all of which could adversely impact our business and results of operations.

If we are not able to successfully integrate an acquisition, if we incur significantly greater costs to achieve the expected synergies than we anticipate or if activities related to the expected synergies have unintended consequences, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected.

***Complications with the implementation of our new enterprise resource planning system could adversely impact our business and operations.***

We rely extensively on information systems and technology to manage our business and summarize operating results. We are in the process of implementing a new enterprise resource planning (“ERP”) system to replace our existing operating and financial systems. The ERP system implementation process has required, and will continue to require, the investment of significant personnel and financial resources. We may not be able to successfully implement the ERP system without experiencing delays, increased costs and other difficulties. If we are unable to successfully implement the new ERP system as planned, our financial positions, results of operations and cash flows could be negatively impacted. Additionally, if we do not effectively implement the ERP system as planned or the ERP system does not operate as intended, the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting could be adversely affected or our ability to assess those controls adequately could be further delayed.

***We may be subject to unionization, work stoppages, slowdowns or increased labor costs.***

Currently, none of our teammates in the United States are represented by a union. However, our teammates have the right under the National Labor Relations Act to choose union representation. If all or a significant number of our teammates become unionized and the terms of any collective bargaining agreement were significantly different from our current compensation arrangements, it could increase our costs and adversely impact our profitability. Moreover, if a significant number of our teammates participate in labor unions, it could put us at increased risk of labor strikes and disruption of our operations or adversely affect our growth and results of operations. In December 2019, a union which commonly represents employees in the supermarket industry filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board to represent approximately 120 of our teammates who worked in and around Boston. An election was held, and based on certified results of the election we prevailed in this election. Notwithstanding this successful election, we could

face future union organization efforts or elections, which could lead to additional costs, distract management or otherwise harm our business.

***If goodwill or other intangible assets in connection with our acquisitions become impaired, we could take significant charges against earnings.***

We have made acquisitions to complement and expand the services we offer and intend to continue to do so when attractive acquisition opportunities exist in the market. As a result of prior acquisitions, including the acquisition of our business in 2014 by our current majority stockholder, Karman Topco L.P. (“Topco”), we have goodwill and intangible assets recorded on our balance sheet of \$0.5 billion and \$1.3 billion, respectively, as of December 31, 2024, as further described in Note 3—*Goodwill and Intangible Assets* to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Under accounting guidelines, we must assess, at least annually, whether the value of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets has been impaired. For example, during the year ended December 31, 2024, we recognized goodwill impairment charges of \$233.2 million due to the pending sale of one of the businesses that comprised a substantial portion of the Branded Agencies reporting unit and a loss of clients and a reduction in the scope of client services as our clients in the Branded Services reporting unit implemented internal cost reduction initiatives. Refer to Note 3—*Goodwill and Intangible Assets* to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024. During the fourth quarter of December 31, 2024, we recognized an intangible asset impairment charge of \$42.0 million as a result of the triggering event for the Branded Services reporting unit.

Moreover, during the year ended December 31, 2023, we recognized an intangible asset impairment charge of \$43.5 million related to our indefinite-lived trade name, in connection with our deconsolidation of the European joint venture and planned disposition of the foodservice businesses.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, and in connection with our annual impairment assessment of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets, we also recognized goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges of \$1,367.5 million and \$205.0 million, respectively, in our reporting units and indefinite-lived trade names. While there was no single determinative event or factor, the consideration of the weight of evidence of several factors included: (a) sustained decline in our share price; (b) challenges in the labor market and continued inflationary pressures; and (c) an increase to the discount rate as a result of the recent increases in the interest rates which adversely affected the results of the quantitative impairment tests.

We can make no assurances that we will not record any additional impairment charges in the future. Any future reduction or impairment of the value of goodwill or other intangible assets will similarly result in charges against earnings, which could adversely affect our reported financial results in future periods.

***Failures in, data breaches of, or incidents involving, our technology infrastructure could damage our business, reputation and brand and substantially harm our business and results of operations.***

Our business is highly dependent on our ability to manage operations and process a large number of transactions on a daily basis. We rely heavily on our operating, payroll, financial, accounting and other data processing systems which require substantial support and maintenance, and may be subject to disabilities, errors or other harms. If our data and network infrastructure were to fail, or if we were to suffer a data security breach, or an interruption or degradation of services in our data center, third-party cloud, and other infrastructure environments, we could lose important data, which could harm our business and reputation, and cause us to incur significant liabilities. Our facilities, as well as the facilities of third-parties that provide services, maintain, or otherwise have access to our data or network infrastructure, are vulnerable to damage or interruption from earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, fires, cybersecurity attacks, terrorist attacks, power losses, telecommunications failures and similar events. In the event that our or any third-party provider’s systems or service abilities are hindered by any of the events discussed above, our ability to operate may be impaired. Our information technology systems, and the information technology systems of our current or future third-party vendors, collaborators, consultants and service providers, could be penetrated by internal or external parties intent on extracting information, corrupting information, stealing intellectual property or trade secrets, or disrupting business processes. A third party’s decision to close facilities or terminate services without adequate notice, or other unanticipated problems, could adversely impact our operations. Any of the aforementioned risks may be augmented if our or any third-party provider’s business continuity and disaster recovery plans prove to be inadequate in preventing the loss of data, service interruptions, disruptions to our operations or damages to important systems or facilities. Our data center, third-party cloud, and managed service provider infrastructure also could be subject to break-ins, cyber-attacks (including through the use of malware, software bugs, computer viruses, ransomware, social engineering, and denial of service), sabotage, intentional acts of vandalism and other misconduct, from a spectrum of actors ranging in sophistication from threats common to most industries to more advanced and persistent, highly organized adversaries. Any security breach or incident, including personal data breaches, that we experience could result in unauthorized access to, or misuse, modification, destruction or unauthorized acquisition of, our internal sensitive corporate data, such as personal data, financial data, trade secrets, intellectual

property or other competitively sensitive or confidential data. Such unauthorized access, misuse, acquisition or modification of sensitive data may result in data loss, corruption or alteration, interruptions in our operations or damage to our computer hardware or systems or those of our employees or customers. Our systems have been the target of cyber-attacks. Although we have taken and continue to take steps to enhance our cybersecurity posture, we cannot assure that future cyber incidents will not occur or that our systems will not be targeted or breached in the future. Any such breach or unauthorized access could result in a disruption of the Company's operations, the theft, unauthorized use or publication of the Company's intellectual property, other proprietary information or the personal information of customers, employees, licensees or suppliers, a reduction of the revenues the Company is able to generate from its operations, damage to the Company's brand and reputation, a loss of confidence in the security of the Company's business and products, and significant legal and financial exposure. If any such incident results in litigation, we may be required to make significant expenditures in the course of such litigation and may be required to pay significant amounts in damages. We may not carry sufficient business interruption insurance to compensate us for losses that may occur as a result of any events that cause interruptions in our service. There can be no assurance that our cybersecurity risk management program and processes, including our policies, controls or procedures, will be fully implemented, complied with or effective in protecting our systems and information. Significant unavailability of our services due to attacks could cause us to incur significant liability, could cause users to cease using our services and materially and adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

We use complex software in our technology infrastructure, which we seek to continually update and improve. Replacing such software and infrastructure is often time-consuming and expensive and can also be intrusive to daily business operations. Further, we may not always be successful in executing these upgrades and improvements, which may result in a failure of our systems. We may experience periodic system interruptions from time to time. Any slowdown or failure of our underlying technology infrastructure could harm our business and reputation, which could materially adversely affect our results of operations. Our disaster recovery plan or those of our third-party providers may be inadequate, and our business interruption insurance may not be sufficient to compensate us for the losses that could occur.

***Failure to comply with federal, state, and foreign laws and regulations relating to privacy, data protection, and consumer protection, or the expansion of current or the enactment of new laws or regulations relating to privacy, data protection and consumer protection, could adversely affect our business and our financial condition.***

A variety of federal, state, and foreign laws and regulations govern the collection, use, retention, sharing, and security of personal information. The information, security, and privacy requirements imposed by such governmental laws and regulations relating to privacy, data protection, and consumer protection are increasingly demanding, quickly evolving, and may be subject to differing interpretations. These requirements may not be harmonized, may be interpreted and applied in a manner that is inconsistent from one jurisdiction to another, or may conflict with other rules or our practices. As a result, our practices may not have complied or may not comply in the future with all such laws, regulations, requirements, and obligations. Our actual or perceived failure to comply with such laws and regulations could result in fines, investigations, enforcement actions, penalties, sanctions, claims for damages by affected individuals, and damage to our reputation, among other negative consequences, any of which could have a material adverse effect on its financial performance.

We are subject to the California Consumer Protection Act of 2018, which became effective in 2020, as well as its amendment, the California Privacy Rights Act of 2020 (the "CPRA") and accompanying regulations, the California Consumer Privacy Act Regulations (collectively, the "CCPA"). The CCPA regulates the collection, use, and processing of personal information relating to California residents, which includes our teammates. It grants certain privacy rights to California residents, including the right to access, correct, and delete personal information relating to such individuals under certain circumstances. Compliance with the new obligations imposed by the CCPA depends in part on how its requirements are interpreted and applied by the California attorney general, courts, and the new California Privacy Protection Agency. Alleged violations of the CCPA may result in substantial civil penalties or statutory damages when applied at scale, of approximately \$3,000 per violation or approximately \$8,000 per intentional violation of any CCPA requirement, which may be applied on a per-person or per-record basis. The CCPA also establishes a private right of action if certain personal information of individuals is subject to an unauthorized access and exfiltration, theft, or disclosure as a result of a business's violation of the duty to implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices, which authorizes statutory damages of approximately \$100 to \$800 per person per incident even if there is no actual harm or damage to plaintiffs. This private right of action may increase the likelihood of, and risks associated with, data breach litigation. Further, the CPRA includes additional and strengthened privacy rights for California residents, new requirements regarding sensitive data and data sharing for digital advertising, and tripled damages for violations involving children's data.

The selling and sharing of personal information by businesses for digital advertising and marketing purposes remains a priority of regulators, including the Federal Trade Commission and California Attorney General. In August 2022, the California Attorney General announced its first enforcement action under the CCPA against a retailer that to pay penalties and comply with injunctive terms, including overhauling its online disclosures and opt-out rights and providing regular reports to the California Attorney General

regarding its data sharing practices. Additionally, demand letters related to the deployment of cookies and related technologies on organizations' websites has garnered the attention of regulators and plaintiffs' attorneys, and likely will continue to do so.

By the end of 2025, laws similar to CCPA are expected to be in effect in at least 18 states, and this number may increase. Like the CCPA, these laws regulate the collection, use and processing of personal information relating to residents of the respective states, and grants certain privacy rights to those residents, some of which may include individuals as with the CCPA.

We are also subject to international privacy laws and regulations, many of which, such as the General Data Privacy Regulation ("GDPR") and national laws implementing or supplementing the GDPR, such as the United Kingdom Data Protection Law 2018 (which retains key features of GDPR post-Brexit), are significantly more stringent than those currently enforced in the United States. The GDPR requires companies to meet requirements regarding the handling of personal data of individuals located in the European Economic Area (the "EEA"). The GDPR imposes mandatory data breach notification requirements subject to a 72-hour notification deadline. The GDPR also includes significant penalties for noncompliance, which may result in monetary penalties of up to the higher of €20.0 million or 4% of a group's worldwide turnover for the preceding financial year for the most serious violations. The GDPR and other similar legal constructs require companies to give specific types of notice, and informed consent is required for the placement of a cookie or similar technologies on a user's device for online tracking for behavioral advertising and other forms of direct electronic marketing. The GDPR also imposes additional conditions in order to satisfy such consent, such as a prohibition on pre-checked tick boxes and bundled consents. Enforcement of the GDPR and related regulations varies by each EU Member State and is ongoing. Further laws and regulations on these topics are forthcoming, including the Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications ("ePrivacy Regulation"), Digital Services Act, and Digital Markets Act. The GDPR may increase our responsibility and liability in relation to personal data that we process where that processing is subject to the GDPR. In addition, we may be required to put in place additional mechanisms to ensure compliance with the GDPR, including GDPR requirements as implemented by individual countries. Compliance with the GDPR will be a rigorous and time-intensive process that may increase our cost of doing business or require us to change our business practices in certain jurisdictions.

In addition, under GDPR, transfers of personal data are prohibited to countries outside of the EEA that have not been determined by the European Commission to provide adequate protections for personal data, including the United States. There are mechanisms to permit the transfer of personal data from the EEA to the United States, but there is also uncertainty as to the future of such mechanisms, which have been under consistent scrutiny and challenge. In July 2020, a decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union invalidated the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework, a means that previously permitted transfers of personal data from the EEA to companies in the United States that certified adherence to the Privacy Shield Framework. In July 2023, the European Union and the United States agreed to replace the Privacy Shield Framework by implementing the E.U.-U.S. Data Privacy Framework. Standard contractual clauses approved by the European Commission to permit transfers from the EU to third countries currently remain as a basis on which to transfer personal data from the EEA to other countries. However, the standard contractual clauses are also subject to legal challenge, and in November 2020, the European Commission published a draft of updated standard contractual clauses. In January 2022, for example, Austria's data protection authority determined that the use of Google Analytics violated the GDPR and the Court of Justice of the European Union's "Schrems II" decision on international data transfers. We presently rely on standard contractual clauses to transfer personal data from EEA member countries, and we may be impacted by changes in law as a result of future review or invalidation of, or changes to, this mechanism by European courts or regulators. While we will continue to undertake efforts to conform to current regulatory obligations and evolving best practices, we may be unsuccessful in conforming to permitted means of transferring personal data from the European Economic Area. We may also experience hesitancy, reluctance, or refusal by European or multi-national customers to continue to use some of our services due to the potential risk exposure of personal data transfers and the current data protection obligations imposed on them by certain data protection authorities. Such customers may also view any alternative approaches to the transfer of any personal data as being too costly, too burdensome, or otherwise objectionable, and therefore may decide not to do business with us if the transfer of personal data is a necessary requirement.

Data protection requirements in China continued to change in 2024, with the issuance of the highly anticipated final Regulations on Promoting and Regulating Cross-Border Data Flows on March 22, 2024, effective immediately. These regulations aim to ease compliance burdens and facilitate cross-border data flows, by introducing substantial changes to the current rules over filings and security assessments of cross-border data transfers, including exemptions from and higher thresholds for filing standard contracts for outbound cross-border data transfers, applying for personal information protection certifications and conducting the mandatory data security assessment. Additionally, in January 2025, the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) issued a draft document titled Measures for the Certification of Personal Information Protection for Cross-Border Data Transfers for public consultation. The draft measures, comprising 20 detailed articles, outline a comprehensive framework for certifying the security and compliance of personal data transfers. As such, it is prudent to expect additional changes to China's legal and regulatory landscape in 2025.

Although we make reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and have invested and continue to invest human and technology resources into data privacy compliance efforts, there can be no assurance that we will not be subject to

regulatory action, including fines, in the event of an incident or other claim. Data protection laws and requirements may also be enacted, interpreted or applied in a manner that creates inconsistent or contradictory requirements on companies that operate across jurisdictions. We, or our third-party service providers, could be adversely affected if legislation or regulations are expanded to require changes in our or our third-party service providers' business practices or if governing jurisdictions interpret or implement their legislation or regulations in ways that negatively affect our or our third-party service providers' business, results of operations, or financial condition. For example, we may find it necessary to establish alternative systems to maintain personal data in the EEA, which may involve substantial expense and may cause us to divert resources from other aspects of our business, all of which may adversely affect our results from operations. Further, any inability to adequately address privacy concerns in connection with our solutions, or comply with applicable privacy or data protection laws, regulations and policies, could result in additional cost and liability to us, and adversely affect our ability to offer our solutions. GDPR, CCPA, and other similar laws and regulations, as well as any associated inquiries or investigations or any other government actions, may be costly to comply with, result in negative publicity, increase our operating costs, require significant management time and attention, and subject us to remedies that may harm our business, including fines, or demands or orders that we modify or cease existing business practices. Our systems may not be able to satisfy these changing requirements and manufacturer, retailer, and teammate expectations, or may require significant additional investment or time in order to do so.

We expect that new industry standards, laws and regulations will continue to be proposed regarding privacy, data protection, and information security in many jurisdictions, including the European e-Privacy Regulation, which is currently in draft form, as well as at the U.S. federal and state levels. In addition, new data processes and datasets associated with emerging technologies are coming under increased regulatory scrutiny, such as biometrics, artificial intelligence, and automated decision-making. We cannot yet determine the impact such future laws, regulations and standards may have on our business. Complying with these evolving obligations is challenging, time consuming, and expensive, and federal regulators, state attorneys general, and plaintiff's attorneys have been, and will likely continue to be, active in this space. Expanding definitions and interpretations of what constitutes "personal data" (or the equivalent) within the United States, the EEA, and elsewhere may increase our compliance costs and legal liability. For example, the Personal Information Protection Commission (PIPC – the Republic of Korea) and the California Privacy Protection Agency ("CPPA") signed a declaration of cooperation on January 10, 2025, emphasizing their shared commitment to safeguarding the privacy and personal information of their citizens and consumers, while recognizing the need for enhanced cross-border collaboration. This is similar to a declaration between the CPPA and the Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés (CNIL-France), signed in June 2024, and signals to us a more robust global privacy schema may be emerging.

Civil litigation, including class actions, remains another source of potential liability under privacy laws. For example, cases filed under Illinois' Biometric Information Privacy Act have resulted in large settlement amounts and damages awards against other companies due to the presence of statutory damages under that law. As another example, website owners and operators saw a wave of putative class actions filed against them in 2022 under the California Invasion of Privacy Act and similar federal and state surveillance and wiretapping laws, with claims centering on websites' deployment of session monitoring, keylogging, chatbots, and other tracking and monitoring technologies. The inconsistency among court rulings regarding these legal claims renders the likelihood and dollar amount of potential liability and/or settlement value difficult to accurately quantify.

A data breach or any failure, or perceived failure, by us to comply with any federal, state, or foreign privacy or consumer protection-related laws, regulations, or other principles or orders to which we may be subject, or other legal obligations relating to privacy or consumer protection could adversely affect our reputation, brand, and business, and may result in fines, enforcement actions, sanctions, claims (including claims for damages by affected individuals), investigations, proceedings, or actions against us by governmental entities or others, or other penalties or liabilities or require us to change our operations and/or cease using certain data sets, among other negative consequences, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business. Moreover, the proliferation of supply chain-based cyber-attacks and vendor security incidents increases these potential risks and costs even in cases where the attack did not target us, occur on our systems, or result from any action or inaction by us. Depending on the nature of the information compromised, we may also have obligations to notify users, law enforcement, regulators, business partners or payment companies about the incident and provide some form of remedy, such as refunds or identity theft monitoring services, for the individuals affected by the incident.

***Our business is seasonal in nature and quarterly operating results can fluctuate.***

Our services are seasonal in nature, with the fourth fiscal quarter typically generating a higher proportion of our revenues than other fiscal quarters. Adverse events, such as deteriorating economic conditions, higher unemployment, higher gas prices, public transportation disruptions, public health crises, including, without limitation, pandemic, natural and man-made disasters, or unanticipated adverse weather, could result in lower-than-planned sales during key revenue-producing seasons. For example, frequent or unusually heavy snowfall, ice storms, rainstorms, windstorms or other extreme weather conditions over a prolonged period could make it difficult for consumers to travel to retail stores or foodservice locations. Such events could lead to lower revenues, negatively impacting our financial condition and results of operations.

***Our business is competitive, and increased competition could adversely affect our business and results of operations.***

The sales, marketing and merchandising services industry is competitive. We face competition from a few other large, national or super-regional agencies as well as many niche and regional agencies. Remaining competitive in this industry requires that we closely monitor and respond to trends in all industry sectors. We cannot assure you that we will be able to anticipate and respond successfully to such trends in a timely manner. Moreover, some of our competitors may choose to sell services competitive to ours at lower prices by accepting lower margins and profitability or may be able to sell services competitive to ours at lower prices due to proprietary ownership of data or technical superiority, which could negatively impact the rates that we can charge. If we are unable to compete successfully, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and our results of operations. If certain competitors were to combine into integrated sales, marketing and merchandising services companies, additional sales, marketing and merchandising service companies were to enter the market or existing participants in this industry were to become more competitive, including through technological innovation such as social media and crowdsourcing, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

***Our business is subject to risks associated with climate change.***

The effects of climate change, and a resulting shift to a lower carbon economy, could present several climate-related risks for our business. Physical risks from climate change could result in both chronic and acute perils including, but not limited to, extreme weather, changes in precipitation and temperature, and rising sea levels, all of which may result in a decrease in demand for our services from or our ability to provide services to our clients, many of whom are in the retail industry, located in the areas affected by these conditions. Should the impact of climate change be severe or occur for lengthy periods of time, climate change could further adversely impact business continuity for ourselves and our clients, which, in turn, could similarly adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations.

***Failure to meet environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) expectations or standards could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, or stock price.***

In recent years, there has been an increased focus from stakeholders, regulators and the public in general on ESG matters, including greenhouse gas emissions and climate-related risks, renewable energy, water stewardship, waste management, diversity, equity and inclusion, responsible sourcing and supply chain, human rights, and social responsibility, including changes in laws and regulations related to compliance and disclosure obligations related thereto. We actively seek to address this focus and comply with the evolving laws and regulations related thereto. However, compliance with such laws and regulations will result in increased operating costs for us. In addition, if we are unable to comply with laws and regulations or implement effective ESG strategies, our reputation among our clients and investors may be damaged and we may incur fines and/or penalties. Moreover, there can be no assurance that any of our ESG strategies will result in improved results.

***Damage to our reputation could negatively impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.***

Our reputation and the quality of our brand are critical to our business and success in existing markets and will be critical to our success as we enter new markets. We believe that we have built our reputation on the high quality of our sales and marketing services, our commitment to our clients and our performance-based culture, and we must protect and grow the value of our brand in order for us to continue to be successful. Any incident that erodes client loyalty to our brand could significantly reduce its value and damage our business. Also, there has been a marked increase in the use of social media platforms and similar devices, including blogs, social media websites, and other forms of internet-based communications that provide individuals with access to a broad audience of consumers and other interested persons. Many social media platforms immediately publish the content their subscribers and participants post, often without filters or checks on accuracy of the content posted. Information concerning us may be posted on such platforms at any time. Information posted may be adverse to our interests or may be inaccurate, each of which may harm our performance, prospects or business. The harm may be immediate without affording us an opportunity for redress or correction.

***We rely on third parties to provide certain data and services in connection with the provision of our services.***

We rely on third parties to provide certain data and services for use in connection with the provision of our services. For example, we contract with third parties to obtain the raw data on retail product sales and inventories. These suppliers of data may impose restrictions on our use of such data, fail to adhere to our quality control standards, increase the price they charge us for this data or refuse altogether to license the data to us. If we are unable to use such third-party data and services or if we are unable to contract with third parties, when necessary, our business, financial condition or our results of operations could be adversely affected. In the event that such data and services are unavailable for our use or the cost of acquiring such data and services increases, our business could be adversely affected.

***We may be unable to timely and effectively respond to changes in digital practices and policies, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.***

Changes to practices and policies of operating systems, websites and other digital platforms, including, without limitation, Apple's or Android's transparency policies, may reduce the quantity and quality of the data and metrics that can be collected or used by us and our clients or reduce the value of our digital services. These limitations may adversely affect both our and our clients' ability to effectively target and measure the performance of our digital services. In addition, our clients and third-party vendors routinely evaluate their digital practices and policies, and if in the future they determine to modify such practices and policies for any reasons, including, without limitation, privacy, targeting, age or content concerns, this could decrease the desire for our digital services as compared to other alternatives. If we are unable to timely or effectively respond to changes in digital practices and policies, or if our clients do not believe that our digital services will generate a competitive return on investment relative to alternatives, then our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected.

***We may not be able to adequately protect our intellectual property, which, in turn, could harm the value of our brands and adversely affect our business.***

Our ability to implement our business plan successfully depends in part on our ability to further build brand recognition using our trade names, service marks, trademarks, proprietary products and other intellectual property, including our name and logos. We rely on U.S. and foreign trademark, copyright and trade secret laws, as well as license agreements, nondisclosure agreements and confidentiality and other contractual provisions to protect our intellectual property. Nevertheless, these laws and procedures may not be adequate to prevent unauthorized parties from attempting to copy or otherwise obtain our processes and technology or deter our competitors from developing similar business solutions and concepts, and adequate remedies may not be available in the event of an unauthorized use or disclosure of our trade secrets and other intellectual property.

The success of our business depends on our continued ability to use our existing trademarks and service marks to increase brand awareness and further develop our brand in both domestic and international markets. We have registered and applied to register our trade names, service marks and trademarks in the United States and foreign jurisdictions. However, the steps we have taken to protect our intellectual property in the United States and in foreign countries may not be adequate, and third parties may misappropriate, dilute, infringe upon or otherwise harm the value of our intellectual property. If any of our registered or unregistered trademarks, trade names or service marks is challenged, infringed, circumvented or declared generic or determined to be infringing on other marks, it could have an adverse effect on our sales or market position. In addition, the laws of some foreign countries do not protect intellectual property to the same extent as the laws of the United States. Many companies have encountered significant problems in protecting and defending intellectual property rights in certain jurisdictions. This could make it difficult to stop the infringement or misappropriation of our intellectual property rights in foreign jurisdictions.

We rely upon trade secrets and other confidential and proprietary know-how to develop and maintain our competitive position. While it is our policy to enter into agreements imposing nondisclosure and confidentiality obligations upon our employees and third parties to protect our intellectual property, these obligations may be breached, may not provide meaningful protection for our trade secrets or proprietary know-how, or adequate remedies may not be available in the event of an unauthorized access, use or disclosure of our trade secrets and know-how. Furthermore, despite the existence of such nondisclosure and confidentiality agreements, or other contractual restrictions, we may not be able to prevent the unauthorized disclosure or use of our confidential proprietary information or trade secrets by consultants, vendors and employees. In addition, others could obtain knowledge of our trade secrets through independent development or other legal means.

Any claims or litigation initiated by us to protect our proprietary technology could be time consuming, costly and divert the attention of our technical and management resources. If we choose to go to court to stop a third party from infringing our intellectual property, that third party may ask the court to rule that our intellectual property rights are invalid and/or should not be enforced against that third party. Even if the action that we take to protect our intellectual property rights is successful, any infringement may still have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***We may be subject to claims of infringement of third-party intellectual property rights that are costly to defend, result in the diversion of management's time and efforts, require the payment of damages, limit our ability to use particular technologies in the future or prevent us from marketing our existing or future products and services.***

Third parties may assert that we infringe, misappropriate or otherwise violate their intellectual property, including with respect to our digital solutions and other technologies that are important to our business, and may sue us for intellectual property infringement. We may not be aware of whether our products or services do or will infringe existing or future intellectual property rights of others. In addition, there can be no assurance that one or more of our competitors who have developed competing technologies or our other competitors will not be granted intellectual property rights for their technology and allege that we have infringed on such rights.

Any claims that our business infringes the intellectual property rights of others, regardless of the merit or resolution of such claims, could incur substantial costs, and the time and attention of our management and other personnel may be diverted in pursuing these proceedings. An adverse determination in any intellectual property claim could require us to pay damages, be subject to an injunction, and/or stop using our technologies, trademarks, copyrighted works and other material found to be in violation of another party's rights, and could prevent us from licensing our technologies to others unless we enter into royalty or licensing arrangements with the prevailing party or are able to redesign our products and services to avoid infringement. With respect to any third-party intellectual property that we use or wish to use in our business (whether or not asserted against us in litigation), we may not be able to enter into licensing or other arrangements with the owner of such intellectual property at a reasonable cost or on reasonable terms. Any of the foregoing could harm our commercial success.

***We are dependent on technology licensed from others. If we lose our licenses, we may not be able to continue developing our products.***

We have obtained licenses that give us rights to third party intellectual property that is necessary or useful to our business. These license agreements may impose various royalty and other obligations on us. One or more of our licensors may allege that we have breached our license agreement with them, and could seek to terminate our license, which could adversely affect our competitive business position and harm our business prospects. In addition, any claims brought against us by our licensors could be costly, time-consuming and divert the attention of our management and key personnel from our business operations.

***Consumer goods manufacturers and retailers, including some of our clients, are subject to extensive governmental regulation and we and they may be subject to enforcement in the event of noncompliance with applicable requirements.***

Consumer goods manufacturers and retailers are subject to a broad range of federal, state, local and international laws and regulations governing, among other things, the research, development, manufacture, distribution, marketing and post-market reporting of consumer products. These include laws administered by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA"), the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other federal, state, local and international regulatory authorities. For example, certain of our clients market and sell products containing cannabidiol ("CBD"). CBD products are subject to a number of federal, state, local and international laws and regulations restricting their use in certain categories of products and in certain jurisdictions. In particular, the FDA has publicly stated it is prohibited to sell into interstate commerce food, beverages or dietary supplements that contain CBD. These laws are broad in scope and subject to evolving interpretations, which could require us to incur costs associated with new or modified compliance requirements or require us or our clients to alter or limit our activities, including marketing and promotion, of such products, or to remove them from the market altogether.

If a regulatory authority determines that we or our current or future clients have not complied with the applicable regulatory requirements, our business may be materially impacted, and we or our clients could be subject to enforcement actions or loss of business. We cannot predict the nature of any future laws, regulations, interpretations or applications of the laws, nor can we determine what effect additional laws, regulations or administrative policies and procedures, if and when enacted, promulgated and implemented, could have on our business.

***We may be subject to claims for products for which we are the vendor of record or may otherwise be in the chain of title.***

For certain of our clients' products, we become the vendor of record or otherwise may be in the chain of title. For these products, we could be subject to potential claims for misbranded, adulterated, contaminated, damaged or spoiled products, or could be subject to liability in connection with claims related to infringement of intellectual property, product liability, product recalls or other liabilities arising in connection with the sale or marketing of these products. As a result, we could be subject to claims or lawsuits (including potential class action lawsuits), and we could incur liabilities that are not insured or exceed our insurance coverage or for which the manufacturer of the product does not indemnify us. Even if product claims against us are not successful or fully pursued, these claims could be costly and time consuming and may require our management to spend time defending the claims rather than operating our business.

A product that has been actually or allegedly misbranded, adulterated or damaged or is actually or allegedly defective could result in product withdrawals or recalls, destruction of product inventory, negative publicity and substantial costs of compliance or remediation. Any of these events, including a significant product liability judgment against us, could result in monetary damages and/or a loss of demand for our products, both of which could have an adverse effect on our business or results of operations.

***We generate revenues and incur expenses throughout the world that are subject to exchange rate fluctuations, and our results of operations may suffer due to currency translations.***

Our U.S. operations earn revenues and incur expenses primarily in U.S. dollars, while our international operations earn revenues and incur expenses in the local currency, including Canadian dollars, Japanese Yen or New Taiwan Dollar. Because of currency exchange rate fluctuations, including possible devaluations, we are subject to currency translation exposure on the results of our operations, in addition to economic exposure. These risks could adversely impact our business or results of operations.

***Fluctuations in our tax obligations and effective tax rate and realization of our deferred tax assets may result in volatility of our operating results.***

We are subject to taxes by the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax authorities, and our tax liabilities will be affected by the allocation of expenses to differing jurisdictions. We record tax expense based on our estimates of future payments, which may include reserves for uncertain tax positions in multiple tax jurisdictions, and valuation allowances related to certain net deferred tax assets. At any one time, many tax years may be subject to audit by various taxing jurisdictions. The results of these audits and negotiations with taxing authorities may affect the ultimate settlement of these matters. We expect that throughout the year there could be ongoing variability in our quarterly tax rates as events occur and exposures are evaluated. Our future effective tax rates could be subject to volatility or adversely affected by a number of factors, including:

- changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities;
- expected timing and amount of the release of any tax valuation allowance;
- tax effects of equity-based compensation;
- changes in tax laws, regulations or interpretations thereof; or
- future earnings being lower than anticipated in jurisdictions where we have lower statutory tax rates and higher than anticipated earnings in jurisdictions where we have higher statutory tax rates.

In addition, our effective tax rate in a given financial statement period may be materially impacted by a variety of factors including but not limited to changes in the mix and level of earnings, varying tax rates in the different jurisdictions in which we operate, fluctuations in the valuation allowance, deductibility of certain items or changes to existing accounting rules or regulations. Further, tax legislation may be enacted in the future which could negatively impact our current or future tax structure and effective tax rates. We may be subject to audits of our income, sales and other transaction taxes by U.S. federal, state, local and foreign taxing authorities. Outcomes from these audits could have an adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.

***We may face potential and actual harms and uncertainties arising from the matter related to our 2018 acquisition of the Take 5 Media Group (the “Take 5 Matter”), including litigation and governmental investigations.***

We acquired the business of Take 5 Media Group (“Take 5”) in April 2018, and a result of an investigation into that business, we terminated all operations of Take 5, including the use of its associated trade names and the offering of its services to its clients and offered refunds to clients of collected revenues attributable to the period after our acquisition. See “*Legal Proceedings—Proceedings Relating to Take 5.*”

As a result of these matters, we may be subject to a number of additional harms, risks and uncertainties, including substantial costs for legal fees in connection with or related to the potential lawsuits by clients or other interested parties who claim to have been harmed by the misconduct at Take 5, other costs and fees related to the Take 5 Matter (in excess of the amounts previously offered as refunds), potential governmental investigations arising from the Take 5 Matter. In addition, if we do not prevail in any such litigation related to these matters, we could be subject to costs related to such litigation, including equitable relief, civil monetary damages, treble damages, or repayment, which may not be covered by insurance or may materially increase our insurance costs. We have incurred and will continue to incur additional costs regardless of the outcome of any such litigation or governmental investigation. In addition, there can be no assurance to what degree, if any, we will be able to recover any such costs or damages from the former owners of Take 5 or whether such former owners of Take 5 engaged in further unknown improper activities that may subject us to further costs or damages, including potential reputational harm. Likewise, such events have caused and may cause further diversion of our management’s time and attention. Any adverse outcome related to these matters cannot be predicted at this time, and may materially harm our business, reputation, financial condition and/or results of operations, or the trading price of our securities.

## **Risks Related to Ownership of Our Common Stock**

*We are controlled by Topco, the Advantage Sponsors, and the CP Sponsor, whose economic and other interests in our business may be different from yours.*

Our authorized capital stock consists of 3,290,000,000 shares of common stock and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock. As of February 28, 2025, the equity holders of Topco (equity funds affiliated with or advised by CVC Capital Partners, Leonard Green & Partners, Juggernaut Capital Partners, Centerview Capital, L.P., and Bain Capital (collectively, the “Advantage Sponsors”)), Topco and Conyers Park II Sponsor LLC, an affiliate of Centerview Capital Management, LLC and Conyers Park’s sponsor (the “CP Sponsor”) collectively own 229,083,807 shares, or 71.3% (including 55.9% held by Topco), of our outstanding common stock.

*We are a controlled company within the meaning of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC listing requirements and as a result, may rely on exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements. To the extent we rely on such exemptions, you will not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to such corporate governance requirements.*

Because of the voting power over our company held by Topco, the Advantage Sponsors, and the CP Sponsor and the voting arrangement between such parties, we are considered a controlled company for the purposes of the Nasdaq Global Select Market (“Nasdaq”) listing requirements. As such, we are exempt from the corporate governance requirements that our board of directors, compensation committee, and nominating and corporate governance committee meet the standard of independence established by those corporate governance requirements. The independence standards are intended to ensure that directors who meet the independence standards are free of any conflicting interest that could influence their actions as directors.

We do not currently utilize the exemptions afforded to a controlled company, though we are entitled to do so. To the extent we utilize these exemptions, you will not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of Nasdaq.

*The anti-takeover provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws could prevent or delay a change in control of us, even if such change in control would be beneficial to our stockholders.*

Provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as well as provisions of Delaware law, could discourage, delay, or prevent a merger, acquisition, or other change in control of us, even if such change in control would be beneficial to our stockholders. These include:

- authorizing the issuance of “blank check” preferred stock that could be issued by our board of directors to increase the number of outstanding shares and thwart a takeover attempt;
- provision for a classified board of directors so that not all members of our board of directors are elected at one time;
- not permitting the use of cumulative voting for the election of directors;
- permitting the removal of directors only for cause;
- limiting the ability of stockholders to call special meetings;
- requiring all stockholder actions to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders;
- requiring approval of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote at an election of directors to adopt, amend, or repeal the proposed bylaws or repeal the provisions of the third amended and restated certificate of incorporation regarding the election and removal of directors; and
- establishing advance notice requirements for nominations for election to the board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at stockholder meetings.

In addition, although we have opted out of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, our certificate of incorporation contains similar provisions providing that we may not engage in certain “business combinations” with any “interested stockholder” for a three-year period following the time that the stockholder became an interested stockholder, subject to certain exceptions. Generally, a “business combination” includes a merger, asset, or stock sale or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder.

Subject to certain exceptions, an “interested stockholder” is a person who, together with that person’s affiliates and associates, owns, or within the previous three years owned, 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock.

Under certain circumstances, this provision will make it more difficult for a person who would be an “interested stockholder” to effect various business combinations with us for a three-year period. These provisions also may have the effect of preventing changes in our board of directors and may make it more difficult to accomplish transactions which stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

Moreover, our certificate of incorporation provides that Topco and its affiliates do not constitute “interested stockholders” for purposes of this provision, and thus any business combination transaction between us and Topco and its affiliates would not be subject to the protections otherwise provided by this provision. Topco and its affiliates are not prohibited from selling a controlling interest in us to a third party and may do so without your approval and without providing for a purchase of your shares of common stock, subject to the lock-up restrictions applicable to Topco. Accordingly, your shares of common stock may be worth less than they would be if Topco and its affiliates did not maintain voting control over us.

***The provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws requiring exclusive venue in the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware or the federal district courts of the United States of America for certain types of lawsuits may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against our directors and officers.***

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws require, to the fullest extent permitted by law, that (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any of our directors, officers, or other employees to us or our stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against us arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law or our certificate of incorporation or bylaws, or (iv) any action asserting a claim against us governed by the internal affairs doctrine will have to be brought only in the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware (or the federal district court for the District of Delaware or other state courts of the State of Delaware if the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware does not have jurisdiction). Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws also require that the federal district courts of the United States of America will be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”); however, there is uncertainty as to whether a court would enforce such provision, and investors cannot waive compliance with federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder. Although we believe these provisions benefit us by providing increased consistency in the application of applicable law in the types of lawsuits to which they apply, the provisions may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against our directors and officers. These provisions do not apply to any suits brought to enforce any liability or duty created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts of the United States have exclusive jurisdiction.

***Because we have no current plans to pay cash dividends on our Class A common stock, you may not receive any return on investment unless you sell your Class A common stock for a price greater than that which you paid for it.***

We have no current plans to pay cash dividends on our Class A common stock. The declaration, amount and payment of any future dividends on our Class A common stock will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our results of operations, financial condition, capital requirements, and other factors that our board of directors deems relevant. The payment of cash dividends is also restricted under the terms of the agreements governing our debt and our ability to pay dividends may also be restricted by the terms of any future credit agreement or any securities we or our subsidiaries may issue.

***An active, liquid trading market for our Class A common stock may not be available.***

We cannot predict the extent to which investor interest in our company will lead to availability of a trading market on Nasdaq or otherwise in the future or how active and liquid that market may be for our Class A common stock. If an active and liquid trading market is not available, you may have difficulty selling any of our Class A common stock. Among other things, in the absence of a liquid public trading market:

- you may not be able to liquidate your investment in shares of Class A common stock;
- you may not be able to resell your shares of Class A common stock at or above the price attributed to them when we became a publicly traded company;
- the market price of shares of Class A common stock may experience significant price volatility; and
- there may be less efficiency in carrying out your purchase and sale orders.

***The trading price of our Class A common stock may be volatile or may decline regardless of our operating performance.***

The market prices for our Class A common stock are likely to be volatile and may fluctuate significantly in response to a number of factors, most of which we cannot control, including:

- quarterly variations in our operating results compared to market expectations;
- changes in preferences of our clients;
- announcements of new products or services or significant price reductions;
- the size of our public float;
- fluctuations in stock market prices and volumes;
- defaults on our indebtedness;
- changes in senior management or key personnel;
- the granting, vesting, or exercise of employee stock options, restricted stock, or other equity rights;
- the payment of any dividends thereon in shares of our common stock;
- changes in financial estimates or recommendations by securities analysts;
- negative earnings or other announcements by us;
- downgrades in our credit ratings;
- material litigation or governmental investigations;
- issuances of capital stock;
- global economic, legal, and regulatory factors unrelated to our performance; or
- the realization of any risks described in this Annual Report under “*Risk Factors*.”

In addition, in the past, stockholders have instituted securities class action litigation against companies following periods of market volatility. If we were involved in securities litigation, we could incur substantial costs and our resources, and the attention of management could be diverted from our business.

***We cannot provide any guaranty that we will continue to repurchase our common stock pursuant to our stock repurchase program.***

In November 2021, our board of directors authorized a share repurchase program, under which we may repurchase up to \$100.0 million of our outstanding Class A common stock (the “2021 Share Repurchase Program”). As of December 31, 2024, the remaining amount available for repurchase pursuant to the 2021 Share Repurchase Program is \$47.1 million. However, we are not obligated to make any further purchases under the 2021 Share Repurchase Program and we may suspend or permanently discontinue this program at any time or significantly reduce the amount of repurchases under the program. Any announcement of a suspension, discontinuance or reduction of this program may negatively impact our reputation and investor confidence.

***The valuation of our private placement warrants could increase the volatility in our net (loss) income in our consolidated statements of (loss) earnings.***

We determine the fair value of the liability classified private placement warrants by approximating the value with the price of the public warrants at the respective period end. The change in fair value of warrant liability represents the mark-to-market fair value adjustments to the outstanding private placement warrants issued in connection with the initial public offering of Conyers Park. Significant changes in the price of the public warrants and the number of private placement warrants outstanding may adversely affect the volatility in our net (loss) income in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

## **Risks Related to Indebtedness**

***We need to continue to generate significant operating cash flow in order to fund our internal investments and acquisitions and to service our debt.***

Our business currently generates operating cash flow, which we use to fund our internal investments and acquisitions to grow our business and to service our substantial indebtedness. If, because of loss of revenue, pressure on pricing from customers, increases in our costs (including increases in costs related to servicing our indebtedness or labor costs), general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory conditions or other factors, many of which are outside of our control, our business generates less operating cash flow, we may not have sufficient funds to grow our business or to service our indebtedness.

If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow or are otherwise unable to obtain funds necessary to meet required payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness, or if we otherwise fail to comply with the various covenants in the agreements governing our indebtedness, we could be in default under the terms of the agreements governing such indebtedness. In the event of such default, the lenders under our credit facilities could elect to terminate their commitments thereunder, cease making further loans and institute foreclosure proceedings against our assets, and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation. If our operating performance declines, we may in the future need to obtain waivers from the required lenders under our credit agreements to avoid being in default. If we or any of our subsidiaries breach the covenants under our credit agreements and seek a waiver, we may not be able to obtain a waiver from the required lenders. If this occurs, we would be in default under our credit agreements, the lenders could exercise their rights as described above, and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

***Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial health, restrict our activities, and affect our ability to meet our obligations.***

We have a significant amount of indebtedness. As of December 31, 2024, we had total indebtedness of \$1.7 billion, excluding debt issuance costs, with an additional \$44.1 million of letters of credit outstanding under our revolving credit facility. The agreements governing our indebtedness contain customary covenants that restrict us from taking certain actions, such as incurring additional debt, permitting liens on pledged assets, making investments, paying dividends or making distributions to equity holders, prepaying junior debt, engaging in mergers or restructurings, and selling assets, among other things, which may restrict our ability to successfully execute on our business plan. For a more detailed description of the covenants and material terms of our material indebtedness, please see “*Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Liquidity and Capital Resources*” in this Annual Report.

***Despite current indebtedness levels, we and our subsidiaries may still be able to incur additional indebtedness, which could increase the risks associated with our indebtedness.***

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur additional indebtedness in the future because the terms of our indebtedness do not fully prohibit us or our subsidiaries from doing so. Subject to covenant compliance and certain conditions, as of December 31, 2024, the agreements governing our indebtedness would have permitted us to borrow up to an additional \$455.9 million under our revolving credit facility. In addition, we and our subsidiaries have, and will have, the ability to incur additional indebtedness as incremental facilities under our credit agreement and we or our subsidiaries may issue additional notes in the future. If additional debt is added to our current debt levels and our subsidiaries’ current debt levels, the related risks that we and they now face could increase.

***Failure to maintain our credit ratings could adversely affect our liquidity, capital position, ability to hedge certain financial risks, borrowing costs, and access to capital markets.***

Our credit risk is evaluated by the major independent rating agencies, and such agencies have in the past downgraded, and could in the future downgrade, our ratings. Our credit rating may impact the interest rates on any future indebtedness as well as the applicability of certain covenants in the agreements governing our indebtedness. We cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain our current credit ratings, and any additional, actual or anticipated changes or downgrades in our credit ratings, including any announcement that our ratings are under further review for a downgrade, may have a negative impact on our liquidity, capital position, ability to hedge certain financial risks, and access to capital markets.

***Our variable rate indebtedness subjects us to interest rate risk, which could cause our debt service obligations to increase significantly.***

Borrowings under our credit facilities are at variable rates of interest and expose us to interest rate risk. If interest rates were to increase, our debt service obligations on the variable rate indebtedness would increase even though the amount borrowed remained the same, and our net income and cash flows, including cash available for servicing our indebtedness, will correspondingly decrease. On a pro forma basis, assuming no other prepayments of the credit facility and that our revolving credit facility is fully drawn (and to the

extent that SOFR, is in excess of the 0.75% floor applicable to our revolving credit facility and our term loan credit facility, respectively), each one-eighth percentage point change in interest rates would result in an approximately \$0.8 million change in annual interest expense on the indebtedness under our credit facilities. In the future, we may enter into interest rate swaps that involve the exchange of floating for fixed-rate interest payments in order to reduce interest rate volatility or risk. However, we may not maintain interest rate swaps with respect to any of our variable rate indebtedness, and any swaps we enter into may not fully or effectively mitigate our interest rate risk.

## **General Risk Factors**

### ***Our business and financial results may be affected by various litigation and regulatory proceedings.***

We are subject to litigation and regulatory proceedings in the normal course of business and could become subject to additional claims in the future. These proceedings have included, and in the future may include, matters involving personnel and employment issues, workers' compensation, personal and property injury, disputes relating to acquisitions (including contingent consideration), governmental investigations and other proceedings. Some historical and current legal proceedings and future legal proceedings may purport to be brought as class actions or representative basis on behalf of similarly situated parties including with respect to employment-related matters. We cannot be certain of the ultimate outcomes of any such claims, and resolution of these types of matters against us may result in significant fines, judgments or settlements, which, if uninsured, or if the fines, judgments and settlements exceed insured levels, could adversely affect our business or financial results. See "Legal Proceedings."

### ***We are subject to many federal, state, local and international laws with which compliance is both costly and complex.***

Our business is subject to various, and sometimes complex, laws and regulations. In order to conduct our operations in compliance with these laws and regulations, we must obtain and maintain numerous permits, approvals and certificates from various federal, state, local and international governmental authorities. We may incur substantial costs in order to maintain compliance with these existing laws and regulations. In addition, our costs of compliance may increase if existing laws and regulations are revised or reinterpreted or if new laws and regulations become applicable to our operations. These costs could have an adverse impact on our business or results of operations. Moreover, our failure to comply with these laws and regulations, as interpreted and enforced, could lead to fines, penalties or management distraction or otherwise harm our business.

### ***Our insurance may not provide adequate levels of coverage against claims.***

We believe that we maintain insurance customary for businesses of our size and type. However, there are types of losses we may incur that cannot be insured against or that we believe are not economically reasonable to insure. Further, insurance may not continue to be available to us on acceptable terms, if at all, and, if available, coverage may not be adequate. If we are unable to obtain insurance at an acceptable cost or on acceptable terms, we could be exposed to significant losses.

### ***We have incurred and will continue to incur increased costs as a public company.***

As a public company, we have incurred and will continue to incur significant legal, accounting, insurance, and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company, including costs associated with public company reporting requirements. We also have incurred and will incur costs associated with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related rules implemented by the SEC. The expenses incurred by public companies for reporting and corporate governance purposes generally have been increasing. Laws and regulations could also make it more difficult or costly for us to obtain certain types of insurance, including director and officer liability insurance, and we may be forced to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. These laws and regulations could also make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on our board of directors, on our board committees, or as our executive officers. Furthermore, if we are unable to satisfy our obligations as a public company, we could be subject to delisting of our Class A common stock, fines, sanctions, and other regulatory action and potentially civil litigation.

### ***If securities analysts do not publish research or reports about our business or if they publish negative evaluations of our common stock, the price of our Class A common stock could decline.***

The trading market for our Class A common stock will rely in part on the research and reports that industry or financial analysts publish about us or our business. If few analysts commence coverage of us, the trading price of our stock could be negatively affected. Even with analyst coverage, if one or more of the analysts covering our business downgrade their evaluations of our stock, the price of our Class A common stock could decline. If one or more of these analysts cease to cover our common stock, we could lose visibility in the market for our Class A common stock, which in turn could cause our Class A common stock price to decline.

***Substantial future sales of our Class A common stock, or the perception in the public markets that these sales may occur, may depress our stock price.***

Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that these sales could occur, could adversely affect the price of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional shares. Certain shares of our common stock are freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act, except for any shares of our common stock that may be held or acquired by our directors, executive officers, and other affiliates, as that term is defined in the Securities Act, which are to be restricted securities under the Securities Act. Restricted securities may not be sold in the public market unless the sale is registered under the Securities Act or an exemption from registration is available. Topco, the Advantage Sponsors, the CP Sponsor and members of our management have rights, subject to certain conditions, to require us to file registration statements covering Topco's shares of our common stock or to include shares in registration statements that we may file for ourselves or other stockholders. In each of November 2020 and March 2021, we filed a registration statement on Form S-1 under which certain of our stockholders may sell, from time to time, shares of our Class A common stock, respectively, that, if sold, will be freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act. In the event a large number of shares of Class A common stock are sold in the public market, such sales could reduce the market price of our Class A common stock.

We may also issue shares of our common stock or securities convertible into our common stock from time to time in connection with financings, acquisitions, investments, or otherwise. Any such issuance could result in ownership dilution to you as a stockholder and cause the trading price of our common stock to decline.

**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.**

None

**Item 1C. Cybersecurity**

***Cybersecurity Risk Management and Strategy***

We have developed and implemented a cybersecurity risk management program intended to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our critical systems and information. Our cybersecurity risk management program includes a cybersecurity incident response plan.

We design and assess our program based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework the ("NIST CSF"). This does not imply that we meet any particular technical standards, specifications, or requirements, only that we use the NIST CSF as a guide to help us identify, assess and manage cybersecurity risks relevant to our business.

Our cybersecurity risk management program is integrated into our overall enterprise risk management program, and shares common methodologies, reporting channels and governance processes that apply across the enterprise risk management program to other legal, compliance, strategic, operational, and financial risk areas.

Our cybersecurity risk management program includes:

- risk assessments designed to help identify material cybersecurity risks to our critical systems, information, products, services, and our broader enterprise IT environment;
- a security team principally responsible for managing (1) our cybersecurity risk assessment processes, (2) our security controls, and (3) our response to cybersecurity incidents;
- the use of external service providers, where appropriate, to assess, test or otherwise assist with aspects of our security controls;
- cybersecurity awareness training of our employees, incident response personnel, and senior management; and
- a cybersecurity incident response plan that includes procedures for responding to cybersecurity incidents.

We have not identified risks from known cybersecurity threats, including as a result of any prior cybersecurity incidents, that have materially affected us, including our operations, business strategy, results of operations, or financial condition. We face risks from cybersecurity threats that, if realized, are reasonably likely to materially affect us, including our operations, business strategy, results of operations, or financial condition. See "*Risk Factors — Failures in, data breaches of, or incidents involving, our technology infrastructure could damage our business, reputation and brand and substantially harm our business and results of operations.*"

### ***Cybersecurity Governance***

Our board of directors considers cybersecurity risk as part of its risk management oversight function and has delegated risk management to the audit committee of the board of directors. In 2024, the audit committee's charter was updated to expressly state that this oversight function includes cybersecurity risk.

The audit committee oversees management's implementation of our cybersecurity risk management program. The audit committee receives periodic reports from management on our cybersecurity risks. In addition, management updates the audit committee, as necessary, regarding any material cybersecurity incidents, as well as any incidents with lesser impact potential.

The audit committee reports to the full board of directors regarding its activities, including those related to risk management and cybersecurity. All board members are permitted to attend the meetings of the audit committee and certain board members who do not serve on the audit committee have attended cybersecurity risks presentations. In addition, cybersecurity risk briefing materials are made available to all board members. At any time, board members may raise concerns regarding our cybersecurity posture and recommend future changes to, among other things, personnel, practices, controls or procedures.

Our management team, including our Chief Digital Officer ("CDO") and Chief Information Security Officer ("CISO"), is responsible for assessing and managing our material risks from cybersecurity threats. The Company's cybersecurity program is primarily managed by a dedicated cybersecurity function reporting to our CISO who reports to our CDO. Our CISO has over 20 years of experience leading cybersecurity teams and managing technology risks across multiple industries, including healthcare, sales and marketing. Our CDO has over 30 years of executive experience in IT operations and was previously the Global Chief Information Officer of Walgreens-Boots Alliance, Inc., The Kraft Heinz Company and Kraft Foods Group.

Our management team supervises efforts to prevent, detect, mitigate and remediate cybersecurity risks and incidents through various means, which may include briefings from internal security personnel; threat intelligence and other information obtained from governmental, public or private sources, including external consultants engaged by us; and alerts and reports produced by security tools deployed in the IT environment.

### **Item 2. Properties**

Our corporate headquarters are located in Clayton, Missouri, in the St. Louis-metropolitan area, where we rent approximately 6,000 square feet pursuant to a lease agreement that is scheduled to expire in August 2034.

As of December 31, 2024, we operated more than 70 offices, including in the United States and internationally.

We lease all of our properties. Leases on these offices expire at various dates from 2025 to 2034, excluding any options for renewal. We typically seek office space in proximity to retailers' headquarters or buying offices, to aid our teammates in acting as sales representatives for our manufacturer clients.

### **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

We are involved in various legal matters that arise in the ordinary course of our business. Some of these legal matters purport or may be determined to be class and/or representative actions or seek substantial damages or penalties. Some of these legal matters relate to disputes regarding acquisitions. In connection with certain of the below matters and other legal matters, we have accrued amounts that we believe are appropriate. There can be no assurance, however, that the below matters and other legal matters will not result in us having to make payments in excess of such accruals or that the below matters or other legal matters will not materially or adversely affect our business, financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

#### ***Commercial Matters***

We have been involved in various litigation matters and arbitrations with respect to commercial matters arising with clients, vendors and third-party sellers of businesses. We have retained outside counsel to represent us in these matters and we are vigorously defending our interests.

#### ***Employment-Related Matters***

We have also been involved in various litigation, including purported class or representative actions with respect to matters arising under the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act, California Labor Code and Private Attorneys General Act. Many involve allegations

for allegedly failing to pay wages and/or overtime, failing to provide meal and rest breaks and failing to pay reporting time pay, waiting time penalties and other penalties.

#### ***Proceedings Relating to Take 5***

In April 2018, we acquired the business of Take 5 Media Group (“Take 5”). As a result of an investigation into that business in 2019 that identified certain misconduct, we terminated all operations of Take 5 in July 2019 and offered refunds to clients of collected revenues attributable to the period after our acquisition. We refer to the foregoing as the “Take 5 Matter.” We voluntarily disclosed to the United States Attorney’s Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation certain misconduct occurring at Take 5. We intend to cooperate in this and any other governmental investigations that may arise in connection with the Take 5 Matter. In October 2022, an arbitrator made a final award in our favor. We are actively pursuing the collection of this award. We are currently unable to estimate if or when we will be able to collect any amounts associated with this arbitration. The Take 5 Matter may result in additional litigation against us, including lawsuits from clients, or governmental investigations, which may expose us to potential liability in excess of the amounts we previously offered as refunds to Take 5 clients. We are currently unable to determine the amount of any potential liability, costs or expenses that may result from any lawsuits or investigations associated with the Take 5 Matter or determine whether any such issues will have any future material adverse effect on our financial position, liquidity, or results of operations. Although we have insurance covering certain liabilities, we cannot be certain that the insurance will be sufficient to cover any potential liability or expenses associated with the Take 5 Matter.

#### **Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.**

Not applicable.

### **Part II**

#### **Item 5. Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.**

##### ***Market Information***

Our Class A common stock and Warrants are currently listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbols “ADV” and “ADVWW,” respectively. As of December 31, 2024, there were 21 holders of record of our Class A common stock and 2 holders of record of our Warrants.

##### ***Dividend Policy***

We have not paid any cash dividends on our Class A common stock to date. We may retain future earnings, if any, for future operations, expansion and debt repayment and have no current plans to pay cash dividends for the foreseeable future. Any decision to declare and pay dividends in the future will be made at the discretion of the board of directors and will depend on, among other things, our results of operations, financial condition, cash requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors that the board of directors may deem relevant. In addition, our ability to pay dividends may be limited by covenants of any existing and future outstanding indebtedness we or our subsidiaries incur. We do not anticipate declaring any cash dividends to holders of the Class A common stock in the foreseeable future.

## Stock Price Performance



The graph above compares the cumulative total stockholder return on our Class A common stock with the cumulative total return on the Standard & Poor's ("S&P") 500 Stock Index and the S&P Consumer Staples Select Sector Index. The graph assumes an initial investment of \$100 in our Class A common stock at the market close on December 31, 2019. Data for the S&P 500 Stock Index and S&P Consumer Staples Select Sector Index assume reinvestment of dividends. Total return equals stock price appreciation plus reinvestment of dividends. Note that past stock price performance is not necessarily indicative of future stock price performance.

### ***Purchases of equity securities by the issuer and affiliated purchasers***

On November 9, 2021, we announced that our board of directors authorized a share repurchase program (the "2021 Share Repurchase Program") pursuant to which we may repurchase up to \$100.0 million of our Class A common stock.

The 2021 Share Repurchase Program does not have an expiration date, but provides for suspension or discontinuation at any time. The 2021 Share Repurchase Program permits the repurchase of our Class A common stock on the open market and by other means from time to time. The timing and amount of any share repurchase is subject to prevailing market conditions, relevant securities laws and other considerations, and we are under no obligation to repurchase any specific number of shares.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, we executed open market purchases of \$34.1 million of our Class A common stock under the 2021 Share Repurchase Program. As of December 31, 2024, there remained \$47.1 million of share repurchase availability under the 2021 Share Repurchase Program. We did not repurchase any Class A common stock during the three months ended December 31, 2024.

### ***Recent Sales of Unregistered Equity Securities***

None.

## Item 6. [Reserved]

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

*The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included in Item 8 "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. This section of this Form 10-K generally discusses 2024 and 2023 items and year-to-year comparisons between 2024 and 2023. Discussions of 2023 items and year-to-year comparisons between 2023 and 2022 are not included in this Form 10-K, and can be found in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in Part II, Item 7 of our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 filed with the SEC on March 1, 2024.*

### Executive Overview

We are a leading business solutions provider to consumer goods manufacturers and retailers. We have a strong platform of essential, business critical services like headquarter sales, retail merchandising, in-store sampling and private brand development. We generate demand for brands and retailers of all sizes, helping get the right products on the shelf—whether physical or digital—and into the hands of consumers in every way they shop. We use a scaled platform to innovate as a trusted partner with our clients, solving problems to increase their efficiency and effectiveness across a broad range of channels.

Effective January 1, 2024, we revised our reportable segments to align our business strategy, and the manner in which the Chief Executive Officer, our chief operating decision maker, manages and assesses the performance and makes decisions regarding the allocation of resources for us. Our revised reportable segments consist of Branded Services, Experiential Services and Retailer Services.

We have reorganized our portfolio of businesses into a new, simplified structure that more closely aligns our business capabilities with economic buyers. As a result of this reorganization, we have formally disposed of certain business units. We have determined that the business units disposed of met the discontinued operations accounting criteria as their dispositions represent a strategic shift that has had a major effect on our operations and financial results. Refer to Note 2—*Discontinued Operations, Deconsolidation of European Joint Venture, Divestitures and Acquisitions*. We continue to evaluate opportunities to further simplify our operations so we can focus more resources on our core businesses.

Through our Branded Services segment, which generated approximately 36.6% and 45.1% of our revenues in the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, we provide services to branded consumer goods manufacturers through three main categories: brokerage, branded merchandising and omni-commerce marketing services. Brokerage services is primarily an outsourced sales and services agency for branded consumer goods manufacturers at retailer headquarters, in-store and online. Additionally, we lead with insights to execute branded merchandising strategies for branded consumer goods manufacturers related to merchandising in-store and online to drive product sales. Our omni-commerce marketing services primarily relate to digital and field marketing services, including shopper marketing, targeted advertising, interactive design and development, inventory management, application development and content management solutions.

Through our Experiential Services segment, which generated approximately 36.3% and 29.7% of our revenues in the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, we help brands and retailers reach consumers and convert shoppers into buyers through in-store and online sampling and demonstrations. We manage highly customized, large-scale sampling programs for leading brands and retailers. We also manage, organize and execute special events for brands and retailers, including large-scale meetings, mobile tours, summits and festivals.

Through our Retailer Services segment, which generated approximately 27.1% and 25.2% of our revenues in the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, we provide end-to-end advisory, retailer merchandising and agency services to retailers. Advisory services primarily consist of consulting services related to private brand development, including coordination related to the sourcing, manufacturing, branding and distribution of private label products to the end retailer. Retailer merchandising services primarily relate to the execution of merchandising strategies, including traditional services such as interior store construction, store resets, category updates and new item implementation. Agency services primarily consist of providing marketing strategies within retail locations, including retail media networks, and analyzing shopper behavior to offer planning, execution and measurement of insight-based, retailer-specific promotions that target retailers' specific shopper base to drive product sales.

## Summary

Our financial performance from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023 includes:

- Revenues decreased by \$333.8 million, or 8.6%, to \$3,566.3 million;
- Operating income decreased by \$341.6 million to \$295.0 million of operating loss;
- Net loss increased by \$297.2 million to \$378.4 million;
- Adjusted Net Income decreased by \$3.1 million, or 3.9%, to \$75.7 million; and
- Adjusted EBITDA increased by \$3.8 million, or 1.1%, to \$356.0 million.

## Factors Affecting Our Business and Financial Reporting

There are a number of factors, in addition to certain prior period balances related to our reportable segments and discontinued operations that have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation, that affect the performance of our business and the comparability of our results from period to period including:

- **Organic Growth.** Part of our strategy is to generate organic growth by expanding our existing client relationships, continuing to win new clients, pursuing channel expansion, enhancing our service offerings, digital technology solutions, developing our international platform, delivering operational efficiencies and expanding into logical adjacencies. We believe that by pursuing these organic growth opportunities we will be able to continue to enhance our value proposition to our clients and thereby grow our business.
- **Acquisitions and Divestitures.** We have grown our business in part by acquiring businesses, both domestic and international. Many of our acquisition agreements include contingent consideration arrangements, which are further described below. We have completed acquisitions at what we believe are attractive purchase prices and have regularly structured our agreements to result in the generation of long-lived tax assets, which have in turn reduced our effective purchase prices when incorporating the value of those tax assets. We continue to look for strategic acquisitions that can be completed at attractive purchase prices. We also continue to evaluate potential opportunities to refine our focus on our core business of converting shoppers into buyers for consumer goods companies and retailers, including divesting certain businesses. As part of the sales agreements for certain divestitures, we have agreed to provide certain transitional services as defined within the respective transition services agreements for a period of time after sale. We continue to evaluate opportunities to further simplify our operations so we can focus more resources on our core businesses.
- **Contingent Consideration.** Many of our acquisition agreements include contingent consideration arrangements, which are generally based on the achievement of financial performance thresholds by the operations attributable to the acquired businesses. The contingent consideration arrangements are based upon our valuations of the acquired businesses and are intended to share the investment risk with the sellers of such businesses if projected financial results are not achieved. The fair values of these contingent consideration arrangements are included as part of the purchase price of the acquired companies on their respective acquisition dates. For each transaction, we estimate the fair value of contingent consideration payments as part of the initial purchase price. We review and assess the estimated fair value of contingent consideration on a quarterly basis, and the updated fair value could differ materially from our initial estimates. Adjustments to the estimated fair value related to changes in unobservable inputs are reported in “Selling, general and administrative expenses” in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.
- **Depreciation and Amortization.** As a result of the acquisition of our business by Topco on July 25, 2014 (the “2014 Topco Acquisition”), we acquired significant intangible assets, the value of which is amortized, on a straight-line basis, over 15 years from the date of the 2014 Topco Acquisition, unless determined to be indefinite-lived. The amortization of such intangible assets recorded in our consolidated financial statements has a significant impact on our operating (loss) income and net loss. Our historical acquisitions have increased, and future acquisitions likely will increase, our intangible assets. We do not believe the amortization expense associated with the intangible assets created from our purchase accounting adjustments reflect a material economic cost to our business. Unlike depreciation expense which has an economic cost reflected by the fact that we must re-invest in property and equipment to maintain the asset base delivering our results of operations, we do not have any capital re-investment requirements associated with the acquired intangible assets, such as client relationships and trade names, that comprise the majority of the finite-lived intangible assets that create our amortization expense.
- **Impairment of Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Asset.** We recognized goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges of \$233.2 million and \$42.0 million, respectively, during the year ended December 31, 2024. We recognized an

intangible asset impairment charge of \$43.5 million related to our indefinite-lived trade name during the year ended December 31, 2023. We recognized goodwill impairment charges of \$1,367.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. We recognized an intangible asset impairment charge of \$205.0 million related to our indefinite-lived trade name during the year ended December 31, 2022. The impairment charges have been reflected in “Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset” in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

- **Foreign Exchange Fluctuations.** Our financial results are affected by fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and other currencies, primarily the Canadian dollar due to our operations in such foreign jurisdictions. See also “—Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure of Market Risk—Foreign Currency Risk.”
- **Seasonality.** Our quarterly results are seasonal in nature, with the fourth fiscal quarter typically generating a higher proportion of our revenues than other fiscal quarters, as a result of higher consumer spending. We generally record slightly lower revenues in the first fiscal quarter of each year, as our clients begin to roll out new programs for the year, and consumer spending generally is less in the first fiscal quarter than other quarters. The timing of our clients’ marketing expenses, associated with marketing campaigns and new product launches, can also result in fluctuations from one quarter to another.

## How We Assess the Performance of Our Business

### Revenues

Revenues related to the Branded Services segment are primarily recognized in the form of commissions, fee-for-service and cost-plus fees for providing headquarter relationship management, execution of merchandising strategies and omni-commerce marketing services.

Experiential Services segment revenues are primarily recognized in the form of fee-for-service and cost-plus fees for providing in-store, digital sampling and demonstrations, where the Company manages highly customized, large-scale sampling programs for leading brands and retailers.

Retailer Services segment revenues are primarily recognized in the form of commissions, fee-for-service and cost-plus fees for providing consulting services related to private brand development, the execution of merchandising strategies and marketing strategies within retailer locations, including retail media networks and analyzing shopper behavior.

We analyze our financial performance, in part, by measuring revenue performance in two ways—revenue growth attributable to organic activities and revenue growth and declines attributable to acquisitions and divestitures, which we refer to as organic revenues and acquired revenues, respectively.

We define organic revenues as any revenues that are not acquired revenues. Our organic revenues exclude the impacts of acquisitions and divestitures, when applicable, which improves comparability of our results from period to period.

In general, when we acquire a business, the acquisition includes a contingent consideration arrangement (*e.g.*, an earnout provision) and, accordingly, we separately track the financial performance of the acquired business. In such cases, we consider revenues generated by such a business during the 12 months following its acquisition to be acquired revenues. For example, if we completed an acquisition on September 30, 2023 for a business that included a contingent consideration arrangement, we would consider revenues from the acquired business from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 to be acquired revenues. We generally consider growth attributable to the financial performance of an acquired business after the 12-month anniversary of the date of acquisition to be organic.

If an acquisition of an acquired business does not include a contingent consideration arrangement, or we otherwise do not separately track the financial performance of the acquired business due to operational integration, we consider the revenues that the business generated in the 12 months prior to its acquisition to be our acquired revenues for the 12 months following its acquisition, and any differences in revenues actually generated during the 12 months after its acquisition to be organic. For example, if we completed an acquisition on September 30, 2024 for a business that did not include a contingent consideration arrangement, we would consider the amount of revenues from the acquired business from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 to be acquired revenues during the period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, with any differences from that amount actually generated during the latter period to be organic revenues.

All revenues generated by our acquired businesses are considered to be organic revenues after the 12-month anniversary of the date of acquisition.

When we divest a business, unless otherwise presented as discontinued operations, we consider the revenues that the divested business generated in the 12 months prior to its divestiture to be subtracted from acquired revenues for the 12 months following its divestiture. For example, if we completed a divestiture on October 1, 2024 for a business, we would consider the amount of revenues from the divested business from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 to be subtracted from organic revenues during the period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

We measure organic revenue growth and acquired revenue growth by comparing the organic revenues or acquired revenues, respectively, period over period, net of any divestitures.

### **Cost of Revenues**

Our cost of revenues consists of both fixed and variable expenses primarily attributable to the hiring, training, compensation and benefits provided to both full-time and part-time teammates, as well as other project-related expenses. A number of costs associated with our teammates are subject to external factors, including inflation, increases in market specific wages and minimum wage rates at federal, state and municipal levels and minimum pay levels for exempt roles. Additionally, when we enter into certain new client relationships, we may experience an initial increase in expenses associated with hiring, training and other items needed to launch the new relationship.

### **Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries, payroll taxes and benefits for corporate personnel. Other overhead costs include information technology, professional services fees, including accounting and legal services, and other general corporate expenses. We also incur expenses operating as a public company, including expenses necessary to comply with the rules and regulations applicable to companies listed on a national securities exchange and related to compliance and reporting obligations pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC, as well as higher expenses for general and director and officer insurance, investor relations, and related professional services. Additionally, included in selling, general and administrative expenses are costs associated with the changes in fair value of the contingent consideration of acquisitions and other costs related to our internal reorganization activities, including our restructuring plan, acquisition and divestiture transactions. These transaction-related costs are comprised of fees related to change of equity ownership, professional fees, due diligence and integration or divestiture activities.

### **Impairment of Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net identifiable tangible and intangible assets acquired in an acquisition. We test for impairment of goodwill at the reporting unit level. We generally combine components that have similar economic characteristics, nature of services, types of clients, distribution methods and regulatory environment. Changes to our operating segments effective January 1, 2024, as described in Note 17—*Operating Segments and Geographic Information*, resulted in a change to our reporting units (Branded Services, Branded Agencies, Experiential Services, Merchandising and Retailer Agencies). As a result, the Company performed the required impairment assessments directly before and immediately after the change in reporting units as of January 1, 2024. The assets and liabilities were reassigned to the applicable reporting units and allocated goodwill using the relative fair value approach. The estimated fair values of the underlying reporting units were determined based on a combination of the income and market approaches. The income approach utilizes estimates of discounted cash flows for the underlying business, which requires assumptions for growth rates, EBITDA margins, terminal growth rate, discount rate, and incremental net working capital, all of which require significant management judgment. The market approach applies market multiples derived from historical earnings data of selected guideline publicly traded companies that are first screened by industry group and then further narrowed on the reporting units' business descriptions, markets served, competitors, EBITDA margins and revenue size. We compared a weighted average of the output from the income and market approaches to compute the fair value of the reporting units. The assumptions in the income and market approach are based on significant inputs not observable in the market and thus represent Level 3 measurements within the fair value hierarchy. We based our fair value estimates on assumptions we believe to be reasonable but which are unpredictable and inherently uncertain. A change in these underlying assumptions would cause a change in the results of the tests and, as such, could cause fair value to be less than the carrying amounts and result in an impairment of goodwill in the future. Additionally, if actual results are not consistent with the estimates and assumptions or if there are significant changes to our planned strategy, it may cause fair value to be less than the carrying amounts and result in an impairment of goodwill in the future.

### **Other (Income) Expenses**

#### ***Change in Fair Value of Warrant Liability***

Change in fair value of warrant liability represents a non-cash (income) expense resulting from a fair value adjustment to warrant liability with respect to the private placement warrants. Based on the availability of sufficient observable information, we

determine the fair value of the liability classified private placement warrants by approximating the value with the price of the public warrants at the respective period end, which is inherently less subjective and judgmental given it is based on observable inputs.

### ***Interest Expense***

Interest expense relates primarily to borrowings under our material debt agreements as described below. See “—*Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”

## **Depreciation and Amortization**

### ***Amortization Expense***

As a result of the 2014 Topco Acquisition, we acquired significant intangible assets, the value of which is amortized, on a straight-line basis, over 15 years from the date of the 2014 Topco Acquisition, unless determined to be indefinite-lived. Included in our depreciation and amortization expense is amortization of acquired intangible assets. We have ascribed value to identifiable intangible assets other than goodwill in our purchase price allocations for companies we have acquired. These assets include, but are not limited to, client relationships and trade names. To the extent we ascribe value to identifiable intangible assets that have finite lives, we amortize those values over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Such amortization expense, although non-cash in the period expensed, directly impacts our results of operations. It is difficult to predict with any precision the amount of expense we may record relating to future acquired intangible assets.

### ***Depreciation Expense***

Depreciation expense relates to the property and equipment that we own, which represented less than 1% of our total assets at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

## **Income Taxes**

Income tax expense and our effective tax rates can be affected by many factors, including state apportionment factors, our acquisition and divestiture strategy, tax incentives and credits available to us, changes in judgment regarding our ability to realize our deferred tax assets, changes in our worldwide mix of pre-tax losses or earnings, changes in existing tax laws and our assessment of uncertain tax positions.

## **Cash Flows**

We have positive cash flow characteristics, as described below, due to the limited required capital investment in the fixed assets and working capital needs to operate our business in the normal course. See “—*Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”

Our principal sources of liquidity are cash flows from operations, borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility (as defined below), divestitures and other debt. Our principal uses of cash are operating expenses, working capital requirements, investments in our technology platforms, acquisitions, repayment of debt and share repurchases.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, we sold five businesses. We expect to use the divestiture proceeds to invest in our business, reduce debt, create financial flexibility for opportunistic share repurchases or potential future acquisitions.

## **Adjusted Net Income**

Adjusted Net Income is a non-GAAP financial measure. Adjusted Net Income means net loss from continuing operations before (i) net income attributable to noncontrolling interest, (ii) impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset, (iii) gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries, (iv) equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P., (v) changes in fair value of warrant liability, (vi) fair value adjustments of contingent consideration related to acquisitions, (vii) acquisition and divestiture related expenses, (viii) restructuring expenses, (ix) reorganization expenses, (x) litigation expenses, (xi) amortization of intangible assets, (xii) costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received, (xiii) gain on repurchases of Term Loan Facility and Senior Secured Notes debt, (xiv) costs associated with (recovery from) the Take 5 Matter, (xv) other adjustments that management believes are helpful in evaluating our operating performance, and (xvi) related tax adjustments.

We present Adjusted Net Income because we use it as a supplemental measure to evaluate the performance of our business in a way that also considers our ability to generate profit without the impact of items that we do not believe are indicative of our operating performance or are unusual or infrequent in nature and aid in the comparability of our performance from period to period. Adjusted

Net Income should not be considered as an alternative for Net loss from continuing operations, our most directly comparable measure presented on a GAAP basis.

### **Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations, Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations and Adjusted EBITDA by Segment**

Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations, Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations and Adjusted EBITDA by Segment are supplemental non-GAAP financial measures of our operating performance.

Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations and Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations means net income before (i) interest expense (net), (ii) provision for (benefit from) income taxes, (iii) depreciation, (iv) amortization of intangible assets, (v) impairment of goodwill, (vi) changes in fair value of warrant liability, (vii) stock-based compensation expense, (viii) equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P., (ix) fair value adjustments of contingent consideration related to acquisitions, (x) acquisition and divestiture related expenses, (xi) (gain) loss on divestitures, (xii) restructuring expenses, (xiii) reorganization expenses, (xiv) litigation expenses (recovery), (xv) costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received, (xvi) costs associated with (recovery from) the Take 5 Matter, (xvii) EBITDA for economic interests in investments and (xviii) other adjustments that management believes are helpful in evaluating our operating performance.

Adjusted EBITDA by Segment means, with respect to each segment, operating (loss) income from continuing operations before (i) depreciation, (ii) amortization of intangible assets, (iii) impairment of goodwill, (iv) stock based compensation expense, (v) equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P., (vi) fair value adjustments of contingent consideration related to acquisitions, (vii) acquisition and divestiture related expenses, (viii) restructuring expenses, (ix) reorganization expenses, (x) litigation expenses (recovery), (xi) costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received, (xii) costs associated with (recovery from) the Take 5 Matter, (xiii) EBITDA for economic interests in investments and (xiv) other adjustments that management believes are helpful in evaluating our operating performance, in each case, attributable to such segment.

We present Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations, Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations and Adjusted EBITDA by Segment because they are key operating measures used by us to assess our financial performance. These measures adjust for items that we believe do not reflect the ongoing operating performance of our business, such as certain non-cash items, unusual or infrequent items or items that change from period to period without any material relevance to our operating performance. We evaluate these measures in conjunction with our results according to GAAP because we believe they provide a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our business than GAAP measures alone. Furthermore, the agreements governing our indebtedness contain covenants and other tests based on measures substantially similar to Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations and Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations. None of Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations, Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations nor Adjusted EBITDA by Segment should be considered as an alternative for Net loss or operating (loss) income, our most directly comparable measures presented on a GAAP basis. Non-GAAP financial measures are subject to inherent limitations as they reflect the exercise of judgments by management about which expense and income are excluded or included in determining these non-GAAP financial measures. Additionally, other companies may calculate non-GAAP measures differently, or may use other measures to calculate their financial performance, and therefore our non-GAAP measures may not be directly comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

For a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net loss and Adjusted EBITDA by segment to operating (loss) income from continuing operations, see “—Non-GAAP Financial Measures.”

### **Transformation Strategy**

In July 2024, we announced a restructuring plan as part of our transformation strategy to improve our cost structure and to implement various other efforts to improve operating efficiency. The restructuring plan was designed to simplify the organization that supports the new segments after the divestitures and related transitions as well as to generate operational efficiencies during a time of market challenges affecting our clients. The overall project was substantially completed at the end of fiscal year 2024.

#### ***Reorganization expenses***

Beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2023, we engaged third-party professional service consultants to assist in identifying and implementing operational efficiencies and cost-saving strategies. These efforts focused on internal process optimization and workforce alignment to our cost structure with current business needs. During the year ended December 31, 2024, we incurred \$88.8 million in reorganization expenses related to various internal reorganization activities, including professional fees, lease exit costs, severance, and nonrecurring compensation costs, compared to \$56.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2023. These amounts were recognized in “Selling, general, and administrative expenses” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and

Comprehensive Loss. The reorganization plan was designed to simplify the organization that supports the new segments after the divestitures and related transitions.

***Restructuring expenses***

In the third quarter of fiscal year 2024, we implemented restructuring plans as a result of the overall reorganization.

During the third quarter of fiscal year 2024, we offered a Voluntary Early Retirement Program (“VERP”) to certain eligible U.S.-based employees. During the year ended December 31, 2024, we recorded \$9.9 million of settlement charges and special termination benefits in “Selling, general, and administrative expenses” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

In connection with our reorganization initiatives, in September 2024, we announced a cost savings program to improve operational performance and align cost structures consistent with revenue levels associated with business changes, which includes special termination benefits associated with a reduction-in-force (“2024 RIF”) and other optimization initiatives. During the year ended December 31, 2024, we recorded \$20.1 million of settlement charges and special termination benefits in “Selling, general, and administrative expenses” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

## Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

The following table sets forth items derived from the Company's consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 in dollars and as a percentage of total revenues.

| (amounts in thousands)  | Year Ended December 31, |         |              |        |
|---|-------------------------|---------|--------------|--------|
|   | 2024                    |         | 2023         |        |
| Revenues  | \$ 3,566,324            | 100.0%  | \$ 3,900,125 | 100.0% |
| Cost of revenues  | 3,059,052               | 85.8%   | 3,415,046    | 87.6%  |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses   | 324,596                 | 9.1%    | 250,235      | 6.4%   |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset   | 275,170                 | 7.7%    | 43,500       | 1.1%   |
| Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries   | —                       | 0.0%    | (58,891)     | (1.5)% |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 204,553                 | 5.7%    | 208,856      | 5.4%   |
| Loss from equity method investments   | (2,064)                 | (0.1)%  | (5,210)      | (0.1)% |
| Total operating expenses  | 3,861,307               | 108.3%  | 3,853,536    | 98.8%  |
| Operating (loss) income from continuing operations  | (294,983)               | (8.3)%  | 46,589       | 1.2%   |
| Other expenses (income):  |                         |         |              |        |
| Change in fair value of warrant liability   | (584)                   | 0.0%    | (286)        | 0.0%   |
| Interest expense, net   | 146,792                 | 4.1%    | 165,734      | 4.2%   |
| Total other expenses  | 146,208                 | 4.1%    | 165,448      | 4.2%   |
| Loss from continuing operations before income taxes   | (441,191)               | (12.4)% | (118,859)    | (3.0)% |
| Benefit from income taxes from continuing operations  | (62,787)                | (1.8)%  | (37,648)     | (1.0)% |
| Net loss from continuing operations   | (378,404)               | (10.6)% | (81,211)     | (2.1)% |
| Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax   | 53,634                  | 1.5%    | 20,829       | 0.5%   |
| Net loss  | (324,770)               | (9.1)%  | (60,382)     | (1.5)% |
| Less: net income from continuing operations attributable to noncontrolling interest, net of tax   | —                       | 0.0%    | 2,346        | 0.1%   |
| Less: net income from discontinued operations attributable to noncontrolling interest, net of tax | 2,192                   | 0.1%    | 594          | 0.0%   |
| Net loss attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.                                 | \$ (326,962)            | (9.2)%  | \$ (63,322)  | (1.6)% |
| <b>Other Financial Data</b>   |                         |         |              |        |
| Adjusted Net Income <sup>(1)</sup>  | \$ 75,712               | 2.1%    | \$ 78,798    | 2.0%   |
| Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations <sup>(1)</sup>   | \$ 356,014              | 10.0%   | \$ 352,248   | 9.0%   |

(1) Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations are financial measures that are not calculated in accordance with GAAP. For a discussion of our presentation of Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations and reconciliations of net loss to Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA, see “—Non-GAAP Financial Measures.”

## Comparison of the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

### Revenues

| (amounts in thousands) | Year Ended December 31, |              | Change       |         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
|                        | 2024                    | 2023         | \$           | %       |
| Branded Services       | \$ 1,306,336            | \$ 1,758,417 | \$ (452,081) | (25.7)% |
| Experiential Services  | 1,295,029               | 1,159,449    | 135,580      | 11.7%   |
| Retailer Services      | 964,959                 | 982,259      | (17,300)     | (1.8)%  |
| Total revenues         | \$ 3,566,324            | \$ 3,900,125 | \$ (333,801) | (8.6)%  |

Total revenues decreased by \$333.8 million, or 8.6%, during the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. Excluding \$374.4 million revenues during the year ended December 31, 2023 prior to the deconsolidation of our European joint venture, revenues increased 1%.

The Branded Services segment revenues decreased \$452.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. Excluding \$374.4 million revenues during the year ended December 31, 2023 prior to the

deconsolidation of our European joint venture, the segment experienced a decrease of \$77.7 million in revenues primarily due to an intentional client resignation and a weaker economic environment for our consumer package goods clients.

The Experiential Services segment revenues increased \$135.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase in revenues was primarily due to an increase in our events per day volume.

The Retailer Services segment revenues decreased \$17.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. The decrease in revenues was primarily due to reductions in the scope of services from our retailer clients as retailers respond to challenges in the broader markets in which they operate including increased commodity prices and wages.

### **Cost of Revenues**

Cost of revenues as a percentage of revenues for the year ended December 31, 2024 was 85.8%, as compared to 87.6% for the year ended December 31, 2023. The decrease as a percentage of revenues was largely attributable to the change in the revenue mix of our services primarily related to the deconsolidation of our European joint venture, one time litigation expense in the prior year with recovery in the current year and decreased incentive compensation expense.

### **Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues for the year ended December 31, 2024 was 9.1%, as compared to 6.4% for the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase as a percentage of revenues was primarily due to a \$62.7 million increase in costs associated with our internal reorganization activities, largely related to professional fees, voluntary early retirement benefits and severance and the continued investment in our support services including our technology solutions.

### **Impairment of Goodwill and Indefinite-lived Asset**

During the second quarter of fiscal year 2024, we determined a triggering event occurred and an impairment assessment was warranted for the Branded Agencies reporting unit goodwill due to the pending sale of one of the businesses that comprised a substantial portion of the assets, liabilities and prospective cash flows of the Branded Agencies reporting unit. As a result of the impairment test performed, we recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$99.7 million related to our Branded Agencies reporting unit goodwill during the year ended December 31, 2024, which has been reflected in "Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. As a result of this charge, an immaterial amount of goodwill remains in this reporting unit.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024, we identified a triggering event that required an impairment assessment of goodwill for the Branded Services reporting unit. The triggering event was due to the loss of clients and a reduction in the scope of client services as our clients implemented internal cost reduction initiatives in response to challenges in the broader markets in which they operate. As a result of the goodwill impairment test, we recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$133.5 million related to the Branded Services reporting unit during the year ended December 31, 2024. This charge is reflected in "Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived assets" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

During the fourth quarter of December 31, 2024, we recognized an intangible asset impairment charge of \$42.0 million as a result of the triggering event for the Branded Services reporting unit.

We recognized a \$43.5 million trade name intangible asset impairment charge during the year ended December 31, 2023 due to the deconsolidation of our European joint venture and intended sale of the foodservice businesses.

### **Depreciation and Amortization Expense**

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$204.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to \$208.9 for the year ended December 31, 2023, which was primarily due to a decrease in software amortization expenses and intangible assets amortization expense.

### Income from Equity Method Investments

Income from equity method investments decreased by \$3.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 due to the net income attributable from our investments in unconsolidated affiliates. For additional information see *Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data — Note 11—Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates*.

### Operating (Loss) Income from Continuing Operations

| (amounts in thousands)                                   | Year Ended December 31, |           | Change       |            |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
|  | 2024                    | 2023      | \$           | %          |
| Branded Services   | \$ (318,573)            | \$ 27,193 | \$ (345,766) | (1,271.5)% |
| Experiential Services                                    | 255                     | 3,295     | (3,040)      | (92.3)%    |
| Retailer Services  | 23,335                  | 16,101    | 7,234        | 44.9%      |
| Total operating (loss) income from continuing operations | \$ (294,983)            | \$ 46,589 | \$ (341,572) | (733.2)%   |

In the Branded Services segment, the decrease in operating income to an operating loss for the year ended December 31, 2024 was primarily due to the goodwill impairments and the decrease in revenue noted above and an increase in costs associated with our internal reorganization activities combined with continued investment in our support services, including our technology solutions.

In the Experiential Services segment, the decrease in operating income for the year ended December 31, 2024 was due to an increase in costs associated with our internal reorganization activities combined with continued investment in our support services, including our technology solutions, partially offset by the increase in revenues as described above.

In the Retailer Services segment, the increase in operating income year ended December 31, 2024 was due to improved margins in our services partially offset by an increase in costs associated with our internal reorganization activities and continued investment in our support services, including our technology solutions.

### Change in Fair Value of Warrant Liability

Change in fair value of warrant liability represents \$0.6 million and \$0.3 million of non-cash income resulting from fair value adjustments to the warrant liability for the private placement warrants for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

### Interest Expense, Net

Interest expense, net decreased \$18.9 million, or 11.4%, to \$146.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, from \$165.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. The decrease in interest expense, net was primarily due to lower debt balances as a result of repurchases of Term Loan Facility and Senior Secured Notes as further described in “*Liquidity and Capital Resources—Description of Credit Facilities—Senior Secured Notes*”, partially offset by changes in the fair value of our derivative instruments during the year ended December 31, 2024.

### Benefit from Income Taxes from Continuing Operations

Benefit from income taxes was \$62.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to a benefit from income taxes of \$37.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. The fluctuation was primarily attributable to a larger pre-tax loss during the year ended December 31, 2024 compared to a smaller pre-tax loss during the year ended December 31, 2023. Also contributing to the variance was the goodwill impairments during the year ended December 31, 2024 and the deconsolidation of our European joint venture during the year ended December 31, 2023.

The provision for income taxes from discontinued operations was \$41.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, while the provision for income taxes from discontinued operations was \$8.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. Income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 was impacted primarily by the result of pre-tax income from discontinued operations and divested entities.

### Net Loss from Continuing Operations

Net loss from continuing operations was \$378.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to net loss from continuing operations of \$81.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase in net loss from continuing operations was primarily driven by goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges of \$275.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2024, a

\$62.7 million increase in costs associated with our internal reorganization and restructuring activities, largely related to professional fees and severance, partially offset by an \$18.9 million decrease in interest expense and a \$25.1 million increase in the benefit from income taxes.

### Net Income from Discontinued Operations

Net income from discontinued operations was \$53.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to net income from discontinued operations of \$20.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2023.

### Adjusted Net Income

The decrease in Adjusted Net Income for the year ended December 31, 2024 was attributable to the increase in Adjusted EBITDA as described below coupled with the decrease in interest expense. For a reconciliation of Adjusted Net Income to Net loss from continuing operations, see “—Non-GAAP Financial Measures”.

### Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations and Adjusted EBITDA by Segment

| (amounts in thousands)                           | Year Ended December 31, |            | Change      |         |
|--|-------------------------|------------|-------------|---------|
|  | 2024                    | 2023       | \$          | %       |
| Branded Services                                 | \$ 181,465              | \$ 203,683 | \$ (22,218) | (10.9)% |
| Experiential Services                            | 75,697                  | 53,003     | 22,694      | 42.8%   |
| Retailer Services                                | 98,852                  | 95,562     | 3,290       | 3.4%    |
| Total Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations | \$ 356,014              | \$ 352,248 | \$ 3,766    | 1.1%    |

Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations was \$356.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to \$352.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase in Adjusted EBITDA was primarily attributable to an increase in the Experiential Services segment. In the Branded Services segment, the decrease was primarily attributable to the decline in revenues partially offset by the decline in cost of revenues as described above. In the Experiential Services segment, the increase was driven largely by the growth in revenues from the in-store sampling and demonstration services offset by continued investment in our support services including our technology solutions. In the Retailer Services segment, the increase was primarily attributable to increase in margins driven by price discipline. For a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations to Net loss from continuing operations, see “—Non-GAAP Financial Measures.”

### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Adjusted Net Income is a non-GAAP financial measure. Adjusted Net Income means net loss from continuing operations before (i) net income attributable to noncontrolling interest, (ii) impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset, (iii) gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries, (iv) equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P., (v) changes in fair value of warrant liability, (vi) fair value adjustments of contingent consideration related to acquisitions, (vii) acquisition and divestiture related expenses, (viii) restructuring expenses, (ix) reorganization expenses, (x) litigation expenses, (xi) amortization of intangible assets, (xii) costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received, (xiii) gain on repurchases of Term Loan Facility and Senior Secured Notes debt, (xiv) costs associated with (recovery from) the Take 5 Matter, (xv) other adjustments that management believes are helpful in evaluating our operating performance, and (xvi) related tax adjustments.

We present Adjusted Net Income because we use it as a supplemental measure to evaluate the performance of our business in a way that also considers our ability to generate profit without the impact of items that we do not believe are indicative of our operating performance or are unusual or infrequent in nature and aid in the comparability of our performance from period to period. Adjusted Net Income should not be considered as an alternative for our net loss from continuing operations, our most directly comparable measure presented on a GAAP basis.

### Adjusted Net Income from Continuing Operations

A reconciliation of Adjusted Net Income from Continuing Operations to Net loss is provided in the following table:

| (in thousands)  | Year Ended December 31, |             |                |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|
|   | 2024                    | 2023        | 2022           |
| Net loss from continuing operations   | \$ (378,404)            | \$ (81,211) | \$ (1,418,652) |
| Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interests   | —                       | 2,346       | 3,757          |
| Add:  |                         |             |                |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset   | 275,170                 | 43,500      | 1,572,523      |
| Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries   | —                       | (58,891)    | —              |
| Equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P. <sup>(a)</sup>                                     | 723                     | (2,524)     | (6,934)        |
| Changes in fair value of warrant liability  | (584)                   | (286)       | (21,236)       |
| Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions <sup>(b)</sup> | 1,678                   | 11,152      | 6,572          |
| Acquisition and divestiture related expenses <sup>(c)</sup>                                       | (1,168)                 | 3,206       | 18,950         |
| Restructuring expenses <sup>(d)</sup>   | 30,051                  | —           | —              |
| Reorganization expenses <sup>(e)</sup>  | 88,800                  | 56,133      | 5,970          |
| Litigation expenses (recovery) <sup>(f)</sup>   | (1,940)                 | 9,519       | 5,357          |
| Loss of disposal of assets  | —                       | —           | 2,863          |
| Amortization of intangible assets <sup>(g)</sup>  | 177,296                 | 186,827     | 189,064        |
| Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received <sup>(h)</sup>                           | —                       | 3,283       | 7,208          |
| Gain on repurchases of Term Loan Facility and Senior Secured Notes debt <sup>(i)</sup>            | (7,091)                 | (8,665)     | —              |
| Costs associated with the Take 5 Matter, net of (recoveries) <sup>(j)</sup>                       | 1,845                   | (1,380)     | 2,465          |
| Tax adjustments related to non-GAAP adjustments <sup>(k)</sup>                                    | (110,664)               | (79,519)    | (204,770)      |
| Adjusted Net Income from Continuing Operations  | \$ 75,712               | \$ 78,798   | \$ 155,623     |

- (a) Represents expenses related to (i) equity-based compensation expense associated with grants of Common Series D Units of Topco made to one of the Advantage Sponsors and (ii) equity-based compensation expense associated with the Common Series C Units of Topco.
- (b) Represents adjustments to the estimated fair value of our contingent consideration liabilities related to our acquisitions, for the applicable periods.
- (c) Represents fees and costs associated with activities related to our acquisitions, divestitures, and related activities, including professional fees, due diligence, and integration activities.
- (d) Restructuring charges including programs designed to integrate and reduce costs intended to further improve efficiencies in operational activities and align cost structures consistent with revenue levels associated with business changes. Restructuring expenses include costs associated with the VERP and special termination benefits associated with the 2024 RIF and other optimization initiatives.
- (e) Represents fees and costs associated with various internal reorganization activities, including professional fees, lease exit costs, severance, and nonrecurring compensation costs.
- (f) Represents legal settlements, reserves, and expenses that are unusual or infrequent costs associated with our operating activities.
- (g) Represents the amortization of intangible assets recorded in connection with the 2014 Topco Acquisition and our other acquisitions.
- (h) Represents (i) costs related to implementation of strategies for workplace safety in response to COVID-19, including employee-relief fund, additional sick pay for front-line teammates, medical benefit payments for furloughed teammates, and personal protective equipment; and (ii) benefits received from government grants for COVID-19 relief.
- (i) Represents gains associated with the repurchases of Term Loan Facility and Senior Secured Notes, net of deferred financing fees related to repricing of Term Loan Facility. For additional information, refer to Note 8—*Debt* to our consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.
- (j) Represents cash receipts from an insurance policy for claims related to the Take 5 Matter and costs associated with investigation and remediation activities related to the Take 5 Matter, primarily professional fees and other related costs.
- (k) Represents the tax benefit associated with the adjustments above, taking into account the Company's applicable tax rates, after excluding adjustments related to items that do not have a related tax impact.

### Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations, Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations and Adjusted EBITDA by Segment are supplemental non-GAAP financial measures of our operating performance. Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations and Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations mean net loss from continuing operations before (i) interest expense (net), (ii) provision for (benefit from) income taxes, (iii) depreciation, (iv) amortization of intangible assets, (v) impairment of goodwill, (vi) changes in fair value of warrant liability, (vii) stock-based compensation expense, (viii) equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P., (ix) fair value adjustments of contingent consideration related to acquisitions, (x) acquisition and divestiture related expenses, (xi) (gain) loss on divestitures, (xii) restructuring expenses, (xiii) reorganization expenses, (xiv) litigation expenses (recovery), (xv) costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received, (xvi) costs associated with (recovery from) the Take 5 Matter, (xvii) EBITDA for economic interests in investments and (xviii) other adjustments that management believes are helpful in evaluating our operating performance.

Adjusted EBITDA by Segment means, with respect to each segment, operating income (loss) from continuing operations before (i) depreciation, (ii) amortization of intangible assets, (iii) impairment of goodwill, (iv) stock-based compensation expense, (v) equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P., (vi) fair value adjustments of contingent consideration related to acquisitions, (vii) acquisition and divestiture related expenses, (viii) restructuring expenses, (ix) reorganization expenses, (x) litigation expenses (recovery), (xi) costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received, (xii) costs associated with (recovery from) the Take 5 Matter, (xiii) EBITDA for economic interests in investments and (xiv) other adjustments that management believes are helpful in evaluating our operating performance, in each case, attributable to such segment.

Unallocated shared costs associated with discontinued operations from certain shared administrative functions, through the close of the discontinued operations; excluded from income from discontinued operations as they are not a direct cost of the discontinued business but a result of indirect allocations, including but not limited to, information technology, human resources, finance and accounting, supply chain, and commercial operations. Subsequent to the close of the divestitures, amounts attributable to unallocated shared costs would be mitigated through income from transition services agreements, subsequent strategic or restructuring initiatives, elimination of extraneous costs, or re-allocations or absorption of existing continuing operations. See Note 2—*Discontinued Operations, Deconsolidation of European Joint Venture, Divestitures and Acquisitions* in Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, included elsewhere in this Annual Report for further details.

We present Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations, Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations and Adjusted EBITDA by Segment because they are key operating measures used by us to assess our financial performance. These measures adjust for items that we believe do not reflect the ongoing operating performance of our business, such as certain non-cash items, unusual or infrequent items or items that change from period to period without any material relevance to our operating performance. We evaluate these measures in conjunction with our results according to GAAP because we believe they provide a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our business than GAAP measures alone. Furthermore, the agreements governing our indebtedness contain covenants and other tests based on measures substantially similar to Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations and Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations. None of Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations, Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations nor Adjusted EBITDA by Segment should be considered as an alternative for our Net income from discontinued operations, our most directly comparable measure presented on a GAAP basis. Non-GAAP financial measures are subject to inherent limitations as they reflect the exercise of judgments by management about which expense and income are excluded or included in determining these non-GAAP financial measures. Additionally, other companies may calculate non-GAAP measures differently, or may use other measures to calculate their financial performance, and therefore our non-GAAP measures may not be directly comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations to Net loss from continuing operations is provided in the following table:

| Continuing Operations<br>(in thousands)   | Year Ended December 31, |             |             |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2024                    | 2023        | 2022        |
| Net loss from continuing operations   | \$ (378,404)            | \$ (81,211) | (1,418,652) |
| Add:  |                         |             |             |
| Interest expense, net   | 146,792                 | 165,734     | 104,387     |
| Benefit from income taxes from continuing operations  | (62,787)                | (37,648)    | (158,442)   |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 204,553                 | 208,856     | 216,046     |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset   | 275,170                 | 43,500      | 1,572,523   |
| Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries   | —                       | (58,891)    | —           |
| Loss on divestitures  | —                       | —           | 2,863       |
| Changes in fair value of warrant liability  | (584)                   | (286)       | (21,236)    |
| Stock-based compensation expense <sup>(a)</sup>   | 31,019                  | 38,933      | 35,101      |
| Equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P. <sup>(b)</sup>                                     | 723                     | (2,524)     | (6,934)     |
| Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions <sup>(c)</sup> | 1,678                   | 11,152      | 6,572       |
| Acquisition and divestiture related expenses <sup>(d)</sup>                                       | (1,168)                 | 3,206       | 18,950      |
| Restructuring expenses <sup>(e)</sup>   | 30,051                  | —           | —           |
| Reorganization expenses <sup>(f)</sup>  | 88,800                  | 56,133      | 5,971       |
| Litigation (recovery) expenses <sup>(g)</sup>   | (1,940)                 | 9,519       | 5,357       |
| Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received <sup>(h)</sup>                           | —                       | 3,283       | 7,208       |
| Costs associated with the Take 5 Matter, net of (recoveries) <sup>(i)</sup>                       | 1,845                   | (1,380)     | 2,465       |
| EBITDA for economic interests in investments <sup>(j)</sup>                                       | 20,266                  | (6,128)     | (13,686)    |
| Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations  | \$ 356,014              | \$ 352,248  | \$ 358,493  |

Reconciliations of Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations to Net income from discontinued operations is provided in the following table:

| Discontinued Operations<br>(in thousands)   | Year Ended December 31, |           |           |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2024                    | 2023      | 2022      |
| Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax   | \$ 53,634               | \$ 20,829 | \$ 41,350 |
| Add:  |                         |           |           |
| Interest expense, net   | 48                      | 68        | 72        |
| Provision for income taxes from discontinued operations   | 41,318                  | 8,639     | 13,104    |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 4,695                   | 15,841    | 17,029    |
| (Gain) loss on divestitures <sup>(k)</sup>  | (95,099)                | 19,068    | —         |
| Stock-based compensation expense <sup>(a)</sup>   | (2,808)                 | 3,947     | 4,724     |
| Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions <sup>(c)</sup> | 1,883                   | (790)     | (1,798)   |
| Acquisition and divestiture related expenses <sup>(d)</sup>                                       | 5,537                   | 3,818     | 2,089     |
| Reorganization expenses <sup>(f)</sup>  | 9,535                   | 888       | 124       |
| EBITDA for economic interests in investments <sup>(j)</sup>                                       | (384)                   | (274)     | 798       |
| Adjusted EBITDA from Discontinued Operations  | \$ 18,359               | \$ 72,034 | \$ 77,492 |

Financial information by segment, including a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA by Segment to operating (loss) income is provided in the following table:

| <b>Branded Services segment<br/>(in thousands)</b>  | <b>Year Ended December 31,</b> |                   |                   |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | <b>2024</b>                    | <b>2023</b>       | <b>2022</b>       |
| Operating (loss) income   | \$ (318,573)                   | \$ 27,193         | (757,258)         |
| Add:  |                                |                   |                   |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 130,212                        | 140,932           | 144,354           |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset   | 275,170                        | 43,500            | 831,008           |
| Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries   | —                              | (58,891)          | —                 |
| Loss on divestitures  | —                              | —                 | 2,863             |
| Stock-based compensation expense <sup>(a)</sup>   | 12,391                         | 15,651            | 10,120            |
| Equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P. <sup>(b)</sup>                                     | 2,445                          | (687)             | (2,650)           |
| Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions <sup>(c)</sup> | 1,678                          | 11,136            | 6,572             |
| Acquisition and divestiture related expenses <sup>(d)</sup>                                       | 168                            | 1,777             | 8,167             |
| Restructuring expenses <sup>(e)</sup>   | 19,343                         | —                 | —                 |
| Reorganization expenses <sup>(f)</sup>  | 35,910                         | 28,739            | 3,434             |
| Litigation expenses <sup>(g)</sup>  | 610                            | 2,181             | —                 |
| Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received <sup>(h)</sup>                           | —                              | (323)             | 2,600             |
| Costs associated with the Take 5 Matter, net of (recoveries) <sup>(i)</sup>                       | 1,845                          | (1,380)           | 2,465             |
| EBITDA for economic interests in investments <sup>(j)</sup>                                       | 20,266                         | (6,145)           | (13,663)          |
| <b>Branded Services segment Adjusted EBITDA</b>   | <b>\$ 181,465</b>              | <b>\$ 203,683</b> | <b>\$ 238,012</b> |

  

| <b>Experiential Services segment<br/>(in thousands)</b>   | <b>Year Ended December 31,</b> |                  |                  |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>2024</b>                    | <b>2023</b>      | <b>2022</b>      |
| Operating income (loss)   | \$ 255                         | \$ 3,295         | (371,900)        |
| Add:  |                                |                  |                  |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 41,728                         | 36,584           | 37,906           |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset   | —                              | —                | 354,452          |
| Stock-based compensation expense <sup>(a)</sup>   | 7,761                          | (3,420)          | (1,342)          |
| Equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P. <sup>(b)</sup>                                     | (825)                          | (805)            | (1,698)          |
| Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions <sup>(c)</sup> | —                              | 7                | —                |
| Acquisition and divestiture related expenses <sup>(d)</sup>                                       | 47                             | 512              | 3,357            |
| Restructuring expenses <sup>(e)</sup>   | 4,368                          | —                | —                |
| Reorganization expenses <sup>(f)</sup>  | 21,757                         | 12,099           | 1,506            |
| Litigation expenses (recoveries) <sup>(g)</sup>   | 606                            | 1,842            | (700)            |
| Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received <sup>(h)</sup>                           | —                              | 2,889            | 3,968            |
| <b>Experiential Services segment Adjusted EBITDA</b>  | <b>\$ 75,697</b>               | <b>\$ 53,003</b> | <b>\$ 25,549</b> |

| Retailer Services segment<br>(in thousands)   | Year Ended December 31, |           |           |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2024                    | 2023      | 2022      |
| Operating (loss) income   | \$ 23,335               | \$ 16,101 | (364,785) |
| Add:  |                         |           |           |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 32,613                  | 31,340    | 33,786    |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset   | —                       | —         | 387,063   |
| Stock-based compensation expense <sup>(a)</sup>   | 10,867                  | 26,702    | 26,323    |
| Equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P. <sup>(b)</sup>                                     | (897)                   | (1,032)   | (2,586)   |
| Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions <sup>(c)</sup> | —                       | 9         | —         |
| Acquisition and divestiture related expenses <sup>(d)</sup>                                       | (1,383)                 | 917       | 7,426     |
| Restructuring expenses <sup>(e)</sup>   | 6,340                   | —         | —         |
| Reorganization expenses <sup>(f)</sup>  | 31,133                  | 15,295    | 1,031     |
| Litigation (recovery) expenses <sup>(g)</sup>   | (3,156)                 | 5,496     | 6,057     |
| Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received <sup>(h)</sup>                           | —                       | 717       | 640       |
| EBITDA for economic interests in investments <sup>(i)</sup>                                       | —                       | 17        | (23)      |
| Retailer Services segment Adjusted EBITDA   | \$ 98,852               | \$ 95,562 | \$ 94,932 |

- (a) Represents non-cash compensation expense related to performance stock units, restricted stock units, and stock options under the 2020 Advantage Solutions Incentive Award Plan and the Advantage Solutions 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (b) Represents expenses related to (i) equity-based compensation expense associated with grants of Common Series D Units of Topco made to one of the Advantage Sponsors and (ii) equity-based compensation expense associated with the Common Series C Units of Topco.
- (c) Represents adjustments to the estimated fair value of our contingent consideration liabilities related to our acquisitions, for the applicable periods.
- (d) Represents fees and costs associated with activities related to our acquisitions, divestitures, and related reorganization activities, including professional fees, due diligence, and integration activities.
- (e) Restructuring charges including programs designed to integrate and reduce costs intended to further improve efficiencies in operational activities and align cost structures consistent with revenue levels associated with business changes. Restructuring expenses include costs associated with the VERP and special termination benefits associated with the 2024 RIF and other optimization initiatives.
- (f) Represents fees and costs associated with various internal reorganization activities, including professional fees, lease exit costs, severance, and nonrecurring compensation costs.
- (g) Represents legal settlements, reserves, and expenses that are unusual or infrequent costs associated with our operating activities.
- (h) Represents (i) costs related to implementation of strategies for workplace safety in response to COVID-19, including employee-relief fund, additional sick pay for front-line teammates, medical benefit payments for furloughed teammates, and personal protective equipment; and (ii) benefits received from government grants for COVID-19 relief.
- (i) Represents cash receipts from an insurance policy for claims related to the Take 5 Matter and costs associated with investigation and remediation activities related to the Take 5 Matter, primarily professional fees and other related costs.
- (j) Represents additions to reflect our proportional share of Adjusted EBITDA related to our equity method investments and reductions to remove the Adjusted EBITDA related to the minority ownership percentage of the entities that we fully consolidate in our financial statements.
- (k) Represents gains and losses on disposal of assets related to divestitures and losses on sale of businesses and assets held for sale, less cost to sell.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal sources of liquidity are cash flows from operations, borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility, and other debt. Our principal uses of cash are operating expenses, working capital requirements, acquisitions, interest on debt, repayment of debt and share repurchases. Principal uses of cash used in investing activities includes our enterprise resource planning initiative, which includes upgrading our information system platform.

### Share Repurchase Program

On November 9, 2021, we announced that our board of directors authorized the 2021 Share Repurchase Program pursuant to which we may repurchase up to \$100.0 million of our Class A common stock.

The 2021 Share Repurchase Program does not have an expiration date but provides for suspension or discontinuation at any time. The 2021 Share Repurchase Program permits the repurchase of our Class A common stock on the open market and in other means from time to time. The timing and amount of any share repurchase is subject to prevailing market conditions, relevant securities laws and other considerations, and we are under no obligation to repurchase any specific number of shares.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, we executed open market purchases of \$34.1 million of our Class A common stock under the 2021 Share Repurchase Program. As of December 31, 2024, there remained \$47.1 million of share repurchase availability under the 2021 Share Repurchase Program. In December 2023, we entered into a trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act

authorizing the repurchase of shares of the Company's Class A common stock. From January 2, 2024 to April 24, 2024, we purchased 4.8 million shares of our Class A common stock. In June 2024, we entered into another trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act authorizing the repurchase of shares of the Company's Class A common stock. From June 26, 2024 to August 13, 2024, we purchased 4.0 million shares of our Class A common stock.

We anticipate that our cash from operations, together with our current borrowing capacity, will be sufficient to fund purchases of our Class A common stock pursuant to the 2021 Share Repurchase Program and pay principal and interest as it comes due under our debt arrangements.

## Cash Flows

A summary of cash provided by or used in our operating, investing and financing activities from continuing operations are shown in the following table:

| (in thousands)   | Year Ended December 31, |            |             |
|--|-------------------------|------------|-------------|
|  | 2024                    | 2023       | 2022        |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | \$ 93,095               | \$ 228,492 | \$ 104,705  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities                                  | 206,446                 | (50,515)   | (106,100)   |
| Net cash used in financing activities  | (211,417)               | (178,396)  | (31,381)    |
| Net effect of foreign currency changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | (4,575)                 | 1,800      | (7,872)     |
| Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash                             | \$ 83,549               | \$ 1,381   | \$ (40,648) |

### *Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities*

Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2024 consisted of net loss from continuing operations of \$378.4 million adjusted for certain non-cash items, including impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset of \$275.2 million, gain on repurchases of Senior Secured Notes and Term Loan Facility, net of cost of extinguishments of \$9.1 million, depreciation and amortization of \$204.6 million, stock-based compensation of \$31.0 million and effects of changes in working capital.

Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations during the year ended December 31, 2023, consisted of net loss of \$81.2 million adjusted for certain non-cash items, including depreciation and amortization of \$208.9 million, impairment charges of \$43.5 million, gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries of \$58.9 million, stock-based compensation of \$38.9 million, fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration of \$11.2 million, gain on repurchases of Term Loan Facility and Senior Secured Notes debt of \$8.7 million and effects of changes in working capital.

Net cash provided by operating activities from discontinued operations during the year ended December 31, 2024, consisted of net income of \$53.7 million adjusted for certain non-cash items, including gain on divestitures of \$95.3 million and effects of changes in working capital.

Net cash provided by operating activities from discontinued operations during the year ended December 31, 2023, consisted of net income of \$20.9 million adjusted for certain non-cash items, including depreciation and amortization of \$15.8 million, loss on divestitures of \$19.1 million and effects of changes in working capital.

### *Net Cash Used in Investing Activities*

Net cash provided by investing activities from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2024 primarily consisted of the proceeds from divestitures of \$275.7 million, partially offset by the purchase of property and equipment and capitalized software of \$55.3 million, primarily related to our ERP initiative, which includes upgrading our information system platform, and the purchase of investments in unconsolidated affiliates of \$13.9 million.

Net cash provided by investing activities from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2023 included the deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net of proceeds of \$31.5 million and purchases of property and equipment of \$41.6 million, partially offset by proceeds from divestitures of \$21.1 million.

Net cash used in investing activities from discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2024 consisted of purchases of property and equipment of \$2.5 million and divestitures of cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash of \$4.8 million.

Net cash used in investing activities from discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2023 consisted of purchases of property and equipment of \$4.7 million.

### ***Net Cash Used in Financing Activities***

We primarily finance our business initiatives through cash flows from operations, however, we also incur long-term debt or borrow under lines of credit when necessary to execute acquisitions. Cash flows from financing activities consisted of borrowings related to these lines of credit and subsequent payments of principal and financing fees. Additionally, many of our acquisition agreements include contingent consideration arrangements, which are generally based on the achievement of future financial performance by the operations attributable to the acquired companies. The portion of the cash payment up to the acquisition date fair value of the contingent consideration liability are classified as financing outflows, and amounts paid in excess of the acquisition date fair value of that liability are classified as operating outflows. From time to time, we may voluntarily repurchase our long-term debt to deploy capital that deleverages our balance sheet while generating a favorable rate of return.

Cash flows used in financing activities from continuing operations during the year ended December 31, 2024 were primarily related to repurchases of Senior Secured Notes and Term Loan Facility of \$147.1 million, repayment of principal on our Term Loan Facility of \$13.1 million, payments for taxes related to net share settlement of \$12.8 million, payments of contingent consideration of \$5.7 million and payments related to the share repurchase program of \$34.1 million.

Cash flows used in financing activities from continuing operations during the year ended December 31, 2023 were primarily related to repurchases of Term Loan Facility and Senior Secured Notes debt of \$156.6 million, repayment of principal on our Term Loan Facility of \$13.5 million, payments of contingent consideration and holdback payments of \$5.8 million, and open market purchases of \$6.4 million of our Class A common stock under the 2021 Share Repurchase Program. This was partially offset by \$2.2 million related to proceeds from shares issued under the 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Cash flows used in financing activities from discontinued operations during the year ended December 31, 2024 were primarily related to contingent consideration payments of \$4.4 million.

Cash flows provided by financing activities from discontinued operations during the year ended December 31, 2023 were primarily related to proceeds from government loans for COVID-19 relief, partially offset by principal payments on long-term debt and holdback payments.

## **Description of Credit Facilities**

### ***Senior Secured Credit Facilities***

Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc. (the “Borrower”), our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, has (i) a senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$500.0 million, subject to borrowing base capacity (as may be amended from time to time, the “Revolving Credit Facility”) and (ii) a secured first lien term loan credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$1.1 billion (as may be amended from time to time, the “Term Loan Facility”) and together with the Revolving Credit Facility, the “Senior Secured Credit Facilities”).

### ***Revolving Credit Facility***

Our Revolving Credit Facility provides for revolving loans and letters of credit in an aggregate amount of up to \$500.0 million, subject to borrowing base capacity. Letters of credit are limited to the lesser of (a) \$150.0 million and (b) the aggregate unused amount of commitments under our Revolving Credit Facility then in effect. Loans under the Revolving Credit Facility may be denominated in either U.S. dollars or Canadian dollars. Bank of America, N.A. (“Bank of America”), will act as administrative agent and collateral agent. The Revolving Credit Facility matures five years after the date we enter into the Revolving Credit Facility. We may use borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility to fund working capital and for other general corporate purposes, including permitted acquisitions and other investments.

Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility are limited by borrowing base calculations based on the sum of specified percentages of eligible accounts receivable plus specified percentages of qualified cash, minus the amount of any applicable reserves. Borrowings will bear interest at a floating rate, which can be either an adjusted Term SOFR or Alternative Currency Spread rate plus an applicable margin or, at the Borrower’s option, a base rate or Canadian Prime Rate plus an applicable margin. The applicable margins for the Revolving Credit Facility are 1.75%, 2.00% or 2.25%, with respect to Term SOFR or Alternative Currency Spread rate borrowings and 0.75%, 1.00%, or 1.25%, with respect to base rate or Canadian Prime Rate borrowings, in each case depending on average excess availability under the Revolving Credit Facility. The Borrower’s ability to draw under the Revolving Credit Facility or

issue letters of credit thereunder will be conditioned upon, among other things, the Borrower's delivery of prior written notice of a borrowing or issuance, as applicable, the Borrower's ability to reaffirm the representations and warranties contained in the credit agreement governing the Revolving Credit Facility and the absence of any default or event of default thereunder.

The Borrower's obligations under the Revolving Credit Facility are guaranteed by Karman Intermediate Corp. ("Holdings") and all of the Borrower's direct and indirect wholly owned material U.S. subsidiaries (subject to certain permitted exceptions) and Canadian subsidiaries (subject to certain permitted exceptions, including exceptions based on immateriality thresholds of aggregate assets and revenues of Canadian subsidiaries) (the "Guarantors"). The Revolving Credit Facility is secured by a lien on substantially all of Holdings', the Borrower's and the Guarantors' assets (subject to certain permitted exceptions). The Borrower's Revolving Credit Facility has a first-priority lien on the current asset collateral and a second-priority lien on security interests in the fixed asset collateral (second in priority to the liens securing the Notes and the Term Loan Facility discussed below), in each case, subject to other permitted liens.

The Revolving Credit Facility has the following fees: (i) an unused line fee of 0.375% or 0.250% per annum of the unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility, depending on average excess availability under the Revolving Credit Facility; (ii) a letter of credit participation fee on the aggregate stated amount of each letter of credit equal to the applicable margin for adjusted Eurodollar rate loans, as applicable; and (iii) certain other customary fees and expenses of the lenders and agents thereunder.

The Revolving Credit Facility contains customary covenants, including, but not limited to, restrictions on the Borrower's ability and that of our subsidiaries to merge and consolidate with other companies, incur indebtedness, grant liens or security interests on assets, make acquisitions, loans, advances or investments, pay dividends, sell or otherwise transfer assets, optionally prepay or modify terms of any junior indebtedness, enter into transactions with affiliates or change our line of business. The Revolving Credit Facility will require the maintenance of a fixed charge coverage ratio (as set forth in the credit agreement governing the Revolving Credit Facility) of 1.00 to 1.00 at the end of each fiscal quarter when excess availability is less than the greater of \$25.0 million and 10% of the lesser of the borrowing base and maximum borrowing capacity. Such fixed charge coverage ratio will be tested at the end of each quarter until such time as excess availability exceeds the level set forth above.

The Revolving Credit Facility provides that, upon the occurrence of certain events of default, the Borrower's obligations thereunder may be accelerated and the lending commitments terminated. Such events of default include payment defaults to the lenders thereunder, material inaccuracies of representations and warranties, covenant defaults, cross-defaults to other material indebtedness, voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy, insolvency, corporate arrangement, winding-up, liquidation or similar proceedings, material money judgments, material pension-plan events, certain change of control events and other customary events of default.

On October 28, 2021, the Borrower and Holdings entered into the First Amendment to ABL Revolving Credit Agreement, which amended the ABL Revolving Credit Agreement, dated October 28, 2020, by and among the Borrower, Holdings, the lenders from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, as administrative agent (the "Prior Revolving Credit Facility"). This amendment was entered into by the Borrower to amend certain terms and provisions, including (i) reducing the interest rate floor for Eurocurrency rate loans from 0.50% to 0.00% and base rate loans from 1.50% to 1.00%, and (ii) updating the provisions by which U.S. Dollar LIBOR will eventually be replaced with SOFR or another interest rate benchmark to reflect the most recent standards and practices used in the industry.

On December 2, 2022, Borrower, Holdings and certain of the Borrower's subsidiaries, entered into the Second Amendment to ABL Revolving Credit Agreement (the "Second Amendment"), which amends the ABL Revolving Credit Agreement, by and among the Borrower, Holdings, the lenders from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, as administrative agent, and the other parties thereto. The Second Amendment was entered into by the Borrower to amend certain terms and provisions of the ABL Revolving Credit Agreement, including, among other things: (i) increasing the aggregate amount of maximum revolving commitments available from \$400.0 million to \$500.0 million; (ii) replacing the Eurocurrency Rate interest rate metric with a metric based on Term SOFR (as defined in the Second Amendment), whereby applicable borrowings in United States dollars will bear interest at a floating rate based on Term SOFR plus an applicable margin; (iii) reducing each applicable interest rate pricing tier based on the Average Historical Excess Availability (as defined therein) with respect to Term SOFR borrowings, Alternative Currency borrowings, base rate borrowings and Canadian Prime Rate borrowings, in each case for each pricing tier by 0.25% per annum; and (iv) extending the scheduled maturity date of the borrowings to December 2, 2027.

### ***Term Loan Facility***

The Term Loan Facility consists of a term loan credit facility denominated in U.S. dollars in an aggregate principal amount of \$1.106 billion. Borrowings under the Term Loan Facility amortize in equal quarterly installments in an amount equal to 1.00% per

annum of the principal amount. Borrowings will bear interest at a floating rate of Term SOFR plus an applicable margin of 4.25% per annum, subject to additional spread adjustment on SOFR ranging from 0.11% to 0.26%.

The Borrower may voluntarily prepay loans or reduce commitments under the Term Loan Facility, in whole or in part, subject to minimum amounts, with prior notice but without premium or penalty.

The Borrower will be required to prepay the Term Loan Facility with 100% of the net cash proceeds of certain asset sales (such percentage subject to reduction based on the achievement of specific first lien net leverage ratios) and subject to certain reinvestment rights, 100% of the net cash proceeds of certain debt issuances and 50% of excess cash flow (such percentage subject to reduction based on the achievement of specific first lien net leverage ratios).

The Borrower's obligations under the Term Loan Facility are guaranteed by Holdings and the Guarantors. Our Term Loan Facility is secured by a lien on substantially all of Holdings', the Borrower's and the Guarantors' assets (subject to certain permitted exceptions). The Term Loan Facility has a first- priority lien on the fixed asset collateral (equal in priority with the liens securing the Notes) and a second-priority lien on security interests in the current asset collateral (second in priority to the liens securing the Revolving Credit Facility), in each case, subject to other permitted liens.

The Term Loan Facility contains certain customary negative covenants, including, but not limited to, restrictions on the Borrower's ability and that of our restricted subsidiaries to merge and consolidate with other companies, incur indebtedness, grant liens or security interests on assets, pay dividends or make other restricted payments, sell or otherwise transfer assets or enter into transactions with affiliates.

The Term Loan Facility provides that, upon the occurrence of certain events of default, the Borrower's obligations thereunder may be accelerated. Such events of default will include payment defaults to the lenders thereunder, material inaccuracies of representations and warranties, covenant defaults, cross-defaults to other material indebtedness, voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy, insolvency, corporate arrangement, winding-up, liquidation or similar proceedings, material money judgments, change of control and other customary events of default.

On October 28, 2021, the Borrower, Holdings, and certain of the Borrower's subsidiaries, entered into Amendment No. 1 to the First Lien Credit Agreement (the "First Lien Amendment"), which amended the First Lien Credit Agreement, dated October 28, 2020, by and among the Borrower, Holdings, Bank of America, as administrative agent and collateral agent, each lender party from time-to-time thereto, and the other parties thereto. The First Lien Amendment was entered into by the Borrower to reduce the applicable interest rate on the term loan from 5.25% to 4.50% per annum, resulting in estimated interest savings of approximately \$9.9 million or \$7.3 million, net of tax, per annum. Additional terms and provisions amended include (i) resetting the period for six months following October 28, 2021 in which a 1.00% prepayment premium shall apply to any prepayment of the term loan in connection with certain repricing events, and (ii) updating the provisions by which U.S. Dollar LIBOR will eventually be replaced with SOFR or another interest rate benchmark to reflect the most recent standards and practices used in the industry and by Bank of America. In May 2023 the Company amended the Term Loan Facility to replace the U.S. Dollar LIBOR provisions with SOFR, effective June 30, 2023. In April 2024 (the "Third Lien Amendment Effective Date"), the Company amended the Term Loan Facility to (i) reduce the applicable interest rate margin (a) from 4.50% to 4.25% for SOFR loans or (b) from 3.50% to 3.25% for base rate loans; and (ii) reset the period for six months following the Third Lien Amendment Effective Date in which a 1.00% prepayment premium shall apply to any prepayment of the term loans in connection with a Repricing Event (as defined in the amended First Lien Credit Agreement).

### ***Senior Secured Notes***

Effective as of October 28, 2020, Advantage Solutions FinCo LLC ("Finco") issued \$775.0 million aggregate principal amount of 6.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2028 (the "Notes"). Substantially concurrently with the issuance, Finco merged with and into Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc. (the "Issuer"), with the Issuer continuing as the surviving entity and assuming the obligations of Finco. The Notes were sold to certain financial institutions that then resold the Notes to certain non-U.S. persons pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act, and to persons reasonably believed to be qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act at a purchase price equal to 100% of their principal amount. The terms of the Notes are governed by an Indenture, dated as of October 28, 2020 (the "Indenture"), among Finco, the Issuer, the guarantors named therein (the "Notes Guarantors") and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee and collateral agent.

### ***Interest and maturity***

Interest on the Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on May 15 and November 15 at a rate of 6.50% per annum, commencing on May 15, 2021. The Notes will mature on November 15, 2028.

### *Guarantees*

The Notes are guaranteed by Holdings and each of the Issuer's direct and indirect wholly owned material U.S. subsidiaries (subject to certain permitted exceptions) and Canadian subsidiaries (subject to certain permitted exceptions, including exceptions based on immateriality thresholds of aggregate assets and revenues of Canadian subsidiaries) that is a borrower or guarantor under the Term Loan Facility.

### *Security and ranking*

The Notes and the related guarantees are the general, senior secured obligations of the Issuer and the Notes Guarantors, are secured on a first-priority *pari passu* basis by security interests on the fixed asset collateral (equal in priority with liens securing the Term Loan Facility), and are secured on a second-priority basis by security interests on the current asset collateral (second in priority to the liens securing the Revolving Credit Facility and equal in priority with liens securing the Term Loan Facility), in each case, subject to certain limitations and exceptions and permitted liens.

The Notes and related guarantees rank (i) equally in right of payment with all of the Issuer's and the Guarantors' senior indebtedness, without giving effect to collateral arrangements (including the Senior Secured Credit Facilities) and effectively equal to all of the Issuer's and the Guarantors' senior indebtedness secured on the same priority basis as the Notes, including the Term Loan Facility, (ii) effectively subordinated to any of the Issuer's and the Guarantors' indebtedness that is secured by assets that do not constitute collateral for the Notes to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness and to indebtedness that is secured by a senior-priority lien, including the Revolving Credit Facility to the extent of the value of the current asset collateral and (iii) structurally subordinated to the liabilities of the Issuer's non-Guarantor subsidiaries.

### *Optional redemption for the Notes*

The Notes are redeemable at the applicable redemption prices specified in the Indenture plus accrued and unpaid interest. If the Issuer or its restricted subsidiaries sell certain of their respective assets or experience specific kinds of changes of control, subject to certain exceptions, the Issuer must offer to purchase the Notes at par. In connection with any offer to purchase all Notes, if holders of no less than 90% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes validly tender their Notes, the Issuer is entitled to redeem any remaining Notes at the price offered to each holder. The Issuer may voluntarily prepay loans or reduce commitments under the Notes, in whole or in part without premium or penalty.

### *Restrictive covenants*

The Notes are subject to covenants that, among other things limit the Issuer's ability and its restricted subsidiaries' ability to: incur additional indebtedness or guarantee indebtedness; pay dividends or make other distributions in respect of, or repurchase or redeem, the Issuer's or a parent entity's capital stock; prepay, redeem or repurchase certain indebtedness; issue certain preferred stock or similar equity securities; make loans and investments; sell or otherwise dispose of assets; incur liens; enter into transactions with affiliates; enter into agreements restricting the Issuer's subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends; and consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of the Issuer's assets. Most of these covenants will be suspended on the Notes when they have investment grade ratings from both Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and S&P Global Ratings and so long as no default or event of default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing.

### *Events of default*

The following constitute events of default under the Notes, among others: default in the payment of interest; default in the payment of principal; failure to comply with covenants; failure to pay other indebtedness after final maturity or acceleration of other indebtedness exceeding a specified amount; certain events of bankruptcy; failure to pay a judgment for payment of money exceeding a specified aggregate amount; voidance of subsidiary guarantees; failure of any material provision of any security document or intercreditor agreement to be in full force and effect; and lack of perfection of liens on a material portion of the collateral, in each case subject to applicable grace periods.

## Contractual Obligations

The following summarizes our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2024:

| (in thousands)   | Total        | Current   | Long-Term    |
|--|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Operating lease liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>                     | \$ 37,971    | \$ 13,323 | \$ 24,648    |
| Client deposits <sup>(2)</sup>                                 | 12,906       | 12,906    | —            |
| Total debt excluding deferred issuance costs <sup>(3)</sup>    | 1,699,940    | 13,250    | 1,686,690    |
| Other long-term liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets |              |           |              |
| Unpaid claims <sup>(4)</sup>                                   | 69,635       | 35,913    | 33,722       |
| Restructuring and reorganization <sup>(5)</sup>                | 15,598       | 15,598    | —            |
| Total contractual obligations                                  | \$ 1,836,050 | \$ 90,990 | \$ 1,745,060 |

- (1) Refer to Note 9—*Leases* of our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 for additional information regarding the maturity of operating lease liabilities.
- (2) Represents payments collected from our clients, primarily, associated with market development funds that arise out of our business.
- (3) We have an aggregate principal amount of \$1.106 billion borrowing on the Term Loan Facility, which bears the applicable interest rate of 4.25% per annum, and \$615.1 million in Senior Secured Notes, which is subject to a fixed interest rate of 6.5%. Refer to Note 8 — *Debt* of our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 for additional information regarding the maturities of debt principal. Total debt excluding deferred issuance costs does not include the obligation of future interest payments.
- (4) Represents \$59.4 million of an estimated liability under our workers' compensation programs for claims incurred but unpaid and \$10.3 million of employee insurance reserves as of December 31, 2024.
- (5) Refer to Note 7—*Restructuring* of our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 for additional information regarding our restructuring and reorganization activities.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents Held Outside the United States

As of December 31, 2024, and 2023, \$65.0 million and \$44.0 million, respectively, of our cash and cash equivalents were held by foreign subsidiaries. The increase in cash and cash equivalents held by foreign subsidiaries during the year ended December 31, 2024 was primarily due to an increase in cash held by our Canadian subsidiary. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, \$18.5 million and \$24.6 million, respectively, of our cash and cash equivalents were held by foreign branches.

We assessed our determination as to our indefinite reinvestment intent for certain of our foreign subsidiaries and recorded a deferred tax liability of approximately \$0.6 million of withholding tax as of December 31, 2024 for unremitted earnings in Canada with respect to which we do not have an indefinite reinvestment assertion. We will continue to evaluate our cash needs, however we currently do not intend, nor do we foresee a need, to repatriate funds from the foreign subsidiaries except for Canada. We have continued to assert indefinite reinvestment on all other earnings as it is necessary for continuing operations and to grow the business. If at a point in the future our assertion changes, we will evaluate tax-efficient means to repatriate the earnings. In addition, we expect existing domestic cash and cash flows from operations to continue to be sufficient to fund our domestic operating activities and cash commitments for investing and financing activities, such as debt repayment and capital expenditures, for at least the next 12 months and thereafter for the foreseeable future. If we should require more capital in the United States than is generated by our domestic operations, for example, to fund significant discretionary activities such as business acquisitions or to settle debt, we could elect to repatriate future earnings from foreign jurisdictions. These alternatives could result in higher income tax expense or increased interest expense. Excluding Canada, we consider the remaining undistributed earnings of our foreign subsidiaries, as of December 31, 2024, to be indefinitely reinvested and, accordingly, no provision has been made for taxes in excess of the \$0.6 million noted above.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet financing arrangements or liabilities, guarantee contracts, retained or contingent interests in transferred assets or any obligation arising out of a material variable interest in an unconsolidated entity. We do not have any majority-owned subsidiaries that are not included in our consolidated financial statements. Additionally, we do not have an interest in, or relationships with, any special-purpose entities.

## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements and related notes, as well as the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. We evaluate our accounting policies, estimates and judgments on an on-going basis. We base our estimates and judgments on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

We evaluated the development and selection of our critical accounting policies and estimates and believe that the following involve a higher degree of judgment or complexity and are most significant to reporting our results of operations and financial position, and are therefore discussed as critical. The following critical accounting policies reflect the significant estimates and judgments used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. With respect to critical accounting policies, even a relatively minor variance between actual and expected experience can potentially have a materially favorable or unfavorable impact on subsequent results of operations. More information on all of our significant accounting policies can be found in the footnotes to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

### **Revenue Recognition**

We recognize revenue when control of promised goods or services is transferred to the client in an amount that reflects the consideration that we expect to be entitled to in exchange for such goods or services. Substantially all of our contracts with clients involve the transfer of a service to the client, which represents a performance obligation that is satisfied over time because the client simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits of the services provided. In most cases, the contracts provide for a performance obligation that is comprised of a series of distinct services that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer (i.e., distinct days of service). For these contracts, we allocate the ratable portion of the consideration based on the services provided in each period of service to such period.

Revenues related to the Branded Services segment are primarily recognized in the form of commissions, fee-for-service and cost-plus fees for providing headquarter relationship management, execution of merchandising strategies and omni-commerce marketing services.

Revenues within the Branded Services segment are further disaggregated between brokerage services, branded merchandising services, omni-commerce marketing services, and revenues related to our European joint venture (prior to the deconsolidation during fiscal year 2023). Brokerage services revenues are primarily outsourced sales and services for branded consumer goods manufacturers at retailer headquarters, in-store and online. Branded merchandising services relate to merchandising in-store and online for branded consumer goods manufacturers. Omni-commerce marketing services primarily relate to digital and field marketing services.

Experiential Services segment revenues are primarily recognized in the form of fee-for-service and cost-plus fees for providing in-store, digital sampling and demonstrations, where we manage highly customized, large-scale sampling programs for leading brands and retailers.

Retailer Services segment revenues are primarily recognized in the form of commissions, fee-for-service and cost-plus fees for providing consulting services related to private brand development, the execution of merchandising strategies and marketing strategies within retailer locations, including retail media networks and analyzing shopper behavior. Revenues within the Retailer Services segment are further disaggregated between advisory services, retailer merchandising services and agency services to retailers. Advisory services primarily consist of consulting services related to private brand development. Retailer merchandising services primarily relate to the execution of merchandising strategies. Agency services primarily consist of providing marketing strategies within retail locations.

Our revenue recognition policies generally result in recognition of revenues at the time services are performed. Our accounting policy for revenue recognition has an impact on our reported results and relies on certain estimates that require judgments on the part of management. We record an allowance as a reduction to revenue for differences between estimated revenues and the amounts ultimately invoiced to our clients based on our historical experience and current trends. Cash collected in advance of services being performed is recorded as deferred revenues.

We have contracts that include variable consideration whereby the ultimate consideration is contingent on future events such as the client's sales to retailers, hours worked, event count, costs incurred and performance incentive bonuses. Commission revenues are generally earned upon performance of headquarter relationship management, analytics, insights and intelligence, e-commerce, administration and retail services arrangements. As part of these arrangements, we provide a variety of services to consumer goods manufacturers in order to improve the manufacturer's sales to retailers. This includes primarily outsourced sales, business development, category and space management, relationship management and in-store sales strategy services. In exchange for these services, we earn an agreed upon percentage of our client's sales to retailers, which is agreed upon on a manufacturer-by-manufacturer basis. We may be entitled to additional fees upon meeting specific performance goals or thresholds, which we refer to as bonus revenue. The variability of the consideration for the services transferred during a reporting period is typically resolved by the end of the reporting period. However, for certain client contracts, we estimate the variable consideration for the services that have been transferred to the client during the reporting period. We typically estimate the variable consideration based on the expected value method. Estimates are based on historical experience and current facts known during the reporting period. We recognize revenue related to variable consideration if it is probable that a significant reversal of revenue recognized will not occur. When such probable

threshold is not satisfied, we will constrain some or all of the variable consideration, and such constrained amount will not be recognized as revenue until the probable threshold is met or the uncertainty is resolved and the final amount is known. We record an adjustment to revenue for differences between estimated revenues and the amounts ultimately invoiced to the client. Adjustments to revenue during the current period related to services transferred during prior periods were not material for the year ended December 31, 2024.

We have contracts that include fixed consideration such as a fee per project or a fixed monthly fee. For contracts with a fee per project, revenue is recognized over time using an input method such as hours worked that reasonably depicts our performance in transferring control of the services to the client. We determined that the input method represents a reasonable method to measure the satisfaction of the performance obligation to the client. For contracts with a fixed monthly fee, revenue is recognized using a time-based measure resulting in a straight-line revenue recognition. A time-based measure was determined to represent a reasonable method to measure the satisfaction of the performance obligation to the client because we have a stand ready obligation to make itself available to provide services upon the client's request or the client receives the benefit from our services evenly over the contract period.

We evaluate each client contract individually in accordance with the applicable accounting guidance to determine whether we act as a principal (whereby we would present revenue on a gross basis) or as an agent (whereby we would present revenue on a net basis). While we primarily act as a principal in our arrangements and report revenues on a gross basis, given the varying terms of our client contracts, we will occasionally act as an agent and in such instances present revenues on a net basis.

## **Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net identifiable tangible and intangible assets acquired in an acquisition. We test for impairment of goodwill at the reporting unit level. We generally combine components that have similar economic characteristics, nature of services, types of client, distribution methods and regulatory environment. In connection with the Company's reorganization and the associated change in operating segments, the Company reassessed its reporting units and concluded that it has five reporting units (Branded Services, Branded Agencies, Experiential Services, Merchandising and Retailer Agencies). As a result, the Company performed the required impairment assessments directly before and immediately after the change in reporting units as of January 1, 2024. In conjunction with the tests performed as of January 1, 2024, each of the fair values for the reporting units tested was in excess of its carrying amount. The fair values of the Branded Agencies and Experiential Services reporting units exceeded their respective carrying values by less than 20%.

During the second quarter of fiscal year 2024, we determined a triggering event occurred and an impairment assessment was warranted for the Branded Agencies reporting unit goodwill due to the pending sale of one of the businesses that comprised a substantial portion of the assets, liabilities, and prospective cash flows of the Branded Agencies reporting unit. Additionally, during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024, we determined a triggering event occurred and an impairment assessment was warranted for the Branded Services reporting unit goodwill due to the loss of clients and a reduction in the scope of client services as our clients implemented internal cost reduction initiatives in response to challenges in the broader markets in which they operate.

We utilize a combination of income and market approaches to estimate the fair value of our reporting units. The income approach utilizes estimates of discounted cash flows of the reporting units, which requires assumptions for the reporting units' revenue growth rates, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") margins, terminal growth rates, discount rates, and incremental net working capital, all of which require significant management judgment.

The market approach applies market multiples derived from the historical earnings data of selected guideline publicly-traded companies to our reporting units' businesses to yield a second assumed value of each reporting unit, which requires significant management judgment. The guideline companies are first screened by industry group and then further narrowed based on the reporting units' business descriptions, markets served, competitors, EBITDA margins and revenue size. Market multiples are then selected from within the range of these guideline companies' multiples based on the subject reporting unit. We compare a weighted average of the output from the income and market approaches to the carrying value of each reporting unit. We also compare the aggregate estimated fair value of our reporting units to the estimated value of our total market capitalization. The assumptions in the income and market approach are based on significant inputs not observable in the market and thus represent Level 3 measurements within the fair value hierarchy. We based our fair value estimates on assumptions we believe to be reasonable but which are unpredictable and inherently uncertain. A change in these underlying assumptions would cause a change in the results of the tests and, as such, could cause fair value to be less than the carrying amounts and result in an impairment of goodwill in the future. Additionally, if actual results are not consistent with the estimates and assumptions or if there are significant changes to our planned strategy, it may cause fair value to be less than the carrying amounts and result in an impairment of goodwill in the future.

During the second quarter of fiscal year 2024, we determined a triggering event occurred and an impairment assessment was warranted for the Branded Agencies reporting unit goodwill due to the pending sale of one of the businesses that comprised a substantial portion of the assets, liabilities and prospective cash flows of the Branded Agencies reporting unit. As a result of the impairment test performed, we recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$99.7 million related to the Company's Branded Agencies reporting unit goodwill during the year ended December 31, 2024, which has been reflected in "Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. As a result of this charge, an immaterial amount of goodwill remains in this reporting unit.

The following table represents a sensitivity analysis on the goodwill impairment charge (under the income approach without consideration to the market approach) for the Branded Agencies reporting unit depicting the percent increase in the \$99.7 million charge had the fair value been estimated with a 0.5% increase in the discount rate used, a 1.0% decrease in the long-term growth rate and a 1.0% increase in the net working capital assumptions used at May 31, 2024.

| Assumption Change                            | % Increase in Impairment Charge |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 0.5% increase in discount rate               | 5.0%                            |
| 1.0% decrease in long-term growth rate       | 4.2%                            |
| 1.0% increase in incremental working capital | 2.5%                            |

In connection with the annual quantitative impairment test as of October 1, 2024, we concluded that the goodwill was not impaired as of October 1, 2024. Additionally, no triggering events were identified for the Branded Agencies, Experiential Services, Merchandising and Retailer Agencies reporting units through December 31, 2024. The fair values of the Branded Services, Branded Agencies and Merchandising reporting units exceeded their respective carrying values by less than 20%.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024, the Company identified a triggering event that required an impairment assessment of goodwill for the Branded Services reporting unit. The triggering event was due to the loss of clients and a reduction in the scope of client services as the Company's clients implemented internal cost reduction initiatives in response to challenges in the broader markets in which they operate. As a result of the goodwill impairment test, the Company recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$133.5 million related to the Branded Services reporting unit during the year ended December 31, 2024. This charge is reflected in "Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

The following table represents a sensitivity analysis on the goodwill impairment charge (under the income approach without consideration to the market approach) for the Branded Services reporting unit depicting the percent increase in the \$133.5 million charge had the fair value been estimated with a 0.1% increase in the discount rate used, a 0.1% decrease in the long-term growth rate and a 1.0% increase in the net working capital assumptions used at December 31, 2024. Under each of the sensitivity scenarios presented, the resulting impairment charge would fully reduce the goodwill balance of the Branded Services reporting unit to zero as of December 31, 2024.

| Assumption Change                            | % Increase in Impairment Charge |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 0.1% increase in discount rate               | 23.9%                           |
| 0.1% decrease in long-term growth rate       | 27.5%                           |
| 1.0% increase in incremental working capital | 24.3%                           |

The uncertainty and volatility in the economic environment which we operate could have an impact on our future growth and could result in future impairment charges. There is no assurance that actual future earnings, cash flows or other assumptions for the reporting units will not significantly decline from these projections.

#### **Indefinite-Lived Asset**

Our indefinite-lived intangible asset is comprised of our trade name. The intangible asset with an indefinite useful life is not amortized but tested annually, at the beginning of the fourth quarter, for impairment or more often if events occur or circumstances change that would create a triggering event. We have the option to perform a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset's fair value is less than its carrying value before performing a quantitative impairment test. We test our indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment using a relief from royalty method by comparing the estimated fair values of the indefinite-lived intangible assets with the carrying values. The estimates used in the determination of fair value are subjective in nature and involve the use of significant assumptions. These estimates and assumptions include revenue growth rates, terminal growth rate, discount rates and royalty rate, which requires significant management judgment. The assumptions are based on significant inputs not observable in the market and thus represent Level 3 measurements within the fair value hierarchy. We base our fair value estimates on assumptions we believe to be reasonable, but which are unpredictable and inherently uncertain. Actual future results may differ from the estimates.

In connection with our annual quantitative impairment tests as of October 1, 2024 and 2023, we concluded that our indefinite-lived intangible asset was not impaired.

During the fourth quarter of December 31, 2024, we recognized an intangible asset impairment charge of \$42.0 million as a result of the triggering event for the Branded Services reporting unit.

The following table represents a sensitivity analysis on the indefinite-lived trade name intangible asset depicting the percent increase in the \$42.0 million charge related to the indefinite-lived trade name had the fair value been estimated with a 0.1% increase in the discount rate used and a 0.1% decrease in the royalty rate used at December 31, 2024.

| <b>Assumption Change</b>       | <b>% Increase in Impairment Charge</b> |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 0.5% increase in discount rate | 70.6%                                  |
| 0.1% increase in royalty rate  | 40.0%                                  |

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2023, we determined a triggering event occurred and an impairment assessment was warranted for our indefinite-lived trade name due to the deconsolidation of our European joint venture and the planned divestitures of a collection of foodservice businesses. As a result, we recognized an intangible asset impairment charge of \$43.5 million related to our indefinite-lived trade name during the year ended December 31, 2023, which has been reflected in “Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

### **Stock-Based Compensation**

Performance restricted stock units (“PSUs”) are subject to the achievement of certain performance conditions based on measurements of our Adjusted EBITDA margin and cash earnings in the respective measurement period and the recipient’s continued service to us. The PSUs are scheduled to vest over a three-year period from the date of grant and may vest from 0% to 200% of the number of shares. The fair value of PSU grants was equal to the closing price of our stock on the date of the applicable grant. Restricted stock units (“RSUs”) are subject to the recipient’s continued service to us. The RSUs are generally scheduled to vest in increments of one-third over a three year period and are subject to the provisions of the RSU agreement under the Advantage Solutions, Inc. 2020 Incentive Award Plan, as amended and restated (the “Plan”).

Refer to Note 12—*Stock Based Compensation and Other Benefit Plans* to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report for details regarding stock-based compensation plans.

### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

Refer to Note 1—*Organization and Significant Accounting Policies – Recent Accounting Pronouncements*, to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

### **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.**

#### **Foreign Currency Risk**

Our exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations is primarily the result of foreign subsidiaries and foreign branches primarily domiciled in Canada. We use financial derivative instruments to hedge foreign currency exchange rate risks associated with our Canadian operations.

The assets and liabilities of our foreign subsidiaries and foreign branches, whose functional currencies are primarily Canadian dollars are translated into U.S. dollars at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Income and expense items are translated at the average exchange rates prevailing during the period. The cumulative translation effects for subsidiaries using a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar are included in accumulated other comprehensive loss as a separate component of stockholders’ equity. We estimate that had the exchange rate in each country unfavorably changed by ten percent relative to the U.S. dollar, our consolidated loss before taxes would have increased by approximately \$3.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2024.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate exposure relates primarily to the effect of interest rate changes on borrowings outstanding under the Term Loan Facility, Revolving Credit Facility and Notes.

We manage our interest rate risk through the use of derivative financial instruments. Specifically, we have entered into interest rate collar agreements to manage our exposure to potential interest rate increases that may result from fluctuations in SOFR. We do not designate these derivatives as hedges for accounting purposes, and as a result, all changes in the fair value of derivatives, used to hedge interest rates, are recorded in “Interest expense, net” in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

As of December 31, 2024, we had interest rate collar contracts with an aggregate notional value of \$850.0 million principal from various financial institutions to manage our exposure to interest rate movements on variable rate credit facilities. The interest rate collars will mature on April 5, 2026, 2027 and 2028. The aggregate fair value of our interest rate collars represented an outstanding net asset of \$0.8 million as of December 31, 2024.

Holding other variables constant, a change of one-eighth percentage point in the weighted average interest rate above the floor of 0.75% on the Term Loan Facility and Revolving Credit Facility would have resulted in an increase of \$0.8 million in interest expense, net of gains from interest rate collars and caps, for the year ended December 31, 2024.

In the future, in order to manage our interest rate risk, we may refinance our existing debt, enter into additional interest rate collar agreements or modify our existing interest rate collar agreements. However, we do not intend or expect to enter into derivative or interest rate collar transactions for speculative purposes.

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.**

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.

### ***Opinions on the Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Advantage Solutions Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, of stockholders' equity and of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, including the related notes and financial statement schedule listed in the accompanying index (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the COSO.

### ***Basis for Opinions***

The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the Company's consolidated financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud, and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

### ***Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

### ***Critical Audit Matters***

The critical audit matters communicated below are matters arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that were communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (i) relate to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (ii) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matters below, providing separate opinions on the critical audit matters or on the accounts or disclosures to which they relate.

#### *Interim and Annual Goodwill Impairment Assessments – Certain Reporting Units*

As described in Notes 1 and 3 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company's goodwill balance was \$477.0 million as of December 31, 2024, the majority of which related to the Branded Agencies, Experiential Services, Branded Services, and Merchandising reporting units. Management tests its goodwill for impairment at the beginning of the fourth quarter of a given fiscal year and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of a reporting unit may exceed its fair value. When it is determined that a quantitative impairment test should be performed, if the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, goodwill is impaired and the excess of the reporting unit's carrying value over the fair value is recognized as an impairment loss; however, the loss recognized would not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. Management utilizes a combination of income and market approaches to estimate the fair value of its reporting units. The income approach utilizes estimates of discounted cash flows of the reporting units, which requires assumptions for the reporting units' revenue growth rates, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) margins, terminal growth rates, capital cost expenditures as a percentage of revenue, discount rates, and incremental net working capital, all of which require significant management judgment. The market approach applies market multiples derived from the historical earnings data of selected guideline publicly-traded companies to the Company's reporting units' businesses and acquisition premiums of similar businesses involved in recent merger and acquisition transactions, which requires significant management judgment. Effective January 1, 2024, the Company revised its reportable segments and performed an interim impairment assessment for its five reporting units' goodwill, which did not result in an impairment charge. During the second quarter of fiscal year 2024, management determined a triggering event occurred and an impairment assessment was warranted for the Branded Agencies reporting unit goodwill, resulting in a goodwill impairment charge of \$99.7 million. During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024, management determined a triggering event occurred and an impairment assessment was warranted for the Branded Services reporting unit goodwill, resulting in a goodwill impairment charge of \$133.5 million.

The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to the interim goodwill impairment assessments for the Branded Agencies, Experiential Services, and Branded Services reporting units, and the annual goodwill impairment assessments for the Branded Services and Merchandising reporting units is a critical audit matter are (i) the significant judgment by management when developing the fair value estimate of the reporting units; (ii) a high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity, and effort in performing procedures and evaluating management's significant assumptions related to revenue growth rates, EBITDA margins, terminal growth rates, and discount rates used in the income approach and market multiples and acquisition premium used in the market approach, as applicable to the reporting unit; and (iii) the audit effort involved the use of professionals with specialized skill and knowledge.

Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. These procedures included testing the effectiveness of controls relating to management's goodwill impairment assessments, including controls over the valuation of the Branded Agencies, Experiential Services, Branded Services, and Merchandising reporting units. These procedures also included, among others (i) testing management's process for developing the fair value estimate of the reporting units; (ii) evaluating the appropriateness of the income and market approaches used by management; (iii) testing the completeness and accuracy of underlying data used in the approaches; and (iv) evaluating the reasonableness of the significant assumptions used by management related to revenue growth rates, EBITDA margins, terminal growth rates, and discount rates used in the income approach and market multiples and acquisition premium used in the market approach, as applicable to the reporting unit. Evaluating management's assumptions related to revenue growth rates and EBITDA margins involved evaluating whether the assumptions used by management were reasonable considering (i) the current and past performance of the reporting units; (ii) the consistency with external market and industry data; and (iii) whether the assumptions were consistent with evidence obtained in other areas of the audit. Professionals with specialized skill and knowledge were used to assist in evaluating (i) the appropriateness of the Company's income and market approaches and (ii) the reasonableness of the terminal growth rates, discount rates, market multiples, and acquisition premium assumptions, as applicable to the reporting unit.

### *Interim and Annual Indefinite-Lived Intangible Asset Impairment Assessments*

As described in Notes 1 and 3 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company's indefinite-lived intangible asset balance was \$609.5 million as of December 31, 2024, which relates to the Advantage trade name. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized but tested annually, at the beginning of the fourth quarter, for impairment or more often if events occur or circumstances change that would create a triggering event. Management tests its indefinite-lived intangible asset for impairment using a relief from royalty method by comparing the estimated fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset with the carrying value. The estimates used in the determination of fair value involve the use of significant assumptions, including revenue growth rates, terminal growth rate, discount rate, and royalty rate, all of which require significant management judgment. During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024, management determined a triggering event occurred and an impairment assessment was warranted, resulting in an intangible asset impairment charge of \$42.0 million.

The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to the interim and annual indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment assessments is a critical audit matter are (i) the significant judgment by management when developing the fair value estimate of the indefinite-lived intangible asset; (ii) a high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity, and effort in performing procedures and evaluating management's significant assumptions related to revenue growth rates, discount rate, and royalty rate for the interim assessment, and discount rate and royalty rate for the annual assessment; and (iii) the audit effort involved the use of professionals with specialized skill and knowledge.

Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. These procedures included testing the effectiveness of controls relating to management's indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment assessments. These procedures also included, among others (i) testing management's process for developing the fair value estimate of the indefinite-lived intangible asset; (ii) evaluating the appropriateness of the relief from royalty method used by management; (iii) testing the completeness and accuracy of underlying data used in the relief from royalty method; and (iv) evaluating the reasonableness of the significant assumptions used by management related to revenue growth rates, discount rates, and royalty rates. Evaluating management's assumptions related to revenue growth rates involved evaluating whether the assumptions used by management were reasonable considering (i) the current and past performance of the brand; (ii) the consistency with external market and industry data; and (iii) whether the assumptions were consistent with evidence obtained in other areas of the audit. Professionals with specialized skill and knowledge were used to assist in evaluating (i) the appropriateness of the Company's relief from royalty method and (ii) the reasonableness of the discount rate and royalty rate assumptions.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Irvine, California  
March 7, 2025

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2003.

**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

| (in thousands, except share data)   | December 31, |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
|   | 2024         | 2023         |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |              |              |
| Current assets  |              |              |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 205,233   | \$ 120,839   |
| Restricted cash   | 15,518       | 16,363       |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for expected credit losses of \$13,047 and \$29,294, respectively   | 603,069      | 659,499      |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   | 86,918       | 115,921      |
| Current assets of discontinued operations   | —            | 99,412       |
| Total current assets  | 910,738      | 1,012,034    |
| Property and equipment, net   | 97,763       | 64,708       |
| Goodwill  | 477,021      | 710,191      |
| Other intangible assets, net  | 1,332,578    | 1,551,828    |
| Investments in unconsolidated affiliates  | 226,510      | 210,829      |
| Other assets  | 61,907       | 43,543       |
| Other assets of discontinued operations   | —            | 186,190      |
| Total assets  | \$ 3,106,517 | \$ 3,779,323 |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |              |              |
| Current liabilities   |              |              |
| Current portion of long-term debt   | \$ 13,250    | \$ 13,274    |
| Accounts payable  | 158,485      | 172,894      |
| Accrued compensation and benefits   | 129,486      | 161,447      |
| Other accrued expenses  | 134,677      | 144,415      |
| Deferred revenues   | 24,164       | 26,598       |
| Current liabilities of discontinued operations  | —            | 22,669       |
| Total current liabilities   | 460,062      | 541,297      |
| Long-term debt, net of current portion  | 1,686,690    | 1,848,118    |
| Deferred income tax liabilities   | 146,889      | 204,136      |
| Other long-term liabilities   | 64,141       | 74,555       |
| Other liabilities of discontinued operations  | —            | 7,140        |
| Total liabilities   | 2,357,782    | 2,675,246    |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 18)   |              |              |
| Equity attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.   |              |              |
| Preferred stock, no par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively                                     | —            | —            |
| Common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 3,290,000,000 shares authorized; 320,773,096 and 322,235,261 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively | 32           | 32           |
| Additional paid in capital  | 3,466,221    | 3,449,261    |
| Accumulated deficit   | (2,641,612)  | (2,314,650)  |
| Loans to Karman Topco L.P.  | (7,029)      | (6,387)      |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss  | (15,861)     | (3,945)      |
| Treasury stock, at cost; 12,400,075 and 3,600,075 shares as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively   | (53,016)     | (18,949)     |
| Total equity attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.   | 748,735      | 1,105,362    |
| Nonredeemable noncontrolling interest   | —            | (1,285)      |
| Total stockholders' equity  | 748,735      | 1,104,077    |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity  | \$ 3,106,517 | \$ 3,779,323 |

See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**

| (in thousands, except share and per share data)   | Year Ended December 31, |              |                |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|
|   | 2024                    | 2023         | 2022           |
| Revenues  | \$ 3,566,324            | \$ 3,900,125 | \$ 3,646,342   |
| Cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown separately below)                                    | 3,059,052               | 3,415,046    | 3,173,493      |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses   | 324,596                 | 250,235      | 175,360        |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset   | 275,170                 | 43,500       | 1,572,523      |
| Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries   | —                       | (58,891)     | —              |
| Loss on divestitures  | —                       | —            | 2,863          |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 204,553                 | 208,856      | 216,046        |
| Income from equity method investments   | (2,064)                 | (5,210)      | —              |
| Total operating expenses  | 3,861,307               | 3,853,536    | 5,140,285      |
| Operating (loss) income from continuing operations  | (294,983)               | 46,589       | (1,493,943)    |
| Other (income) expenses:  |                         |              |                |
| Change in fair value of warrant liabilities   | (584)                   | (286)        | (21,236)       |
| Interest expense, net   | 146,792                 | 165,734      | 104,387        |
| Total other expenses, net   | 146,208                 | 165,448      | 83,151         |
| Loss from continuing operations before income taxes   | (441,191)               | (118,859)    | (1,577,094)    |
| Benefit from income taxes from continuing operations  | (62,787)                | (37,648)     | (158,442)      |
| Net loss from continuing operations   | (378,404)               | (81,211)     | (1,418,652)    |
| Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax   | 53,634                  | 20,829       | 41,350         |
| Net loss  | (324,770)               | (60,382)     | (1,377,302)    |
| Less: net income from continuing operations attributable to noncontrolling interest, net of tax                         | —                       | 2,346        | 3,757          |
| Less: net income (loss) from discontinued operations attributable to noncontrolling interest, net of tax                | 2,192                   | 594          | (546)          |
| Net loss attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.   | \$ (326,962)            | \$ (63,322)  | \$ (1,380,513) |
| Net loss per common share:  |                         |              |                |
| Basic loss per common share from continuing operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.         | \$ (1.18)               | \$ (0.26)    | \$ (4.46)      |
| Basic earnings per common share from discontinued operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.   | \$ 0.16                 | \$ 0.06      | \$ 0.13        |
| Diluted net loss per share:   |                         |              |                |
| Diluted loss per common share from continuing operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.       | \$ (1.18)               | \$ (0.26)    | \$ (4.46)      |
| Diluted earnings per common share from discontinued operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc. | \$ 0.16                 | \$ 0.06      | \$ 0.13        |
| Weighted-average number of common shares:   |                         |              |                |
| Basic   | 321,515,982             | 323,677,515  | 318,682,548    |
| Diluted   | 321,515,982             | 323,677,515  | 318,682,548    |
| Net loss attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.   | \$ (326,962)            | \$ (63,322)  | \$ (1,380,513) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:  |                         |              |                |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments  | (9,485)                 | 5,817        | (14,370)       |
| Total comprehensive loss attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.                                       | \$ (336,447)            | \$ (57,505)  | \$ (1,394,883) |

See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

| (in thousands, except share data)   | Common Stock |        | Treasury Stock |             | Additional      | Accumulated    | Loans to   | Accumulated                       | Advantage                           | Noncontrolling | Total                |
|---|--------------|--------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
|   | Shares       | Amount | Shares         | Amount      | Paid-in Capital | Deficit        | Topco      | Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Solutions Inc. Stockholders' Equity | Interest       | Stockholders' Equity |
| <b>Balance at January 1, 2022</b>   | 316,963,552  | \$ 32  | 1,610,014      | \$ (12,567) | \$ 3,373,278    | \$ (866,607)   | \$ (6,340) | \$ (4,479)                        | \$ 2,483,317                        | \$ 97,084      | \$ 2,580,401         |
| Comprehensive loss  |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            |                                   |                                     |                |                      |
| Net (loss) income   |              |        |                |             |                 | (1,380,502)    |            |                                   | (1,380,502)                         | 2,995          | (1,377,507)          |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments  |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            | (14,370)                          | (14,370)                            | (4,526)        | (18,896)             |
| Total comprehensive loss  |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            |                                   | (1,394,872)                         | (1,531)        | (1,396,403)          |
| Interest on loans to Karman Topco L.P.  |              |        |                |             |                 |                | (23)       |                                   | (23)                                |                | (23)                 |
| Increase in noncontrolling interest   |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            |                                   |                                     | 6,191          | 6,191                |
| Equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P.  |              |        |                |             | (6,934)         |                |            |                                   | (6,934)                             |                | (6,934)              |
| Shares issued under 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan                                 | 713,213      |        |                |             | 3,320           |                |            |                                   | 3,320                               |                | 3,320                |
| Shares issued under 2020 Incentive Award Plan   | 2,013,535    |        |                |             |                 |                |            |                                   |                                     |                |                      |
| Stock-based compensation expense  |              |        |                |             | 39,172          |                |            |                                   | 39,172                              |                | 39,172               |
| <b>Balance at December 31, 2022</b>   | 319,690,300  | \$ 32  | 1,610,014      | \$ (12,567) | \$ 3,408,836    | \$ (2,247,109) | \$ (6,363) | \$ (18,849)                       | \$ 1,123,980                        | \$ 101,744     | \$ 1,225,724         |
| Comprehensive (loss) income   |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            |                                   |                                     |                |                      |
| Net (loss) income   |              |        |                |             |                 | (63,258)       |            |                                   | (63,258)                            | 2,639          | (60,619)             |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments  |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            | 5,817                             | 5,817                               | 3,201          | 9,018                |
| Total comprehensive (loss) income   |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            |                                   | (57,441)                            | 5,840          | (51,601)             |
| Interest on loans to Karman Topco L.P.  |              |        |                |             |                 |                | (24)       |                                   | (24)                                |                | (24)                 |
| Purchase of treasury stock  | (4,164,010)  |        | 4,164,010      | (10,665)    |                 |                |            |                                   | (10,665)                            |                | (10,665)             |
| Retirement of shares  |              |        | (2,173,949)    | 4,283       |                 | (4,283)        |            |                                   |                                     |                |                      |
| Equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P.  |              |        |                |             | (2,524)         |                |            |                                   | (2,524)                             |                | (2,524)              |
| Shares issued under 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan                                 | 1,241,440    |        |                |             | 2,248           |                |            |                                   | 2,248                               |                | 2,248                |
| Shares issued under 2020 Incentive Award Plan and tax related to net share settlement | 5,467,531    |        |                |             | (1,880)         |                |            |                                   | (1,880)                             |                | (1,880)              |
| Stock-based compensation expense  |              |        |                |             | 42,581          |                |            |                                   | 42,581                              |                | 42,581               |
| Deconsolidation of subsidiaries   |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            | 9,087                             | 9,087                               | (108,869)      | (99,782)             |
| <b>Balance at December 31, 2023</b>   | 322,235,261  | \$ 32  | 3,600,075      | \$ (18,949) | \$ 3,449,261    | \$ (2,314,650) | \$ (6,387) | \$ (3,945)                        | \$ 1,105,362                        | \$ (1,285)     | \$ 1,104,077         |
| Comprehensive (loss) income   |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            |                                   |                                     |                |                      |
| Net (loss) income   |              |        |                |             |                 | (326,962)      |            |                                   | (326,962)                           | 2,192          | (324,770)            |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments  |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            | (9,485)                           | (9,485)                             | 73             | (9,412)              |
| Total comprehensive (loss) income   |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            |                                   | (336,447)                           | 2,265          | (334,182)            |
| Interest on loans to Karman Topco L.P.  |              |        |                |             |                 |                | (642)      |                                   | (642)                               |                | (642)                |
| Purchase of treasury stock  | (8,800,000)  |        | 8,800,000      | (34,067)    |                 |                |            |                                   | (34,067)                            |                | (34,067)             |
| Equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P.  |              |        |                |             | 723             |                |            |                                   | 723                                 |                | 723                  |
| Shares issued under 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan                                 | 983,808      |        |                |             | 2,294           |                |            |                                   | 2,294                               |                | 2,294                |
| Payments for taxes related to net share settlement under 2020 Incentive Award Plan    |              |        |                |             | (12,765)        |                |            |                                   | (12,765)                            |                | (12,765)             |
| Shares issued under 2020 Incentive Award Plan   | 6,354,027    |        |                |             |                 |                |            |                                   |                                     |                |                      |
| Sale of a business  |              |        |                |             |                 |                |            | (2,431)                           | (2,431)                             | (980)          | (3,411)              |
| Stock-based compensation expense  |              |        |                |             | 26,708          |                |            |                                   | 26,708                              |                | 26,708               |
| <b>Balance at December 31, 2024</b>   | 320,773,096  | \$ 32  | 12,400,075     | \$ (53,016) | \$ 3,466,221    | \$ (2,641,612) | \$ (7,029) | \$ (15,861)                       | \$ 748,735                          | \$ —           | \$ 748,735           |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

| (in thousands)   | Year Ended December 31, |             |                |
|--|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|
|  | 2024                    | 2023        | 2022           |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                         |             |                |
| Net loss from continuing operations  | \$ (378,404)            | \$ (81,211) | \$ (1,418,652) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities                 |                         |             |                |
| Non-cash interest expense (income)   | 5,227                   | (7,728)     | (43,810)       |
| Deferred financing fees related to repricing of long-term debt                                 | 1,079                   | —           | —              |
| Amortization of deferred financing fees  | 6,766                   | 8,292       | 8,860          |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset  | 275,170                 | 43,500      | 1,572,523      |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 204,553                 | 208,856     | 216,046        |
| Change in fair value of warrant liability  | (584)                   | (286)       | (21,236)       |
| Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration                                     | 1,678                   | 11,152      | 6,572          |
| Deferred income taxes  | (57,307)                | (80,416)    | (190,754)      |
| Equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P.   | 723                     | (2,524)     | (6,934)        |
| Stock-based compensation   | 31,019                  | 38,933      | 35,101         |
| Income from equity method investments  | (2,064)                 | (5,511)     | (10,609)       |
| Distribution received from equity method investments   | 3,289                   | 2,100       | 1,826          |
| Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries  | —                       | (58,891)    | —              |
| Gain on repurchases of Senior Secured Notes and Term Loan Facility debt                        | (9,141)                 | (8,665)     | —              |
| Loss on disposal of property and equipment   | 1,274                   | 3,318       | 644            |
| Loss on divestiture  | —                       | —           | 2,863          |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from divestitures:                 |                         |             |                |
| Accounts receivable, net   | 51,154                  | 38,899      | (85,737)       |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets  | 28,396                  | 100,841     | 15,051         |
| Accounts payable   | (12,918)                | (23,066)    | (14,164)       |
| Accrued compensation and benefits  | (30,380)                | 27,458      | 17,854         |
| Deferred revenues  | (2,129)                 | 8,551       | (10,930)       |
| Other accrued expenses and other liabilities   | (24,306)                | 4,890       | 30,191         |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 93,095                  | 228,492     | 104,705        |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                         |             |                |
| Purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired   | —                       | —           | (74,206)       |
| Purchase of investments in unconsolidated affiliates   | (13,932)                | (3,023)     | (775)          |
| Purchase of property and equipment   | (7,838)                 | (20,691)    | (12,351)       |
| Purchase of capitalized software   | (47,501)                | (20,872)    | (20,664)       |
| Proceeds from divestitures, net of cash  | 275,717                 | 21,108      | 1,896          |
| Deconsolidation of subsidiaries cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash, net of proceeds | —                       | (31,465)    | —              |
| Proceeds from sale of investments in unconsolidated affiliates                                 | —                       | 4,428       | —              |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities  | 206,446                 | (50,515)    | (106,100)      |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                         |             |                |
| Borrowings under lines of credit   | —                       | 99,538      | 326,090        |
| Payments on lines of credit  | —                       | (99,102)    | (326,968)      |
| Principal payments on long-term debt   | (13,131)                | (13,294)    | (13,293)       |
| Repurchases of Senior Secured Notes and Term Loan Facility debt                                | (147,122)               | (156,559)   | —              |
| Debt issuance costs  | (971)                   | —           | —              |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock   | 2,294                   | 2,248       | 3,320          |
| Payments for taxes related to net share settlement under 2020 Incentive Award Plan             | (12,765)                | (1,880)     | —              |
| Contingent consideration payments  | (5,655)                 | (1,867)     | (13,002)       |
| Holdback payments  | —                       | (944)       | (11,057)       |
| Financing fees paid  | —                       | —           | (1,464)        |
| Contribution from noncontrolling interest  | —                       | —           | 5,217          |
| Redemption of noncontrolling interest  | —                       | (154)       | (224)          |
| Purchase of treasury stock   | (34,067)                | (6,382)     | —              |
| Net cash used in financing activities  | (211,417)               | (178,396)   | (31,381)       |
| Net effect of foreign currency changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash           | (4,575)                 | 1,800       | (7,872)        |
| Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash                                       | 83,549                  | 1,381       | (40,648)       |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period                                | 137,202                 | 135,821     | 176,469        |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period                                      | \$ 220,751              | \$ 137,202  | \$ 135,821     |

See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

***1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies***

On July 25, 2014, Karman Topco L.P. (“Topco”) completed the acquisition (the “2014 Topco Acquisition”) of Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc., which became a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Topco. The equity units of Topco are held by equity funds affiliated with or advised by CVC Capital Partners, Leonard Green & Partners, Juggernaut Capital Partners, Centerview Capital, L.P., and Bain Capital.

On September 7, 2020, Topco and one of its subsidiaries entered into an agreement and plan of merger (as amended, modified, supplemented or waived, the “Merger Agreement”), with Conyers Park II Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation, now known as Advantage Solutions Inc. (“Conyers Park”), CP II Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Conyers Park. On October 28, 2020, Conyers Park consummated the merger pursuant to the Merger Agreement, and became a majority-owned subsidiary of Topco and changed its name to Advantage Solutions Inc. (the “Company” or “Advantage”).

The Company is headquartered in Clayton, Missouri, in the St. Louis-metropolitan area, and is a business solutions provider to consumer goods companies and retailers.

The Company’s common stock and public warrants (as further described in Note 13—*Equity*) are listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol “ADV” and warrants to purchase the common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share are listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol “ADVWW”.

***Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation***

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its controlled subsidiaries and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“U.S. GAAP”). The financial information set forth herein reflects: (a) the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss, Consolidated Statements of Stockholders’ Equity, and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 and (b) the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. The consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 reflect Topco’s basis in the assets and liabilities of the Company, as a result of the 2014 Topco Acquisition. The Company’s share in the earnings or losses for its investments in affiliates is reflected in “Investments in unconsolidated affiliates” and “Income from equity method investments” in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss, respectively. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation.

***Discontinued Operations***

The Company presents discontinued operations when there is a disposal of a component or a group of components that represents a strategic shift that will have a major effect on operations and financial results. The results of discontinued operations are reported in net income (loss) from discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented, commencing in the period in which the business is either disposed of or is classified as held for sale, including any gain or loss recognized on closing or adjustment of the carrying amount to fair value less costs to sell. Assets and liabilities related to a business classified as held for sale or meets the criteria for discontinued operations are segregated in the consolidated balance sheets for the current and prior periods presented. Cash flows for continuing and discontinued operations are segregated in the consolidated statements of cash flows for the current and prior periods. When proceeds are not utilized to paydown long-term debt, the assets and liabilities associated with discontinued operations in the current period balance sheet are classified as current.

Certain prior period balances related to the Company’s reportable segments and discontinued operations have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. The notes to the consolidated financial statements are presented on a continuing operations basis unless otherwise noted. Refer to Note 17—*Operating Segments and Geographic Information* for additional information on the Company’s reportable segments. Refer to Note 2—*Discontinued Operations, Deconsolidation of European Joint Venture, Divestitures and Acquisitions* for additional information on the Company’s discontinued operations.

### *Change in Reportable Segments*

Effective January 1, 2024, Advantage Solutions Inc. revised its reportable segments to align with the Company's business strategy, and the manner in which the Chief Executive Officer, the Company's chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), assesses performance and makes decisions regarding the allocation of resources for the Company. The Company's revised operating and reportable segments consist of Branded Services, Experiential Services, and Retailer Services. This change had no impact on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets, Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss, Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Prior period segment results have been reclassified to reflect the Company's new reportable segments on a continuing operations basis.

When evaluating the Company's financial performance, the CODM regularly reviews revenues, compensation and benefits, reimbursable expenses and other segment items. Refer to Note 17—*Operating Segments and Geographic Information* for additional information on the Company's reportable segments.

### *Deconsolidation of European Joint Venture*

On November 30, 2023 the Company reduced its equity interest in Advantage Smollan Limited ("ASL"), its European joint venture, from a majority interest to a minority interest of 49.6%. The Company also removed certain participating rights with ASL related to capital allocation and certain of the Company's decision making rights, resulting in a loss of control. Therefore, in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 810 ("ASC 810"), *Consolidation*, ASL was deconsolidated from the Company's consolidated financial statements resulting in the recognition of a \$58.9 million gain for the year ended December 31, 2023. Effective December 1, 2023, the Company's investment in ASL is accounted for under the equity method of accounting, with the investment reported in "Investments in unconsolidated affiliates" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and equity income reported in "Income from equity method investments" on the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

### *Reclassifications*

The Company has reclassified certain amounts on the consolidated balance sheets, consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss and consolidated statements of cash flows and in Note 17—*Operating Segments and Geographic Information* to conform to current period presentation.

### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from such estimates. The Company's estimates primarily include revenues, workers' compensation and employee medical claim reserves, fair value of contingent consideration, leases, income taxes, derivative instruments and fair value considerations in applying purchase accounting and assessing goodwill and other asset impairments.

### *Foreign Currency*

The Company's reporting currency is U.S. dollars as that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. The Company translates the assets and liabilities of its non-U.S. dollar functional currency subsidiaries into U.S. dollars using exchange rates in effect at the end of each period. Revenues and expenses for these subsidiaries are translated using rates that approximate those in effect during the period. Gains and losses from these translations are included in "Accumulated other comprehensive loss" in the Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity. Transactions in foreign currencies other than the entities' functional currency are converted using the rate of exchange at the date of transaction. The gains or losses arising from the revaluation of foreign currency transactions to functional currency are included in "Selling, general, and administrative expenses" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. Unrealized foreign currency exchange gains and losses on certain intercompany transactions that are of a long-term investment nature (i.e., settlement is not planned or anticipated in the foreseeable future) are also recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive loss in stockholders' equity. The Company reports gains and losses from foreign exchange rate changes related to intercompany receivables and payables that are of a long-term investment nature, in "Other comprehensive loss" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. These items represented a net loss of \$0.1 million, a gain of \$0.1 million, and a gain of \$7.6 million during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash***

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and highly liquid investments having an original maturity of three months or less. The Company's investments consist primarily of U.S. Treasury securities. The Company's investments are carried at cost, which approximates fair value. The Company has restricted cash related to funds received from clients that will be disbursed at the direction of those clients. Corresponding liabilities have been recorded in "Other accrued expenses" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash reported within the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets that sum to the total of the same such amounts shown in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows:

| <b>(in thousands)</b>                            | <b>December 31,</b> |             |             |
|--|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
| Cash and cash equivalents                        | \$ 205,233          | \$ 120,839  | 118,004     |
| Restricted cash                                  | 15,518              | 16,363      | 17,817      |
| Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | \$ 220,751          | \$ 137,202  | \$ 135,821  |

The following table provides supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

| <b>(in thousands)</b>   | <b>Year Ended December 31,</b> |             |             |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2024</b>                    | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                       |                                |             |             |
| Exchange of ownership of Partnership SPV 1 Limited for fair value of GSH              | \$ —                           | \$ 15,854   | \$ —        |
| Non-cash proceeds from divestitures   | \$ 45,056                      | \$ 4,283    | \$ —        |
| Purchases of property and equipment recorded in accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 114                         | \$ 1,201    | \$ 842      |
| Purchases of capitalized software recorded in accounts payable and accrued expenses   | \$ 7,272                       | \$ —        | \$ —        |
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>   |                                |             |             |
| Gain (loss) on divestitures from discontinued operations                              | \$ 95,099                      | \$ (19,068) | \$ —        |
| Non-cash consideration for purchases of investments in unconsolidated affiliates      | \$ 10,432                      | \$ —        | \$ —        |
| Cash payments for interest  | \$ 163,202                     | \$ 174,767  | \$ 126,560  |
| Cash received from interest rate derivatives  | \$ 30,824                      | \$ 28,808   | \$ 6,527    |
| Cash payments for income taxes, net   | \$ 31,269                      | \$ 39,007   | \$ 45,729   |

### ***Accounts Receivable and Expected Credit Losses***

Accounts receivable consist of amounts due from clients for services provided in normal business activities and are recorded at invoiced amounts. The Company measures expected credit losses against certain billed receivables based upon the latest information regarding whether invoices are ultimately collectible. Assessing the collectability of client receivables requires management judgment. The Company determines its expected credit losses by specifically analyzing individual accounts receivable, historical bad debts, client creditworthiness, current economic conditions, and accounts receivable aging trends. Valuation reserves are periodically re-evaluated and adjusted as more information about the ultimate collectability of accounts receivable becomes available. Upon determination that a receivable is uncollectible, the receivable balance and any associated reserve is written off.

### ***Concentration of Credit Risk***

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist principally of accounts receivable and cash balances at various financial institutions. The Company maintains cash balances in accounts at various financial institutions. At times such cash balances may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

### ***Derivatives***

The Company uses financial instruments to hedge interest rate and foreign exchange risk. Derivative instruments, used to hedge interest rates, consist of interest rate swaps and interest rate collars and caps. Interest rate swap contracts involve the exchange of floating rate interest payment obligations for fixed interest rate payments without the exchange of the underlying principal amounts. Interest rate collar and cap contracts limit the floating interest rate exposure to the indicative rate in the agreement. Derivatives are initially recognized at fair value on the date a contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at fair value. The fair values of

derivatives are measured using observable market prices or, where market prices are not available, by using discounted expected future cash flows at prevailing interest and exchange rates. The Company does not designate these derivatives as hedges for accounting purposes, and as a result, all changes in the fair value of derivatives used to hedge interest rates and foreign exchange risk are recorded in “Interest expense, net” and in “Selling, general, and administrative expenses” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss, respectively. Cash flows associated with such derivatives are reported in cash flows from operating activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. These arrangements contain an element of risk in that the counterparties may be unable to meet the terms of such arrangements. In the event the counterparties are unable to fulfill their related obligations, the Company could potentially incur significant additional costs by replacing the positions at then current market rates. The Company manages its risk of exposure by limiting counterparties to those banks and institutions deemed appropriate by management.

### ***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment are stated at cost, and the balances are presented net of accumulated depreciation. Leasehold improvements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their respective lease terms or their respective estimated useful lives. The cost and accumulated depreciation of assets sold or otherwise disposed of are removed from the Consolidated Balance Sheets and the resulting gain or loss is reflected in the “Cost of revenues” and “Selling, general, administrative expenses” within the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss, depending on the nature of the assets. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred, whereas expenditures for improvements and replacements are capitalized. Depreciation expense is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The following table provides the range of estimated useful lives used for each asset type:

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Leasehold improvements                | 3—10 years |
| Furniture and fixtures                | 3—7 years  |
| Computer hardware and other equipment | 3—5 years  |
| Software                              | 3—7 years  |

### ***Internal-Use Software Development Costs***

The Company capitalizes certain direct costs associated with the development and purchase of internal-use software within property and equipment. Costs incurred in the preliminary stages of development are expensed as incurred. Once an application has reached the development stage, internal and external costs, if direct and incremental, are capitalized until the software is substantially complete and ready for its intended use. Capitalization ceases upon completion of all substantial testing. The Company also capitalizes costs related to specific upgrades and enhancements when it is probable the expenditures will result in additional functionality. Maintenance and training costs are expensed as incurred. Capitalized costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the software, generally not exceeding seven years. Maintenance and training costs are charged to expense as incurred and included in operating expenses. The Company evaluates the useful lives of these assets on an annual basis and tests for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances occur that could impact the recoverability of these assets. There were no impairments to capitalized internal-use software for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

### ***Equity Method Investments***

Investments in companies in which the Company exercises significant influence over the operating and financial policies of the investee and are not required to be consolidated are accounted for using the equity method. The Company’s proportionate share of the net income or loss of equity method investments is included in the results of operations and any dividends received reduce the carrying value of the investment. Gains and losses from changes in the Company’s ownership interests are recorded in results of operations until control is achieved. In instances in which a change in the Company’s ownership interest results in obtaining control, the existing carrying value of the investment is remeasured to the acquisition date fair value and any gain or loss is recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

Distributions received from unconsolidated entities that represent returns on the Company’s investment are reported as cash flows from operating activities in the Company’s Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Cash distributions from unconsolidated entities that represent returns of the Company’s investment are reported as cash flows from investing activities.

### ***Business Combinations***

The Company accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method. Under this method, the purchase price of an acquisition is allocated to the underlying assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their estimated fair values at the date of

acquisition. To the extent the purchase price exceeds the fair value of the net identifiable tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed, such excess is allocated to goodwill. Factors giving rise to goodwill generally include assembled workforce, geographic presence, expertise, and synergies that are anticipated as a result of the business combination, including enhanced product and service offerings. The Company determines the estimated fair values after review and consideration of relevant information, including discounted cash flows, quoted market prices and other estimates made by management. The Company adjusts the preliminary purchase price allocation, as necessary, during the measurement period of up to one year after the acquisition closing date as the Company obtains more information as to facts and circumstances existing at the acquisition date impacting asset valuations and liabilities assumed. Goodwill acquired in business combinations is assigned to the reporting unit expected to benefit from the combination as of the acquisition date. Acquisition-related costs are recognized separately from the acquisition and are expensed as incurred.

### ***Divestitures***

The Company nets the proceeds from the divestitures of businesses with the carrying amount of the related net assets and liabilities and records a gain or loss in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. Any contingent payments that are potentially due to the Company as a result of these divestitures are recorded when it is probable that a significant reversal of such consideration will not occur, or in the case of a business, when such payments are realizable. For divestitures of businesses, the Company includes the relative fair value of goodwill associated with the businesses in the determination of the gain or loss on sale.

### ***Discontinued Operations***

The Company classifies a business that has been disposed of or is classified as held for sale as a discontinued operation when the disposal represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on the Company's operations and financial results. Assets and liabilities of discontinued operations are presented separately in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and results of discontinued operations are reported as a separate component of net loss in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

### ***Goodwill***

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net identifiable tangible and intangible assets acquired in an acquisition. The Company tests for impairment of goodwill at the reporting unit level. The Company generally combines components that have similar economic characteristics, nature of services, types of clients, distribution methods and regulatory environment. The Company has five reporting units, Branded Services, Branded Agencies, Experiential Services, Merchandising and Retailer Agencies.

The Company tests its goodwill for impairment at the beginning of the fourth quarter of a given fiscal year and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of a reporting unit may exceed its fair value. The Company has the option to perform a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying value before performing a quantitative impairment test. To the extent that the qualitative approach indicates that it is more likely than not that the carrying amount is less than its fair value, the Company applies a quantitative approach. When it is determined that a quantitative impairment test should be performed, if the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, goodwill is impaired and the excess of the reporting unit's carrying value over the fair value is recognized as an impairment loss; however, the loss recognized would not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit.

The Company's annual goodwill impairment assessment for each year is performed as of October 1. The Company utilizes a combination of income and market approaches to estimate the fair value of its reporting units. The income approach utilizes estimates of discounted cash flows of the reporting units, which requires assumptions for the reporting units' revenue growth rates, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA") margins, terminal growth rates, capital cost expenditures as a percentage of revenue, discount rates, and incremental net working capital, all of which require significant management judgment. The market approach applies market multiples derived from the historical earnings data of selected guideline publicly-traded companies to the Company's reporting units' businesses and acquisition premiums of similar businesses involved in recent merger and acquisition transactions, which requires significant management judgment. The guideline companies are first screened by industry group and then further narrowed based on the reporting units' business descriptions, markets served, competitors, EBITDA margins and revenue size. Market multiples are then selected from within the range of these guideline companies' multiples based on the subject reporting unit. The Company compares a weighted average of the output from the income and market approaches to the carrying value of each reporting unit. The Company also compares the aggregate estimated fair value of its reporting units to the estimated fair value of its total market capitalization. The assumptions in the income and market approach are based on significant inputs not observable in the market and thus represent Level 3 measurements within the fair value hierarchy (described in "Fair Value Measurements," below). The Company based its fair value estimates on assumptions it believes to be reasonable but which are unpredictable and inherently uncertain. A change in these underlying assumptions would cause a change in the results of the tests and,

as such, could cause fair value to be less than the carrying amounts and result in an impairment of goodwill in the future. Additionally, if actual results are not consistent with the estimates and assumptions or if there are significant changes to the Company's planned strategy, it may cause fair value to be less than the carrying amounts and result in an impairment of goodwill in the future.

Effective January 1, 2024, the Company performed an interim impairment assessment for its five reporting units' goodwill. Each of the fair values for the reporting units tested were in excess of its carrying amount. The fair values of the Branded Agencies and Experiential Services reporting units exceeded their respective carrying values by less than 20%.

During the second quarter of fiscal year 2024, the Company determined a triggering event occurred and an impairment assessment was warranted for the Branded Agencies reporting unit goodwill due to the pending sale of one of the businesses that comprised a substantial portion of the assets, liabilities and prospective cash flows of the Branded Agencies reporting unit. As a result of the impairment test performed, the Company recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$99.7 million related to the Company's Branded Agencies reporting unit goodwill for the year ended December 31, 2024, which has been reflected in "Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. As a result of this charge, an immaterial amount of goodwill remains in this reporting unit.

In connection with the Company's annual quantitative impairment test as of October 1, 2024, the Company concluded that the goodwill was not impaired as of October 1, 2024. Additionally, no triggering events were identified for the Branded Agencies, Experiential Services, Merchandising and Retailer Agencies reporting units through December 31, 2024. The fair values of the Branded Services, Branded Agencies and Merchandising reporting units exceeded their respective carrying values by less than 20%.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024, the Company identified a triggering event that required an impairment assessment of goodwill for the Branded Services reporting unit. The triggering event was due to the loss of clients and a reduction in the scope of client services as the Company's clients implemented internal cost reduction initiatives in response to challenges in the broader markets in which they operate. As a result of the goodwill impairment test, the Company recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$133.5 million related to the Branded Services reporting unit during the year ended December 31, 2024. This charge is reflected in "Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

In connection with the Company's annual quantitative impairment test as of October 1, 2023, the Company concluded that the goodwill was not impaired as of October 1, 2023. The Company determined that no additional goodwill triggering events occurred through December 31, 2023.

In connection with the Company's annual quantitative impairment test as of October 1, 2022, the Company recognized \$722.7 million, \$308.2 million and \$336.6 million in impairment charges in the Branded Services, Experiential Services and Retailer Services segments, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2022, which has been reflected in "Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset" in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. While there was no single determinative event or factor, the consideration of the weight of evidence of several factors that culminated during the fourth quarter of 2022 led the Company to conclude that it was more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting units were below their carrying values. These factors included: (a) sustained decline in the Company's share price; (b) challenges in the labor market and continued inflationary pressures; and (c) an increase to the discount rate as a result of the recent increases in interest rates which adversely affected the results of the quantitative impairment tests.

The uncertainty and volatility in the economic environment in which the Company operates could have an impact on the Company's future growth and could result in future impairment charges. There is no assurance that actual future earnings, cash flows or other assumptions for the reporting units will not significantly decline from these projections.

### ***Indefinite Lived Intangible Asset***

The Company's indefinite-lived intangible asset is the Advantage Trade Name. Prior to the segment change, the Company went to market with the Advantage Trade Name being specifically used and assessed for impairment in the Sales and Marketing businesses. As a result of the change in the Company's reportable segments effective as of January 1, 2024, the Company determined, based on the change in the planned use of the Advantage Trade Name intangible asset, that the Advantage Trade Name should be considered an entity-wide asset for reporting and impairment testing purposes. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized but tested annually, at the beginning of the fourth quarter, for impairment or more often if events occur or circumstances change that would create a triggering event. The Company has the option to perform a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset's fair value is less than its carrying value before performing a quantitative impairment test. The Company tests its indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment using a relief from royalty method by comparing the estimated fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset with the carrying value. The estimates used in the determination of fair value are subjective in nature and involve the use of significant assumptions. These estimates and assumptions include revenue growth rates,

terminal growth rate, discount rate and royalty rate, all of which require significant management judgment. The assumptions are based on significant inputs not observable in the market and thus represent Level 3 measurements within the fair value hierarchy. The Company based its fair value estimates on assumptions it believes to be reasonable, but which are unpredictable and inherently uncertain. Actual future results may differ from the estimates.

As of January 1, 2024, the Company concluded there was a triggering event for an interim impairment assessment due to the change in unit of account of the indefinite-lived intangible asset. Based on the interim impairment assessment, the estimated fair value exceeded the carrying value by approximately 6%, thus no impairment was recorded.

In connection with the Company's annual quantitative impairment test as of October 1, 2024, the Company concluded that the indefinite-lived intangible asset was not impaired.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024, the Company recognized an intangible asset impairment charge of \$42.0 million as a result of the triggering event for the Branded Services reporting unit.

In connection with the Company's annual quantitative impairment test as of October 1, 2023, the Company concluded that the indefinite-lived intangible asset was not impaired.

During the fourth quarter of 2023, the Company determined a triggering event occurred and an impairment assessment was warranted due to the deconsolidation of the Company's European joint venture and the planned divestitures of a collection of foodservice businesses, which was determined to be held for sale. As a result, the Company recognized an intangible asset impairment charge of \$43.5 million related to the Advantage Trade Name during the year ended December 31, 2023, which has been reflected in "Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

In connection with the Company's annual quantitative impairment test as of October 1, 2022, the Company concluded the carrying value of the Advantage Trade Name exceeded its estimated fair value. As a result, the Company recognized an intangible asset impairment charge of \$205.0 million related to the Company's indefinite-lived trade name, which has been reflected in "Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset" in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. While there was no single determinative event or factor, the factors that led to the impairment were the same circumstances outlined in the goodwill fiscal year 2022 impairment discussion above.

#### ***Long-Lived Assets***

Long-lived assets to be held and used, including finite-lived intangible assets, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be fully recoverable. These events or changes in circumstances may include a significant deterioration of operating results, changes in business plans, or changes in anticipated future cash flows. If an impairment indicator is present, the Company evaluates recoverability by a comparison of the carrying amount of the assets to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the assets. If the assets are impaired, the impairment recognized is measured as the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the fair value of the assets. Fair value is generally determined by estimates of discounted cash flows. The discount rate used in any estimate of discounted cash flows would be the rate required for a similar investment of like risk. No impairment related to the Company's long-lived assets was recorded during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022.

#### ***Contingent Consideration***

Certain of the Company's acquisitions include contingent consideration arrangements, which are generally based on the achievement of future financial performance. If it is determined the contingent consideration arrangements are not compensatory, the fair values of these contingent consideration arrangements are included as part of the purchase price of the acquisitions or divestitures on their respective transaction dates. For each transaction, the Company estimates the fair value of contingent consideration payments as part of the initial purchase price and records the estimated fair value of contingent consideration related to proceeds from divestitures as an asset in "Other assets" or related to purchases of businesses as a liability in "Other accrued expenses" or "Other long-term liabilities" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Company reviews and assesses the estimated fair value of contingent consideration on a quarterly basis, and the updated fair value could differ materially from these initial estimates. Adjustments to the estimated fair value related to changes in all other unobservable inputs are reported in "Selling, general, and administrative expenses" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

The portion of the cash settlement up to the acquisition date fair value of the contingent consideration is classified as “Contingent consideration payments” in cash flows from financing activities, and amounts paid in excess of the acquisition date fair value are classified as “Other accrued expenses and other liabilities” in cash flows from operating activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

### ***Leases***

The Company has obligations under various real estate leases, equipment leases, and software license agreements. The Company assesses whether these arrangements are or contain leases at lease inception. Classification of the leases between financing and operating leases is determined by assessing whether the lease transfers ownership of the asset to the Company, the lease grants an option for the Company to purchase the underlying asset, the lease term is for the majority of the asset’s remaining economic life, or if the minimum lease payments equal or substantially exceed all of the leased asset’s fair market value. As of December 31, 2024, the Company’s finance leases were not material. Refer to Note 9—*Leases*, for further information regarding the Company’s operating leases.

### ***Self-Insurance Liability***

The Company maintains a high deductible program for workers’ compensation claims. Losses and liabilities relating to workers’ compensation claims and employee medical claims are fully insured beyond the Company’s deductible limits. The Company’s estimated liabilities are not discounted and are based on information provided by third party administrators, combined with management’s judgment regarding a number of assumptions and factors, including the frequency and severity of claims, claims development history, case jurisdiction, applicable legislation and claims settlement practices.

### ***Restructuring***

The Company’s restructuring charges consist of employee severance, one-time termination benefits and ongoing benefits related to the reduction of its workforce, and other exit and disposal costs. One-time termination benefits are expensed at the date the Company notifies the employee, unless the employee must provide future service beyond a minimum retention period, in which case the benefits are expensed ratably over the future service period. Ongoing benefits are expensed when restructuring activities are probable and the benefit amounts are estimable.

During fiscal year 2024, the Company implemented restructuring plans including a Voluntary Early Retirement Program (“VERP”) and a cost savings program to improve operational performance and align cost structures consistent with revenue levels associated with business changes, which includes special termination benefits associated with a reduction-in-force (“2024 RIF”). The Company’s restructuring charges consist of settlement charges and special termination benefits associated with the VERP and 2024 RIF. One-time termination benefits are expensed at the time the VERP participants accept the offer or the Company notifies the 2024 RIF participants, and the amounts can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities for costs associated with the restructuring activities are measured at fair value and are recognized when the liability is incurred. See to Note 7—*Restructuring*, for further information regarding the Company’s restructuring activities.

### ***Revenue Recognition***

The Company recognizes revenue when control of promised goods or services are transferred to the client in an amount that reflects the consideration that the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for such goods or services. Substantially all of the Company’s contracts with clients involve the transfer of a service to the client, which represents a performance obligation that is satisfied over time because the client simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits of the services provided. In most cases, the contracts consist of a performance obligation that is comprised of a series of distinct services that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer (i.e., distinct days of service). For these contracts, the Company allocates the ratable portion of the consideration based on the services provided in each period of service to such period.

Revenues related to the Branded Services segment are primarily recognized in the form of commissions, fee-for-service and cost-plus fees for providing headquarter relationship management, execution of merchandising strategies and omni-commerce marketing services. Revenues within the Branded Services segment are further disaggregated between brokerage services, branded merchandising services, omni-commerce marketing services, and revenues related to the Company’s European joint venture (prior to the deconsolidation during fiscal year 2023). Brokerage services revenues are primarily outsourced sales and services for branded consumer goods manufacturers at retailer headquarters, in-store and online. Branded merchandising services relate to merchandising in-store and online for branded consumer goods manufacturers. Omni-commerce marketing services primarily relate to digital and field marketing services.

Experiential Services segment revenues are primarily recognized in the form of fee-for-service and cost-plus fees for providing in-store, digital sampling and demonstrations, where the Company manages highly customized, large-scale sampling programs for leading brands and retailers.

Retailer Services segment revenues are primarily recognized in the form of commissions, fee-for-service and cost-plus fees for providing consulting services related to private brand development, the execution of merchandising strategies and marketing strategies within retailer locations, including retail media networks and analyzing shopper behavior. Revenues within the Retailer Services segment are further disaggregated between advisory services, retailer merchandising services and agency services to retailers. Advisory services primarily consist of consulting services related to private brand development. Retailer merchandising services primarily relate to the execution of merchandising strategies. Agency services primarily consist of providing marketing strategies within retail locations.

Disaggregated revenues were as follows:

| (in thousands)                      | Year Ended December 31, |              |              |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                     | 2024                    | 2023         | 2022         |
| <b>Branded Services</b>             |                         |              |              |
| Brokerage services                  | \$ 495,302              | \$ 534,670   | \$ 554,226   |
| Branded merchandising services      | 428,821                 | 444,859      | 429,873      |
| Omni-commerce marketing services    | 382,213                 | 404,522      | 408,494      |
| European joint venture              | —                       | 374,366      | 371,483      |
| Total Branded Services revenue      | \$ 1,306,336            | \$ 1,758,417 | \$ 1,764,076 |
| <b>Experiential Services</b>        |                         |              |              |
| Experiential services               | \$ 1,295,029            | \$ 1,159,449 | \$ 904,230   |
| Total Experiential Services revenue | \$ 1,295,029            | \$ 1,159,449 | \$ 904,230   |
| <b>Retailer Services</b>            |                         |              |              |
| Retail merchandising services       | \$ 701,709              | \$ 714,052   | \$ 712,189   |
| Advisory services                   | 197,506                 | 207,675      | 217,992      |
| Agency services                     | 65,744                  | 60,532       | 47,855       |
| Total Retailer Services revenue     | \$ 964,959              | \$ 982,259   | \$ 978,036   |
| Total revenues                      | \$ 3,566,324            | \$ 3,900,125 | \$ 3,646,342 |

The Company is party to certain client contracts that include variable consideration, whereby the ultimate consideration is contingent on future events such as the client's sales to retailers, hours worked, event count, costs incurred, and performance incentive bonuses. For commission-based service contracts, the consideration received from the client is variable because the Company earns an agreed upon percentage of the client's sales to retailers, which is agreed upon on a manufacturer-by-manufacturer basis. Revenues are recognized for the commission earned during the applicable reporting period. The Company generally earns commission revenues from headquarter relationship management, analytics, insights and intelligence, e-commerce, administration, private label development and retail services arrangements. As part of these arrangements, the Company provides a variety of services to consumer goods manufacturers in order to improve the manufacturer's sales at retailers. This includes primarily outsourced sales, business development, category and space management, relationship management, and sales strategy services. In exchange for these services, the Company earns an agreed upon percentage of its client's sales to retailers, which is agreed upon on a manufacturer-by-manufacturer basis.

For service contracts whereby the client is charged a fee per hour incurred or fee per event completed, revenues are recognized over time as actual hours are incurred or as events are completed, respectively. For service contracts with a cost-plus arrangement, revenues are recognized on a gross basis over time for a given period based on the actual costs incurred plus a fixed mark-up fee that is negotiated on a client-by-client basis.

For certain contracts with clients, the Company is entitled to additional fees upon meeting specific performance goals or thresholds, which are referred to as bonus revenues. Bonus revenues are estimated and are recognized as revenues as the related services are performed for the client.

The variability of the consideration for the services transferred during a reporting period is typically resolved by the end of the reporting period. However, for certain client contracts, the Company is required to estimate the variable consideration for the services that have been transferred to the client during the reporting period. The Company typically estimates the variable consideration based on the expected value method. Estimates are based on historical experience and current facts known during the reporting period. The

Company only recognizes revenues related to variable consideration if it is probable that a significant reversal of revenues recognized will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is resolved. When such probable threshold is not satisfied, the Company will constrain some or all of the variable consideration and the constrained variable consideration will not be recognized as revenues. The Company records an adjustment to revenue for differences between estimated revenues and the amounts ultimately invoiced to the client. Adjustments to revenue during the current period related to services transferred during prior periods were not material during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022.

The Company has contracts that include fixed consideration such as a fee per project or a fixed monthly fee. For contracts with a fee per project, revenues are recognized over time using an input method such as hours worked that reasonably depicts the Company's performance in transferring control of the services to the client. The Company determined that the input method represents a reasonable method to measure the satisfaction of the performance obligation to the client. For contracts with a fixed monthly fee, revenues are recognized using a time-based measure resulting in straight-line revenue recognition. A time-based measure was determined to represent a reasonable method to measure the satisfaction of the performance obligation to the client because the Company has a stand ready obligation to make itself available to provide services upon the client's request or the client receives the benefit from the Company's services evenly over the contract period.

The Company evaluates each client contract individually in accordance with the applicable accounting guidance to determine whether the Company acts as a principal (whereby the Company would present revenues on a gross basis), or as an agent (whereby the Company would present revenues on a net basis). While the Company primarily acts as a principal in its arrangements and reports revenues on a gross basis, the Company will occasionally act as an agent and accordingly presents revenues on a net basis.

Substantially all of the Company's contracts with its clients either have a contract term that is less than one year with options for renewal and/or can be canceled by either party upon 30 to 120 days' notice. For the purpose of disclosing the transaction price allocated to remaining unsatisfied performance obligations or partially satisfied performance obligations, the Company elected policies to: (1) exclude contracts with a contract term of one year or less and (2) exclude contracts with variable consideration that is allocated entirely to a wholly unsatisfied performance obligation or to a wholly unsatisfied promise to transfer a distinct service that forms part of a single performance obligation when that performance obligation qualifies as a series of remaining performance obligations. After applying these policy elections, the Company determined that it does not have a significant amount of fixed consideration allocated to remaining performance obligations for contracts with a contract term that exceeds one year.

When the Company satisfies its performance obligation and recognizes revenues accordingly, the Company has a present and unconditional right to payment and records the receivable from clients in "Accounts receivable" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company's general payment terms are short-term in duration and the Company does not adjust the promised amount of consideration for the effects of a significant financing component.

Contract liabilities represent deferred revenues which are cash payments that are received in advance of the Company's satisfaction of the applicable obligation(s) and are included in "Deferred revenues" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Deferred revenues are recognized as revenues when the related services are performed for the client. Revenues recognized during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, included \$19.4 million, \$17.6 million, and \$29.4 million of deferred revenues from the respective prior years.

### ***Income Taxes***

The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method, under which deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, and for operating losses and tax credit carry-forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the currently enacted tax rates that apply to taxable income in effect for the years in which those tax assets are expected to be realized or settled. The income tax provision (benefit) is computed on the pre-tax income (loss) of the entities located within each taxing jurisdiction based on current tax law. A valuation allowance for deferred tax assets is recorded to the extent that the ultimate realization of the deferred tax assets is not considered more likely than not.

Realization of the Company's deferred tax assets is principally dependent upon its achievement of future taxable income, the estimation of which requires significant management judgment. These judgments regarding future profitability may change due to many factors, including future market conditions and the Company's ability to successfully execute its business plans. These changes, if any, may require adjustments to deferred tax asset balances and deferred income tax expense.

### ***Equity-based Compensation***

The Company measures the cost of non-employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the measurement date fair value consistent with the vesting of the awards and measuring the fair value of these units at the end of each measurement period. The cost is recognized over the requisite service period. The Company's equity-based compensation is based on grant date fair value.

### ***Stock-based Compensation***

Stock-based compensation costs related to stock options granted to employees are measured at the date of grant based on the estimated fair value of the award. The Company estimates the grant date fair value, and the resulting stock-based compensation expense, using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The fair value for stock-settled restricted stock units ("RSUs") and performance stock units ("PSUs") are based on the Company's stock price on the date of grant.

The Black-Scholes option-pricing model requires the use of highly subjective assumptions which determine the fair value of stock-based awards. The assumptions used in the Company's option-pricing model represent management's best estimates. These estimates are complex, involve a number of variables, uncertainties and assumptions and the application of management's judgment, so that they are inherently subjective. If factors change and different assumptions are used, the Company's stock-based compensation expense could be materially different in the future. These assumptions are estimated as follows:

- *Fair Value of Common Stock.* Represents the publicly quoted price as the fair value of ADV common stock.
- *Risk-Free Interest Rate.* The Company based the risk-free interest rate used in the Black-Scholes option-pricing model on the implied yield available on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues with an equivalent term of options for each option group.
- *Expected Term.* The expected term represents the period that the stock-based awards are expected to be outstanding. Because of the limitations on the sale or transfer of the Company's common stock as a previously privately held company, the Company does not believe its historical exercise pattern for similar awards is indicative of the pattern the Company will experience as a publicly traded company. For option grants that are considered to be "plain vanilla," the Company determines the expected term using the simplified method. The simplified method deems the term to be the average of the time-to-vesting and the contractual life of the options.
- *Volatility.* Management determined the price volatility factor based on the historical volatilities of a relevant peer group as the Company did not have a sufficient trading history of common stock. Industry peers consist of several public companies that provide similar services with comparable characteristics including enterprise value, risk profiles and position within the industry. The Company intends to continue to consistently apply this process using the same or similar public companies until a sufficient amount of historical information regarding the volatility of the Company's own common stock share price becomes available, or unless circumstances change such that the identified companies are no longer similar, in which case, more suitable companies whose share prices are publicly available would be utilized in the calculation.
- *Dividend Yield.* The expected dividend assumption is based on expectations about the Company's anticipated dividend policy. The Company currently does not expect to issue any dividends.

The Company recognizes compensation costs for awards with service vesting conditions on an accelerated method under the graded vesting method over the requisite service period of the award, which is generally the vesting term of three years. Stock-based compensation expense is included in "Selling, general and administrative expenses" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

### ***Warrant Liability***

The Company accounts for warrants as either equity-classified or liability-classified instruments based on an assessment of the warrant's specific terms and applicable authoritative guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") ASC 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity*, and ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*. The assessment considers whether the warrants are freestanding financial instruments pursuant to ASC 480, meet the definition of a liability pursuant to ASC 480, and whether the warrants meet all of the requirements for equity classification under ASC 815, including whether the warrants are indexed to the Company's Common Stock and whether the warrant holders could potentially require "net cash settlement" in a circumstance outside of the Company's control, among other conditions for equity classification. This assessment, which requires the use of professional judgment, is conducted at the time of warrant issuance and on the date of issuance and for liability-classified awards, remeasured to fair value at each balance sheet date thereafter.

For issued or modified warrants that meet all of the criteria for equity classification, the warrants are required to be recorded as a component of additional paid-in capital at the time of issuance. For issued or modified warrants that do not meet all the criteria for

equity classification, the warrants are required to be recorded as liabilities at their initial fair value on the date of issuance and remeasured to fair value at each balance sheet date thereafter. Changes in the estimated fair value of the warrants are recognized in “Change in fair value of warrant liabilities” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

Based on the availability of sufficient observable information, the Company determines the fair value of the liability classified private placement warrants by approximating the value with the price of the public warrants at the respective period end, which is inherently less subjective and judgmental given it is based on observable inputs.

### ***Other Comprehensive Loss***

The Company’s comprehensive loss includes net income (loss) as well as foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax. Unrealized foreign currency exchange gains and losses on certain intercompany transactions that are of a long-term investment nature (i.e., settlement is not planned or anticipated in the foreseeable future) are also recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss in stockholders’ equity.

### **Fair Value Measurements**

The Company defines fair value as the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When determining the fair value measurements for assets and liabilities, which are required to be recorded at fair value, the Company considers the principal or most advantageous market in which the Company would transact and the market-based risk measurements or assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, such as risks inherent in valuation techniques, transfer restrictions and credit risk. Fair value is estimated by applying the following hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value into three levels and bases the categorization within the hierarchy upon the lowest level of input that is available and significant to the fair value measurement:

- Level 1 — Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 — Observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
- Level 3 — Inputs that are generally unobservable and typically reflect management’s estimate of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

### **Variable Interest Entities and Investments**

In accordance with the guidance for the consolidation of a variable interest entity (“VIE”), the Company analyzes its variable interests, including loans, leases, guarantees, and equity investments, to determine if the entity in which it has a variable interest is a VIE. The Company’s analysis includes both quantitative and qualitative considerations. The Company bases its quantitative analysis on the forecasted cash flows of the entity, and its qualitative analysis on its review of the design of the entity, its organizational structure including decision-making ability and financial agreements. The Company also uses its quantitative and qualitative analyses to determine if it is the primary beneficiary of the VIE, and if such determination is made, it includes the accounts of the VIE in its consolidated financial statements.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

#### *Recent Accounting Standards Adopted by the Company*

In December 2023, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2023-07, *Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures*, which requires entities to disclose incremental segment information on an annual and interim basis, including significant segment expenses and measures of profit or loss that are regularly provided to the CODM. The standard is effective for the Company beginning in fiscal year 2024 and interim periods within fiscal year 2025, with early adoption permitted. The Company adopted the standard retrospectively. Refer to Note 17—*Operating Segments and Geographic Information* for additional information on the Company’s reportable segments.

#### *Accounting Standards Recently Issued but Not Yet Adopted by the Company*

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures*, which requires entities to expand their existing income tax disclosures, specifically related to the rate reconciliation and income taxes paid. The standard is effective for the Company beginning in fiscal year 2025, with early adoption permitted. The new standard is

expected to be applied prospectively, but retrospective application is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of ASU 2023-09 on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In March 2024, the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) adopted final climate-related disclosure rules under SEC Release Nos. 33-11275 and 34-99678, *The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors*. The rules require disclosure of governance, risk management and strategy related to material climate-related risks as well as disclosure of material greenhouse gas emissions in registration statements and annual reports. In addition, the rules require presentation of certain material climate-related disclosures in the annual consolidated financial statements. On April 4, 2024, the SEC voluntarily stayed the effective date of the final rules pending completion of judicial review following legal challenges. The disclosure requirements will apply to the Company beginning with fiscal year 2025, pending resolution of the stay. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the rules on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In November 2024, the FASB issued ASU 2024-03, *Income Statement-Reporting Comprehensive Income-Expense Disaggregation Disclosures (Subtopic 220-40): Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses* (“ASU 2024-03”). Additionally, in January 2025, the FASB issued ASU 2025-01 to clarify the effective date of ASU 2024-03. ASU 2024-03 requires public entities to disclose additional information about specific expense categories in the notes to the financial statements on an interim and annual basis. The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2026, and interim periods within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2027. The new standard is expected to be applied prospectively, but retrospective application is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of ASU 2024-03 on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

All other new accounting pronouncements issued, but not yet effective or adopted have been deemed to be not relevant to the Company and, accordingly, are not expected to have a material impact once adopted.

## **2. Discontinued Operations, Deconsolidation of European Joint Venture, Divestitures and Acquisitions**

### ***Discontinued Operations***

The Company classifies a business that has been disposed of or is classified as held for sale as a discontinued operation when the criteria prescribed by FASB ASC 205, *Presentation of Financial Statements* are met. While the 2023 Divestitures did not previously qualify for presentation as discontinued operations, the Company concluded that, in the aggregate, the sales of these businesses along with the 2024 Divestitures (collectively, the “discontinued operations” that are all part of the divestiture plan) met the criteria for discontinued operations presentation as their dispositions represent a strategic shift that has had a major effect on the Company's operations and financial results. As a result, each of these businesses has been reclassified to discontinued operations in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss, Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for all periods presented.

As part of the agreements for certain divestitures, the Company has agreed to provide certain transitional services as detailed within respective transition services agreements for a period of time after sale. Income and expenses related to these transitional services are immaterial and are reported in “Net loss from continuing operations” on the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

The following table presents the summarized balance sheet of discontinued operations. As of December 31, 2024, all businesses that were previously classified as discontinued operations had been fully divested.

| (in thousands)  | December 31, 2023 |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>Carrying amounts of major classes of assets</b>                                  |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 5,641          |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for expected credit losses of \$2,834         | 56,848            |
| Prepaid and other current assets  | 6,839             |
| Property and equipment, net   | 10,245            |
| Goodwill  | 160,400           |
| Other intangible assets, net  | 41,025            |
| Investments in unconsolidated affiliates  | 564               |
| Other assets  | 4,040             |
| Total assets of discontinued operations <sup>(1)</sup>                              | \$ 285,602        |
| <b>Carrying amounts of major classes of liabilities</b>                             |                   |
| Current portion of long-term debt   | \$ 306            |
| Accounts payable  | 9,737             |
| Accrued compensation and benefits   | 5,729             |
| Other accrued expenses  | 3,210             |
| Deferred revenues   | 3,137             |
| Long-term debt, net of current portion  | 4,666             |
| Other liabilities   | 3,024             |
| Total liabilities of discontinued operations <sup>(1)</sup>                         | \$ 29,809         |
| <b>Total net assets of the disposal group classified as discontinued operations</b> | <b>\$ 255,793</b> |

(1) Certain assets and liabilities from discontinued operations are classified as noncurrent at December 31, 2023 as they did not previously meet the held-for-sale criteria at that date.

The following table presents the summarized statements of operations of discontinued operations.

| (in thousands)   | Year Ended December 31, |            |            |
|--|-------------------------|------------|------------|
|  | 2024                    | 2023       | 2022       |
| Revenues   | \$ 80,017               | \$ 324,720 | \$ 403,400 |
| Cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown separately below)                     | 59,605                  | 245,420    | 319,691    |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses  | 15,816                  | 14,855     | 12,154     |
| (Gain) loss on divestitures  | (95,099)                | 19,068     | —          |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 4,695                   | 15,841     | 17,029     |
| Total operating expenses   | (14,983)                | 295,184    | 348,874    |
| Operating income from discontinued operations  | 95,000                  | 29,536     | 54,526     |
| Other expenses:  |                         |            |            |
| Interest expense   | 48                      | 68         | 72         |
| Total other expenses   | 48                      | 68         | 72         |
| Income before income taxes from discontinued operations  | 94,952                  | 29,468     | 54,454     |
| Provision for income taxes from discontinued operations  | 41,318                  | 8,639      | 13,104     |
| Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax  | 53,634                  | 20,829     | 41,350     |
| Less: net income (loss) from discontinued operations attributable to noncontrolling interest, net of tax | 2,192                   | 594        | (546)      |
| Net income from discontinued operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.         | \$ 51,442               | \$ 20,235  | \$ 41,896  |

The following table provides a summary of the cash flows from discontinued operations:

| (in thousands)  | Year Ended December 31, |           |            |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
|   | 2024                    | 2023      | 2022       |
| Net cash provided by operating activities from discontinued operations                | \$ 6,437                | \$ 10,513 | \$ 16,553  |
| Net cash used in investing activities from discontinued operations                    | (7,304)                 | (4,708)   | (7,440)    |
| Net cash used in financing activities from discontinued operations                    | (4,362)                 | (2,942)   | (10,263)   |
| Net effect of foreign currency changes on cash from discontinued operations           | (412)                   | 76        | (307)      |
| Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash from discontinued operations | \$ (5,641)              | \$ 2,939  | \$ (1,457) |

### 2024 Divestitures

On January 31, 2024, the Company sold a collection of foodservice businesses, previously classified as held for sale (as current assets) as of December 31, 2023 (collectively with the other businesses disposed during the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, the “2024 Divestitures”). As part of the sale, the foodservice businesses were combined with an entity owned by the buyer, with the Company receiving approximately \$91.0 million, subject to working capital adjustments and an ongoing 7.5% interest in the combined business. The ongoing ownership interest represents a continuing involvement which the Company has determined represents an equity method investment. Upon the close of the transaction, the retained 7.5% interest was recognized at fair value of \$8.4 million, valued using unobservable inputs (i.e., Level 3 inputs), primarily discounted cash flow.

The investment is reported in “Investments in unconsolidated affiliates” on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and an immaterial amount of equity income (loss) reported in “Income from equity method investments” on the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss for the year ended December 31, 2024. Transactions between the Company and the combined foodservice entity are considered to be related-party transactions subsequent to the divestiture.

During the second quarter of 2024, the Company sold two agencies in the Branded Services segment, one agency in the Experiential Services segment and one agency in the Retailer Services segment. The Company received \$65.2 million including estimated working capital adjustments.

On July 31, 2024, the Company completed the sale of the Jun Group business in exchange for proceeds of approximately \$185.0 million less any adjustments. The Company received approximately \$130.0 million in cash upon completion of the sale. As part of the purchase agreement, the buyer has agreed to remit the remaining consideration of \$27.5 million (less \$5.0 million estimated adjustments) and \$27.5 million, 12 and 18 months, respectively, after the completion of the sale.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company recorded a gain from the 2024 Divestitures of \$95.1 million as a component of “Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. Proceeds from the sales were classified as cash provided by investing activities from continuing operations in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

### 2023 Deconsolidation of ASL

On November 30, 2023 the Company reduced its equity interest in Advantage Smollan Limited (“ASL”), its European joint venture, from a majority interest to a minority interest of 49.6%. The Company also removed certain participating rights with ASL related to capital allocation and certain of the Company’s decision making rights, resulting in a loss of control. Therefore, in accordance with ASC 810, ASL was deconsolidated from the Company’s consolidated financial statements. Effective December 1, 2023, the Company’s investment in ASL is accounted for under the equity method of accounting, with the investment reported in “Investments in unconsolidated affiliates” on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and equity income (loss) reported in “Income from equity method investments” on the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Loss. Transactions between the Company and ASL are considered to be related-party transactions from the date of deconsolidation.

The fair value of the Company's continuing investment in ASL of \$91.9 million was determined at the date of deconsolidation, recorded within “Investments in unconsolidated affiliates” on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and is assessed for impairment at each reporting period. The estimated fair value of the underlying business was determined based on a combination of the income and market approaches. The income approach utilizes estimates of discounted cash flows for the underlying business, which requires assumptions for growth rates, EBITDA margins, terminal growth rate, discount rate, and incremental net working capital, all of which require significant management judgment. The market approach applies market multiples derived from historical earnings data of selected guideline publicly traded companies. The Company compared a weighted average of the output from the income and market approaches to compute the fair value of ASL. The assumptions in the income and market approach are based on significant inputs not

observable in the market and thus represent Level 3 measurements within the fair value hierarchy (described in Note 1—*Organization and Significant Accounting Policies*). The difference between the carrying value of the assets and liabilities of ASL that were deconsolidated and the fair value of the continuing investment, as determined at the date of deconsolidation, was \$58.9 million, before tax, and this gain on deconsolidation is reflected within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Loss for the year ended December 31, 2023. As a result of the ASL deconsolidation, the Company determined a triggering event occurred for the sales indefinite-lived trade name and an intangible asset impairment charge of \$43.5 million was recorded. As part of the Company derecognizing ASL, the Company attributed \$18.2 million of the former Sales reporting unit goodwill to that business, which was derecognized and reflected in the calculated gain on sale. The Company determined that the remaining former Sales reporting unit goodwill was not impaired.

ASL is party to transactions with the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries entered into in the normal course of business and these transactions include corporate expenses for services benefiting ASL. Up to the date of the deconsolidation, these transactions were eliminated on consolidation and had no impact on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. After deconsolidating ASL, these transactions are treated as third-party transactions in the Company's financial statements. The amount of these related-party transactions is included within Note 15—*Related Parties*.

### **2023 Divestitures**

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company recognized a loss on the sale of businesses of \$19.1 million, as a component of "Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. The Company received \$21.1 million of proceeds, net of transaction fees and holdbacks.

### **2022 Acquisitions**

The Company acquired four businesses during the year ended December 31, 2022. The acquisitions were accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting. As such, the purchase consideration for each acquired business was allocated to the acquired tangible and intangible assets and liabilities assumed based upon their respective fair values. Assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the business combinations were recorded on the Company's financial statements as of the acquisition date based upon the estimated fair value at such date. The excess of the purchase consideration over the estimated fair value of the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired was recorded as goodwill. The results of operations of each acquired business has been included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss since its respective date of acquisition.

The aggregate purchase price for the acquisitions referenced above was \$75.5 million, which includes \$74.2 million paid in cash, \$0.5 million recorded as contingent consideration liabilities, and \$0.8 million recorded as holdback amounts. Contingent consideration payments are determined based on future financial performance and payment obligations (as defined in the applicable purchase agreement) and are recorded at fair value. The maximum potential payment outcome related to the acquisitions was \$1.6 million. The goodwill related to the acquisitions represented the value paid for the assembled workforce, geographic presence, and expertise. Of the resulting goodwill relating to these acquisitions, \$1.0 million is deductible for tax purposes.

The fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquisitions less post-close adjustments related to working capital completed during the year ended December 31, 2022, as of the applicable acquisition dates, are as follows:

**(in thousands)**

**Consideration:**

|  |    |               |
|--|----|---------------|
| Cash                                   | \$ | 74,206        |
| Holdback                               |    | 810           |
| Fair value of contingent consideration |    | 510           |
| Total consideration                    |    | <u>75,526</u> |

**Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed:**

*Assets*

|                                |    |               |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------|
| Accounts receivable            | \$ | 6,817         |
| Other assets                   |    | 3,446         |
| Identifiable intangible assets |    | 25,546        |
| Total assets                   |    | <u>35,809</u> |

*Liabilities*

|                                    |  |               |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Accounts payable                   |  | 7,363         |
| Deferred tax liabilities and other |  | 8,546         |
| Total liabilities                  |  | <u>15,909</u> |

|                                    |  |       |
|------------------------------------|--|-------|
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest |  | 1,987 |
|------------------------------------|--|-------|

|                         |  |     |
|-------------------------|--|-----|
| Noncontrolling interest |  | 974 |
|-------------------------|--|-----|

|                               |  |               |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Total identifiable net assets |  | <u>16,939</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------|

|                                    |    |               |
|------------------------------------|----|---------------|
| Goodwill arising from acquisitions | \$ | <u>58,587</u> |
|------------------------------------|----|---------------|

The identifiable intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The fair value and estimated useful lives of the intangible assets acquired are as follows:

| <b>(in thousands)</b>                | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Weighted Average<br/>Useful Life</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Client relationships                 | \$ 24,413     | 6 years                                 |
| Trade names                          | 1,133         | 5 years                                 |
| Total identifiable intangible assets | <u>25,546</u> |   |

The operating results of the businesses acquired during the year ended December 31, 2022 contributed total revenues of \$35.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2022. The Company has determined that the presentation of net income (loss) from the date of acquisition is impracticable due to the integration of the operations upon acquisition.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company incurred \$0.8 million in transaction costs related to the acquisitions described above. These costs have been included in "Selling, general, and administrative expenses" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

### 3. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Changes in goodwill for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

| (in thousands)                                | Branded<br>Services | Experiential<br>Services | Retailer Services | Total             |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Gross carrying amount as of December 31, 2022 | \$ 990,115          | \$ 547,671               | \$ 1,206,559      | \$ 2,744,345      |
| Accumulated impairment charge                 | (722,675)           | (308,244)                | (988,604)         | (2,019,523)       |
| Balance at January 1, 2023                    | 267,440             | 239,427                  | 217,955           | 724,822           |
| Measurement period adjustments                | 350                 | —                        | —                 | 350               |
| Deconsolidation of subsidiaries               | (18,193)            | —                        | —                 | (18,193)          |
| Foreign exchange translation effects          | 3,212               | —                        | —                 | 3,212             |
| Balance at December 31, 2023                  | 252,809             | 239,427                  | 217,955           | 710,191           |
| Impairment charge                             | (233,170)           | —                        | —                 | (233,170)         |
| Balance at December 31, 2024                  | <u>\$ 19,639</u>    | <u>\$ 239,427</u>        | <u>\$ 217,955</u> | <u>\$ 477,021</u> |

During the second quarter of fiscal year 2024, the Company determined a triggering event occurred and an impairment assessment was warranted for the Branded Agencies reporting unit goodwill due to the pending sale of one of the businesses that comprised a substantial portion of the assets, liabilities and prospective cash flows of the Branded Agencies reporting unit. As a result of the impairment test performed, the Company recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$99.7 million related to the Company's Branded Agencies reporting unit goodwill during the year ended December 31, 2024, which has been reflected in "Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. As a result of this charge, an immaterial amount of goodwill remains in this reporting unit.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024, the Company identified a triggering event that required an impairment assessment of goodwill for the Branded Services reporting unit. The triggering event was due to the loss of clients and a reduction in the scope of client services as the Company's clients implemented internal cost reduction initiatives in response to challenges in the broader markets in which they operate. As a result of the goodwill impairment test, the Company recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$133.5 million related to the Branded Services reporting unit during the year ended December 31, 2024. This charge is reflected in "Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. As a result of this charge, the Branded Services segment had accumulated impairment losses to goodwill of \$955.8 million as of December 31, 2024.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, the Company recognized goodwill impairment charges of \$1,367.5 million as a result of the Company's annual evaluation of goodwill impairment test (as further described in Note 1—*Organization and Significant Accounting Policies*). Accumulated impairment losses to goodwill were \$2,252.7 million and \$2,019.5 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The following tables set forth information for intangible assets:

| (amounts in thousands)                     | Weighted<br>Average<br>Useful Life | December 31, 2024          |                             |                                      |                       |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|  |                                    | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Value | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Accumulated<br>Impairment<br>Charges | Net Carrying<br>Value |
| <b>Finite-lived intangible assets:</b>     |                                    |                            |                             |                                      |                       |
| Client relationships                       | 14 years                           | \$ 2,256,382               | \$ 1,559,551                | \$ —                                 | \$ 696,831            |
| Trade names                                | 10 years                           | 88,600                     | 62,353                      | —                                    | 26,247                |
| Total finite-lived intangible assets       |                                    | <u>2,344,982</u>           | <u>1,621,904</u>            | <u>—</u>                             | <u>723,078</u>        |
| <b>Indefinite-lived intangible assets:</b> |                                    |                            |                             |                                      |                       |
| Trade name                                 |                                    | 1,480,000                  | —                           | 870,500                              | 609,500               |
| Total other intangible assets              |                                    | <u>\$ 3,824,982</u>        | <u>\$ 1,621,904</u>         | <u>\$ 870,500</u>                    | <u>\$ 1,332,578</u>   |

| (amounts in thousands)                     | Weighted<br>Average<br>Useful Life | December 31, 2023          |                             |                                      |                       |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|  |                                    | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Value | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Accumulated<br>Impairment<br>Charges | Net Carrying<br>Value |
| <b>Finite-lived intangible assets:</b>     |                                    |                            |                             |                                      |                       |
| Client relationships                       | 14 years                           | \$ 2,282,792               | \$ 1,417,570                | \$ —                                 | \$ 865,222            |
| Trade names                                | 10 years                           | 88,600                     | 53,494                      | —                                    | 35,106                |
| Total finite-lived intangible assets       |                                    | 2,371,392                  | 1,471,064                   | —                                    | 900,328               |
| <b>Indefinite-lived intangible assets:</b> |                                    |                            |                             |                                      |                       |
| Trade name                                 |                                    | 1,480,000                  | —                           | 828,500                              | 651,500               |
| Total other intangible assets              |                                    | \$ 3,851,392               | \$ 1,471,064                | \$ 828,500                           | \$ 1,551,828          |

Intangible assets, along with the related accumulated amortization, are removed from the table above at the end of the fiscal year they become fully amortized.

As of December 31, 2024, estimated future amortization expenses of the Company's finite-lived intangible assets are as follows:

| (in thousands)             |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 2025                       | \$ 171,619 |
| 2026                       | 169,131    |
| 2027                       | 167,500    |
| 2028                       | 133,069    |
| 2029                       | 76,636     |
| Thereafter                 | 5,123      |
| Total amortization expense | \$ 723,078 |

The Company records all intangible assets at their respective fair values and assesses the estimated useful lives of the assets at the time of acquisition. Client relationships were valued using the multi-period excess earnings method under the income approach. The values of client relationships are generally regarded as the estimated economic benefit derived from the incremental revenues and related cash flows as a direct result of the client relationships in place versus having to replicate them. Further, the Company evaluated the legal, regulatory, contractual, competitive, economic or other factors in determining the useful life. Trade names were valued using the relief-from-royalty method under the income approach. This method relies on the premise that, in lieu of ownership, a company would be willing to pay a royalty to obtain access to the use and benefits of the trade names. The Company has considered its trade name related to the 2014 Topco Acquisition to be indefinite, as there is no foreseeable limit on the period of time over which such trade names are expected to contribute to the cash flows of the reporting entity.

Amortization expenses included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 were \$177.3 million, \$186.8 million, and \$189.1 million, respectively.

During the fourth quarter of December 31, 2024, the Company recognized an intangible asset impairment charge of \$42.0 million as a result of the triggering event for the Branded Services reporting unit.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company recognized an intangible asset impairment charge of \$43.5 million related to the Company's indefinite-lived trade name, in connection with the Company's deconsolidation of its European joint venture and planned disposition of its foodservice businesses (as further described in Note 1—*Organization and Significant Accounting Policies* and Note 2—*Discontinued Operations, Deconsolidation of European Joint Venture, Divestitures and Acquisitions*). During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company recognized intangible asset impairment charges of \$205.0 million related to the Company's indefinite-lived trade name in connection with the Company's annual intangible asset impairment test on October 1, 2022 (as further described in Note 1—*Organization and Significant Accounting Policies*).

During fiscal year 2022, the Company concluded the impact of challenges in the labor market and continued inflationary pressures was an indicator that impairment may exist related to its client relationship intangible assets and as a result, the Company performed a recoverability test and determined that there was no impairment.

#### 4. Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consist of the following:

| (in thousands)                                  | December 31, |            |
|---|--------------|------------|
|   | 2024         | 2023       |
| Inventory and supplies                          | \$ 8,061     | \$ 29,731  |
| Prepaid expenses                                | 39,473       | 44,949     |
| Interest rate collars and caps                  | —            | 26,279     |
| Prepaid income taxes                            | 2,120        | 2,889      |
| Other receivables                               | 11,626       | 8,187      |
| Consideration receivable from divestitures      | 22,530       | —          |
| Other current assets                            | 3,108        | 3,886      |
| Total prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ 86,918    | \$ 115,921 |

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Costs are determined on the first-in, first-out basis. The Company records write-downs of inventories which are obsolete or in excess of anticipated demand or net realizable value based on a consideration of marketability, historical sales and demand forecasts which consider assumptions about future demand and market conditions.

Other assets consist of the following:

| (in thousands)                             | December 31, |           |
|--|--------------|-----------|
|  | 2024         | 2023      |
| Operating lease right-of-use assets        | \$ 25,932    | \$ 33,841 |
| Deposits                                   | 3,394        | 3,201     |
| Workers' compensation receivable           | 3,605        | 3,941     |
| Consideration receivable from divestitures | 25,166       | —         |
| Other long-term assets                     | 3,810        | 2,560     |
| Total other assets                         | \$ 61,907    | \$ 43,543 |

#### 5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following:

| (in thousands)                    | December 31, |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|
|                                   | 2024         | 2023       |
| Software                          | \$ 140,680   | \$ 103,260 |
| Computer hardware                 | 51,367       | 58,528     |
| Leasehold improvements            | 16,342       | 18,668     |
| Furniture, fixtures, and other    | 4,553        | 4,368      |
| Total property and equipment      | 212,942      | 184,824    |
| Less: accumulated depreciation    | (115,179)    | (120,116)  |
| Total property and equipment, net | \$ 97,763    | \$ 64,708  |

Depreciation expense was \$27.3 million, \$22.0 million, and \$27.0 million related to property and equipment for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

## 6. Other Liabilities

Other accrued expenses consist of the following:

| (in thousands)                           | Year Ended December 31, |            |
|--|-------------------------|------------|
|  | 2024                    | 2023       |
| Accrued interest payable                 | \$ 30,987               | \$ 35,637  |
| Contingent consideration                 | —                       | 18,355     |
| Operating lease liabilities              | 13,323                  | 14,573     |
| Accrued income taxes                     | 6,238                   | 3,864      |
| General liability insurance reserve      | 16,054                  | 12,926     |
| Client deposits                          | 12,906                  | 15,544     |
| Rebates due to retailers                 | 9,752                   | 6,348      |
| Liabilities related to the Take 5 Matter | 9,416                   | 9,416      |
| Employee medical self-insurance reserves | 10,250                  | 8,695      |
| Accrued restructuring and reorganization | 15,598                  | 6,402      |
| Other accrued expenses                   | 10,153                  | 12,655     |
| Total other accrued expenses             | \$ 134,677              | \$ 144,415 |

Other long-term liabilities consist of the following:

| (in thousands)                    | December 31, |           |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
|                                   | 2024         | 2023      |
| Operating lease liabilities       | \$ 24,648    | \$ 33,967 |
| Workers' compensation             | 33,722       | 35,025    |
| Other long-term liabilities       | 5,771        | 5,563     |
| Total other long-term liabilities | \$ 64,141    | \$ 74,555 |

Under the workers' compensation programs, the estimated liability for claims incurred but unpaid at December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$59.4 million and \$63.0 million, respectively. These amounts include reported claims as well as claims incurred but not reported. As of December 31, 2024, \$25.7 million and \$33.7 million of this liability was included in the "Accrued compensation and benefits" and "Other long-term liabilities" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, respectively. As of December 31, 2023, \$28.0 million and \$35.0 million of this liability was included in the "Accrued compensation and benefits" and "Other long-term liabilities" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, respectively. In connection with its deductible limits, the Company has standby letters-of-credit in the amount of \$44.1 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$15.0 million and \$16.0 million surety bond as of such years supporting the estimated unpaid claim liabilities.

### Contingent Consideration Liabilities

Each reporting period, the Company measures the fair value of its contingent liabilities by evaluating the significant unobservable inputs and probability weightings using Monte Carlo simulations. Any resulting decreases or increases in the fair value result in a corresponding gain or loss reported in "Selling, general, and administrative expenses" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. The Company has reassessed the fair value of contingent consideration based on the achievement of performance targets as defined in the respective purchase agreements and it resulted in fair value adjustments of \$1.7 million and \$11.2 million losses that are included in "Selling, general, and administrative expenses" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As of December 31, 2024, there were no contingent consideration liabilities outstanding.

The following table summarizes the changes in the carrying value of the contingent consideration liabilities:

| (in thousands)          | December 31, |           |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|
|                         | 2024         | 2023      |
| Beginning of the period | \$ 18,355    | \$ 14,626 |
| Changes in fair value   | 1,678        | 11,152    |
| Payments                | (20,033)     | (7,423)   |
| End of the period       | \$ —         | \$ 18,355 |

## 7. Restructuring

During fiscal year 2024, the Company implemented restructuring plans as a result of the overall reorganization.

### *Voluntary Early Retirement Program (“VERP”)*

During fiscal year 2024, the Company offered a VERP to certain eligible U.S.-based employees. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$20.1 million of settlement charges and special termination benefits in “Selling, general, and administrative expenses” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

### *2024 Restructuring Program (“2024 RIF”)*

In September 2024, the Company announced a cost savings program to improve operational performance and align cost structures consistent with revenue levels associated with business changes, which includes termination benefits associated with a reduction-in-force substantially completed in fiscal year 2024. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$9.9 million of settlement charges and special termination benefits in “Selling, general, and administrative expenses” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

As of December 31, 2024, \$14.1 million of the Company’s restructuring charges were included in “Other accrued expenses” in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The following table summarizes the Company’s restructuring activity:

| <b>(in thousands)</b>        | <b>2024 RIF</b> | <b>2024 VERP</b> | <b>Total</b>     |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Balance at January 1, 2024   | \$ —            | \$ —             | \$ —             |
| Charges                      | 9,931           | 20,120           | 30,051           |
| Cash payments                | (7,644)         | (8,339)          | (15,983)         |
| Balance at December 31, 2024 | <u>\$ 2,287</u> | <u>\$ 11,781</u> | <u>\$ 14,068</u> |

The following table summarizes the Company’s restructuring expense by segment:

| <b>(in thousands)</b>        | <b>Year Ended<br/>December 31, 2024</b> |
|------------------------------|---|
| Branded Services             | \$ 19,343                               |
| Experiential Services        | 4,368                                   |
| Retailer Services            | 6,340                                   |
| Total restructuring expenses | <u>\$ 30,051</u>                        |

## 8. Debt

| <b>(in thousands)</b>                  | <b>December 31,</b> |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2023</b>         |
| Term Loan Facility                     | \$ 1,105,995        | \$ 1,149,057        |
| Senior Secured Notes                   | 615,087             | 743,000             |
| Other notes                            | —                   | 426                 |
| Total long-term debt                   | 1,721,082           | 1,892,483           |
| Less: current portion                  | 13,250              | 13,274              |
| Less: debt issuance costs              | 21,142              | 31,091              |
| Long-term debt, net of current portion | <u>\$ 1,686,690</u> | <u>\$ 1,848,118</u> |

### *Senior Secured Credit Facilities*

Effective October 28, 2020, Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (the “Borrower”), entered into (i) a senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility (“ABL Revolving Credit Agreement”) in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$400.0 million, subject to borrowing base capacity (as amended and/or restated from time to time, the “Revolving Credit Facility”) and (ii) a secured first lien term loan credit facility (“First Lien Credit Agreement”) in an aggregate

principal amount of \$1.325 billion (as amended and/or/restated from time to time, the “Term Loan Facility” and together with the Revolving Credit Facility, the “Senior Secured Credit Facilities”).

### ***Revolving Credit Facility***

The Revolving Credit Facility provides for revolving loans and letters of credit in an aggregate amount of up to \$500.0 million, subject to borrowing base capacity. Letters of credit are limited to the lesser of (a) \$150.0 million and (b) the aggregate unused amount of commitments under the Revolving Credit Facility then in effect. Loans under the Revolving Credit Facility may be denominated in either U.S. dollars or Canadian dollars. Bank of America, N.A. (“Bank of America”), will act as administrative agent and collateral agent. The Revolving Credit Facility matures five years after the date the Company enters into the Company’s Revolving Credit Facility. The Borrower may use borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility to fund working capital and for other general corporate purposes, including permitted acquisitions and other investments.

Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility are limited by borrowing base calculations based on the sum of specified percentages of eligible accounts receivable plus specified percentages of qualified cash, minus the amount of any applicable reserves. Borrowings will bear interest at a floating rate, which can be either an adjusted Term SOFR or Alternative Currency Spread rate plus an applicable margin or, at the Borrower’s option, a base rate or Canadian Prime Rate plus an applicable margin. The applicable margins for the Revolving Credit Facility are 1.75%, 2.00% or 2.25%, with respect to Term SOFR or Alternative Currency Spread rate borrowings and 0.75%, 1.00%, or 1.25%, with respect to base rate or Canadian Prime Rate borrowings, in each case depending on average excess availability under the Revolving Credit Facility. The Borrower’s ability to draw under the Revolving Credit Facility or issue letters of credit thereunder will be conditioned upon, among other things, the Borrower’s delivery of prior written notice of a borrowing or issuance, as applicable, the Borrower’s ability to reaffirm the representations and warranties contained in the credit agreement governing the Revolving Credit Facility and the absence of any default or event of default thereunder.

The Borrower’s obligations under the Revolving Credit Facility are guaranteed by Karman Intermediate Corp. (“Holdings”) and all of the Borrower’s direct and indirect wholly owned material U.S. subsidiaries (subject to certain permitted exceptions) and Canadian subsidiaries (subject to certain permitted exceptions, including exceptions based on immateriality thresholds of aggregate assets and revenues of Canadian subsidiaries) (the “Guarantors”). The Revolving Credit Facility is secured by a lien on substantially all of Holdings’, the Borrower’s and the Guarantors’ assets (subject to certain permitted exceptions). The Revolving Credit Facility has a first-priority lien on the current asset collateral and a second-priority lien on security interests in the fixed asset collateral (second in priority to the liens securing the Notes and the Term Loan Facility discussed below), in each case, subject to other permitted liens.

The Revolving Credit Facility has the following fees: (i) an unused line fee of 0.375% or 0.250% per annum of the unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility, depending on average excess availability under the Revolving Credit Facility; (ii) a letter of credit participation fee on the aggregate stated amount of each letter of credit equal to the applicable margin for adjusted Eurodollar rate loans, as applicable; and (iii) certain other customary fees and expenses of the lenders and agents thereunder.

The Revolving Credit Facility contains customary covenants, including, but not limited to, restrictions on the Borrower’s ability and that of its subsidiaries to merge and consolidate with other companies, incur indebtedness, grant liens or security interests on assets, make acquisitions, loans, advances or investments, pay dividends, sell or otherwise transfer assets, optionally prepay or modify terms of any junior indebtedness, enter into transactions with affiliates or change its line of business. The Revolving Credit Facility will require the maintenance of a fixed charge coverage ratio (as set forth in the credit agreement governing the Revolving Credit Facility) of 1.00 to 1.00 at the end of each fiscal quarter when excess availability is less than the greater of \$25.0 million and 10% of the lesser of the borrowing base and maximum borrowing capacity. Such fixed charge coverage ratio will be tested at the end of each quarter until such time as excess availability exceeds the level set forth above.

The Revolving Credit Facility provides that, upon the occurrence of certain events of default, the Borrower’s obligations thereunder may be accelerated and the lending commitments terminated. Such events of default include payment defaults to the lenders thereunder, material inaccuracies of representations and warranties, covenant defaults, cross-defaults to other material indebtedness, voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy, insolvency, corporate arrangement, winding-up, liquidation or similar proceedings, material money judgments, material pension-plan events, certain change of control events and other customary events of default.

On October 28, 2021, the Borrower and Holdings also entered into the First Amendment to the ABL Revolving Credit Agreement (the “ABL Amendment”), which amended the ABL Revolving Credit Agreement, dated October 28, 2020, by and among the Borrower, Holdings, the lenders from time-to-time party thereto and Bank of America, as administrative agent. The ABL Amendment was entered into by the Borrower to amend certain terms and provisions, including (i) reducing the interest rate floor for Eurocurrency rate loans from 0.50% to 0.00% and base rate loans from 1.50% to 1.00%, and (ii) updating the provisions by which

U.S. Dollar LIBOR will eventually be replaced with SOFR or another interest rate benchmark to reflect the most recent standards and practices used in the industry. The ABL Amendment was deemed to be a modification of the Revolving Credit Facility for accounting purposes.

On December 2, 2022, the Borrower, Holdings and certain of the Borrower's subsidiaries, entered into the Second Amendment to ABL Revolving Credit Agreement (the "Second Amendment"), which amends the ABL Revolving Credit Agreement, by and among the Borrower, Holdings, the lenders from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, as administrative agent, and the other parties thereto. The Second Amendment was entered into by the Borrower to amend certain terms and provisions of the Revolving Credit Facility, including, among other things: (i) increasing the aggregate amount of maximum revolving commitments available from \$400.0 million to \$500.0 million; (ii) replacing the Eurocurrency Rate interest rate metric with a metric based on Term SOFR (as defined in the Second Amendment), whereby applicable borrowings in United States dollars will bear interest at a floating rate based on Term SOFR plus an applicable margin; (iii) reducing each applicable interest rate pricing tier based on the Average Historical Excess Availability (as defined therein) with respect to Term SOFR borrowings, Alternative Currency borrowings, base rate borrowings and Canadian Prime Rate borrowings, in each case for each pricing tier by 0.25% per annum; and (iv) extending the scheduled maturity date of the borrowings to December 2, 2027.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no amounts due under the Revolving Credit Facility. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, the Company had no borrowings or repayments under the Revolving Credit Facility. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, the Company had borrowings and repayments under the Revolving Credit Facility of \$40.0 million each. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, the Company had borrowings and repayments under the Revolving Credit Facility of \$280.0 million each.

### ***Term Loan Facility***

The Term Loan Facility consists of a term loan credit facility denominated in U.S. dollars in an aggregate outstanding principal amount of \$1.106 billion. Borrowings under the Term Loan Facility amortize in equal quarterly installments in an amount equal to 1.00% per annum of the principal amount. Borrowings will bear interest at a floating rate of Term SOFR plus an applicable margin of 4.25% per annum, subject to additional spread adjustment on SOFR ranging from 0.11% to 0.26%. The Term Loan Facility matures on October 28, 2027.

The Borrower may voluntarily prepay loans or reduce commitments under the Term Loan Facility, in whole or in part, subject to minimum amounts, with prior notice but without premium or penalty. The Company voluntarily repurchased an aggregate of \$29.8 million principal amount of its Term Loan Facility during the year ended December 31, 2024. The Company recognized a gain on the repurchase of \$0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, as a component of "Interest expense, net" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

The Borrower will be required to prepay the Term Loan Facility with 100% of the net cash proceeds of certain asset sales (such percentage subject to reduction based on the achievement of specific first lien net leverage ratios) and subject to certain reinvestment rights, 100% of the net cash proceeds of certain debt issuances and 50% of excess cash flow (such percentage subject to reduction based on the achievement of specific first lien net leverage ratios). The Borrower was not required to make any excess cash flow payments for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the Borrower did not make any other mandatory or voluntary prepayments of the Term Loan Facility for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The Borrower's obligations under the Term Loan Facility are guaranteed by Holdings and the Guarantors. The Term Loan Facility is secured by a lien on substantially all of Holdings', the Borrower's and the Guarantors' assets (subject to certain permitted exceptions). The Term Loan Facility has a first-priority lien on the fixed asset collateral (equal in priority with the liens securing the Notes) and a second-priority lien on the current asset collateral (second in priority to the liens securing the Revolving Credit Facility), in each case, subject to other permitted liens.

The Term Loan Facility contains certain customary negative covenants, including, but not limited to, restrictions on the Borrower's ability and that of its restricted subsidiaries to merge and consolidate with other companies, incur indebtedness, grant liens or security interests on assets, pay dividends or make other restricted payments, sell or otherwise transfer assets or enter into transactions with affiliates.

The Term Loan Facility provides that, upon the occurrence of certain events of default, the Company's obligations thereunder may be accelerated. Such events of default will include payment defaults to the lenders thereunder, material inaccuracies of representations and warranties, covenant defaults, cross-defaults to other material indebtedness, voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy, insolvency, corporate arrangement, winding-up, liquidation or similar proceedings, material money judgments, change of control and other customary events of default.

On October 28, 2021, the Borrower, together Holdings and certain of the Borrower's subsidiaries, entered into Amendment No. 1 to the First Lien Credit Agreement (the "First Lien Amendment"), which amended the Term Loan Facility, dated October 28, 2020, by and among the Borrower, Holdings, Bank of America, as administrative agent and collateral agent, each lender party from time to time thereto, and the other parties thereto. The First Lien Amendment was entered into by the Borrower to reduce the applicable interest rate on the term loan from 5.25% to 4.50% per annum. Additional terms and provisions amended include (i) resetting the period for six months following October 28, 2021 in which a 1.00% prepayment premium shall apply to any prepayment of the term loan in connection with certain repricing events, and (ii) updating the provisions by which U.S. Dollar LIBOR will eventually be replaced with SOFR or another interest rate benchmark to reflect the most recent standards and practices used in the industry. The First Lien Amendment was deemed to be a modification of the Term Loan Facility for accounting purposes. In May 2023, the Company amended the Term Loan Facility to replace the U.S. Dollar LIBOR provisions with SOFR, effective June 30, 2023. In April 2024 (the "Third Lien Amendment Effective Date"), the Company amended the Term Loan Facility (the "Third Lien Amendment") to (i) reduce the applicable interest rate margin (a) from 4.50% to 4.25% for SOFR loans or (b) from 3.50% to 3.25% for base rate loans; and (ii) reset the period for six months following the Third Lien Amendment Effective Date in which a 1.00% prepayment premium shall apply to any prepayment of the term loans in connection with a Repricing Event (as defined in the amended First Lien Credit Agreement). The First Lien Amendment and Third Lien Amendment were deemed to be modifications of the Term Loan Facility for accounting purposes.

### ***Senior Secured Notes***

Effective as of October 28, 2020, Advantage Solutions FinCo LLC ("Finco") issued \$775.0 million aggregate principal amount of 6.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2028 (the "Notes"). Substantially concurrently with the issuance of the Notes, Finco merged with and into Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc. (the "Issuer"), with the Issuer continuing as the surviving entity and assuming the obligations of Finco. The Notes were sold to certain financial institutions and the Notes were then resold to certain non-U.S. persons pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and to persons reasonably believed to be qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act at a purchase price equal to 100% of their principal amount. The terms of the Notes are governed by an Indenture, dated as of October 28, 2020 (the "Indenture"), among Finco, the Issuer, the guarantors named therein (the "Notes Guarantors") and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee and collateral agent.

### ***Interest and maturity***

Interest on the Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on May 15 and November 15 at a rate of 6.50% per annum, commencing on May 15, 2021. The Notes will mature on November 15, 2028.

### ***Guarantees***

The Notes are guaranteed by Holdings and each of the Issuer's direct and indirect wholly owned material U.S. subsidiaries (subject to certain permitted exceptions) and Canadian subsidiaries (subject to certain permitted exceptions, including exceptions based on immateriality thresholds of aggregate assets and revenues of Canadian subsidiaries) that is a borrower or guarantor under the Term Loan Facility.

### ***Security and ranking***

The Notes and the related guarantees are the general, senior secured obligations of the Issuer and the Notes Guarantors, are secured on a first-priority *pari passu* basis by security interests on the fixed asset collateral (equal in priority with liens securing the Term Loan Facility), and are secured on a second-priority basis by security interests on the current asset collateral (second in priority to the liens securing the Revolving Credit Facility and equal in priority with liens securing the Term Loan Facility), in each case, subject to certain limitations and exceptions and permitted liens.

The Notes and related guarantees rank (i) equally in right of payment with all of the Issuer's and the Guarantors' senior indebtedness, without giving effect to collateral arrangements (including the Senior Secured Credit Facilities) and effectively equal to all of the Issuer's and the Guarantors' senior indebtedness secured on the same priority basis as the Notes, including the Term Loan Facility, (ii) effectively subordinated to any of the Issuer's and the Guarantors' indebtedness that is secured by assets that do not constitute collateral for the Notes to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness and to indebtedness that is secured by a senior-priority lien, including the Revolving Credit Facility to the extent of the value of the current asset collateral and (iii) structurally subordinated to the liabilities of the Issuer's non-Guarantor subsidiaries.

### *Optional redemption for the Notes*

The Notes are redeemable on or after November 15, 2023 at the applicable redemption prices specified in the Indenture plus accrued and unpaid interest. If the Issuer or its restricted subsidiaries sell certain of their respective assets or experience specific kinds of changes of control, subject to certain exceptions, the Issuer must offer to purchase the Notes at par. In connection with any offer to purchase all Notes, if holders of no less than 90% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes validly tender their Notes, the Issuer is entitled to redeem any remaining Notes at the price offered to each holder. The Borrower may voluntarily prepay loans or reduce commitments under the Notes, in whole or in part without premium or penalty at a mutually agreeable rate between the buyer and the seller. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Borrower repurchased Notes with a par value of \$127.9 million for \$118.3 million. The Company recognized a gain on the repurchase of the Notes of \$9.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, as a component of “Interest expense, net” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. The Company recognized a gain on the repurchase of the Notes of \$4.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, as a component of “Interest expense, net” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

### *Restrictive covenants*

The Notes are subject to covenants that, among other things limit the Issuer’s ability and its restricted subsidiaries’ ability to: incur additional indebtedness or guarantee indebtedness; pay dividends or make other distributions in respect of, or repurchase or redeem, the Issuer’s or a parent entity’s capital stock; prepay, redeem or repurchase certain indebtedness; issue certain preferred stock or similar equity securities; make loans and investments; sell or otherwise dispose of assets; incur liens; enter into transactions with affiliates; enter into agreements restricting the Issuer’s subsidiaries’ ability to pay dividends; and consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of the Issuer’s assets, except as permitted under the terms of the Notes. Most of these covenants will be suspended on the Notes when they have investment grade ratings from both Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. and S&P Global Ratings and so long as no default or event of default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing.

### *Events of default*

The following constitute events of default under the Notes, among others: default in the payment of interest; default in the payment of principal; failure to comply with covenants; failure to pay other indebtedness after final maturity or acceleration of other indebtedness exceeding a specified amount; certain events of bankruptcy; failure to pay a judgment for payment of money exceeding a specified aggregate amount; voidance of subsidiary guarantees; failure of any material provision of any security document or intercreditor agreement to be in full force and effect; and lack of perfection of liens on a material portion of the collateral, in each case subject to applicable grace periods.

### *Debt Maturities*

Future minimum principal payments on long-term debt are as follows:

| <b>(in thousands)</b>                   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 2025                                    | \$ 13,250           |
| 2026                                    | 13,250              |
| 2027                                    | 1,079,495           |
| 2028                                    | 615,087             |
| 2029                                    | —                   |
| Total future minimum principal payments | <u>\$ 1,721,082</u> |

## **9. Leases**

The Company leases facilities, and equipment under noncancelable leases that have been classified as operating leases for financial reporting purposes. These leases often include one or more options to renew and the lease term includes the renewal terms when it is reasonably certain that the Company will exercise the option. In general, for the Company’s material leases, the renewal options are not included in the calculation of its right-of-use assets and lease liabilities, as the Company does not believe that it is reasonably certain that these renewal options will be exercised. The Company’s lease agreements do not contain any material residual guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

All operating lease expenses are recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term as a component of “Selling, general, and administrative expenses” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. Payments under the Company’s lease arrangements are primarily fixed. However, certain lease agreements contain variable costs, which are expensed as incurred and

not included in the calculation of the Company's right-of-use assets and related liabilities for those leases. These costs typically include real estate taxes, common area maintenance and utilities for which the Company is obligated to pay under the terms of those leases.

During the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, the Company expensed approximately \$18.0 million, \$26.5 million and \$29.7 million, respectively, of total operating lease costs, which includes \$2.0 million, \$4.8 million and \$4.4 million of variable lease costs, respectively.

Based on the present value of the lease payments for the remaining lease term of the Company's existing leases, the Company's right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for operating leases as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

| (in thousands)                         | Classification              | December 31, |           |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|
|  |                             | 2024         | 2023      |
| <b>Assets</b>                          |                             |              |           |
| Operating lease right-of-use assets    | Other assets                | \$ 25,932    | \$ 33,841 |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                     |                             |              |           |
| Current operating lease liabilities    | Other accrued expenses      | 13,323       | 14,573    |
| Noncurrent operating lease liabilities | Other long-term liabilities | 24,648       | 33,967    |
| Total lease liabilities                |                             | \$ 37,971    | \$ 48,540 |

Because the rate implicit in each lease is not readily determinable, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate to determine the present value of the lease payments. In determining its incremental borrowing rate, the Company reviewed the terms of its leases, its credit facilities, and other factors.

Information related to the Company's right-of-use assets and related lease liabilities were as follows:

| (amounts in thousands)   | Year Ended December 31, |           |           |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 2024                    | 2023      | 2022      |
| Cash paid for operating lease liabilities                                    | \$ 18,518               | \$ 25,527 | \$ 22,561 |
| Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease obligations | 855                     | 18,187    | 29,937    |
| Weighted-average remaining lease term  | 3.5 years               | 3.8 years | 4.3 years |
| Weighted-average discount rate   | 9.9%                    | 9.8%      | 8.6%      |

Maturities of lease liabilities as of December 31, 2024 were as follows:

| (in thousands)                     |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 2025                               | \$ 16,328 |
| 2026                               | 12,735    |
| 2027                               | 6,914     |
| 2028                               | 4,072     |
| 2029                               | 3,351     |
| Thereafter                         | 1,883     |
| Total lease payments               | 45,283    |
| Less: imputed interest             | (7,312)   |
| Present value of lease liabilities | \$ 37,971 |

## 10. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company measures fair value based on the prices that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements are based on a three-tier hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value.

As of December 31, 2024, and 2023, the Company's interest rate derivatives and forward contracts are Level 2 assets and liabilities with the related fair values based on third-party pricing service models. These models use discounted cash flows that utilize market-based forward swap curves commensurate with the terms of the underlying instruments.

As of December 31, 2023, the contingent consideration liabilities are Level 3 liabilities with the related fair values based on significant unobservable inputs and probability weightings in using the income approach.

The following table sets forth the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis at fair value, categorized by input level within the fair value hierarchy. The carrying amounts of "Cash and cash equivalents", "Accounts receivable", and "Accounts payable" approximate fair value due to the short-term maturities of these financial instruments in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

| (in thousands)                            | December 31, 2024 |         |         |         |
|---|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|   | Fair Value        | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| <b>Assets measured at fair value</b>      |                   |         |         |         |
| Derivative financial instruments          | \$ 796            | \$ —    | \$ 796  | \$ —    |
| Total assets measured at fair value       | \$ 796            | \$ —    | \$ 796  | \$ —    |
| <b>Liabilities measured at fair value</b> |                   |         |         |         |
| Warrant liability                         | \$ 82             | \$ —    | \$ 82   | \$ —    |
| Total liabilities measured at fair value  | \$ 82             | \$ —    | \$ 82   | \$ —    |

| (in thousands)                            | December 31, 2023 |         |           |           |
|---|-------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Fair Value        | Level 1 | Level 2   | Level 3   |
| <b>Assets measured at fair value</b>      |                   |         |           |           |
| Derivative financial instruments          | \$ 26,344         | \$ —    | \$ 26,344 | \$ —      |
| Total assets measured at fair value       | \$ 26,344         | \$ —    | \$ 26,344 | \$ —      |
| <b>Liabilities measured at fair value</b> |                   |         |           |           |
| Warrant liability                         | \$ 667            | \$ —    | \$ 667    | \$ —      |
| Contingent consideration liabilities      | 18,355            | —       | —         | 18,355    |
| Total liabilities measured at fair value  | \$ 19,022         | \$ —    | \$ 667    | \$ 18,355 |

#### **Interest Rate Collar and Agreements**

The Company had interest rate collar and cap contracts with an aggregate notional value of principals of \$850.0 million and \$950.0 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, from various financial institutions to manage the Company's exposure to interest rate movements on variable rate credit facilities. In July 2024, the Company entered into two interest rate collar contracts with a notional value of principal of \$200.0 million each to manage the Company's exposure to potential interest rate increases that may result from fluctuation in SOFR. The interest rate collar contracts were effective December 16, 2024 and will mature on April 5, 2027 and 2028. In April 2023, the Company entered into two interest rate collar contracts in an aggregate notional amount of \$300.0 million with a maturity date of April 5, 2026 to manage the Company's exposure to potential interest rate increases that may result from fluctuation in SOFR.

The fair value of the Company's outstanding interest rate collars and caps of \$0.8 million and \$26.3 million were included in "Prepaid expenses and other current assets" and "Other assets" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, with changes in fair value recognized as a component of "Interest expense, net" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss.

During the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, the Company recognized interest income of \$5.3 million, \$7.7 million and \$43.8 million, respectively, related to changes in the fair value of its derivative instruments.

#### **Warrant Liability**

The warrant liability is stated at fair value at each reporting period with the change in fair value recorded on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Loss until the warrants are exercised, expire or other facts and circumstances lead the warrant liability to be reclassified as an equity instrument. The private placement warrants are classified as Level 2 based on the availability of sufficient observable information using the price of the public warrants as an indirectly observable quoted price in active markets to measure the fair value of the private placement warrants, which is inherently less subjective and judgmental given it is based on observable inputs.

On October 28, 2020, the Company recorded the initial warrant liability of the private placement warrants of \$7.9 million. Subsequently, the warrant liability was remeasured to fair value resulting in gains of \$0.6 million, \$0.3 million and \$21.2 million

reflected in “Change in fair value of warrant liabilities” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively. As of December 31, 2024, and 2023, 7,333,333 private placement warrants remained outstanding at a fair value of \$0.1 million and \$0.7 million, respectively.

### ***Long-term Debt***

The following table sets forth the carrying values and fair values of the Company’s financial liabilities measured on a non-recurring basis, categorized by input level within the fair value hierarchy:

| <b>(in thousands)</b>               | <b>Carrying Value</b> | <b>Fair Value (Level 2)</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Balance at December 31, 2024</b> |                       |                             |
| Term Loan Facility                  | \$ 1,105,995          | \$ 1,153,346                |
| Senior Secured Notes                | 615,087               | 612,533                     |
| Total long-term debt                | <u>\$ 1,721,082</u>   | <u>\$ 1,765,879</u>         |
| <br>                                |                       |                             |
| <b>(in thousands)</b>               | <b>Carrying Value</b> | <b>Fair Value (Level 2)</b> |
| <b>Balance at December 31, 2023</b> |                       |                             |
| Term Loan Facility                  | \$ 1,149,057          | \$ 1,221,012                |
| Senior Secured Notes                | 743,000               | 745,223                     |
| Other notes                         | 426                   | 100                         |
| Total long-term debt                | <u>\$ 1,892,483</u>   | <u>\$ 1,966,335</u>         |

The fair value of debt reported in the table above is based on adjusted price quotations on the debt instruments in an active market. The Company believes that the carrying value of its other borrowings, including amounts outstanding, if any, for the Revolving Credit Facility, approximate fair market value based on maturities for debt of similar terms.

### ***11. Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates***

The carrying value of the Company’s investments in unconsolidated affiliates accounted for under the equity method was \$226.5 million and \$210.8 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 included the Company’s investment in ASL and Global Smollan Holdings (“GSH”). The Company’s proportionate share in their net assets at December 31, 2024, and 2023 were \$212.6 million and \$205.0 million, respectively.

The Company’s equity method investments are not considered significant based on Regulation S-X Rule 4-08(g); therefore, no summarized financial information for the Company’s unconsolidated subsidiaries have been presented.

#### ***European Joint Venture and Smollan Holdings (“SH”)***

On November 30, 2023, the Company reduced its equity interest in ASL, its European joint venture, from a majority interest to a minority interest of 49.6% (“ASL Transaction”). As part of the ASL Transaction, the Company ceased to have a controlling financial interest in ASL. The Company reassessed the VIE and voting interest models and concluded the Company no longer has control. Therefore, in accordance with ASC 810, ASL was deconsolidated and the Company recorded a gain on deconsolidation of \$58.9 million that has been included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss. Subsequent to the ASL Transaction, the Company retained significant influence over ASL, and the investment in ASL is accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The Company’s equity method investment in ASL was recognized at its fair value totaling \$91.9 million on November 30, 2023.

In conjunction with the ASL Transaction, the Company sold its 12.5% interest in Partnership SPV 1 Limited in exchange for a non-voting interest in GSH, resulting in an insignificant impact on the consolidated financial statements as a result of this transaction.

In May 2023, the Company entered into a transaction in which it contributed its 25% ownership in the common stock of SH to GSH. Subsequent to this contribution, the Company holds a 25% non-voting equity investment in SH that provides the Company with preferred rights to non-cumulative dividends declared by SH with specified annual maximum dividends (“SH Dividend Shares”). The carrying value of the investment was not material as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

### ***ATV Investment***

The Company also holds 9.9% of the outstanding common shares of a subsidiary of a Japanese supermarket chain (“ATV”). The Company does not have significant influence over ATV and, as a result, the Company elected the measurement alternative to value this equity investment without a readily determinable fair value. The Company will continue to apply the alternative measurement guidance until this investment does not qualify to be so measured. The carrying value of the investment was \$5.2 million and \$5.8 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

### ***Ceuta Holdings Limited***

In November 2023, the Company entered into an agreement and sold all of its 8.8% investment in Ceuta Holdings Limited. The Company recognized a loss on sale of investment of \$4.2 million, as a component of “Income from equity method investments” in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss during the year ended December 31, 2023. The Company received \$4.3 million of its common stock in exchange for its investment.

### ***Other Investments***

As part of the sale of the foodservice businesses during the year ended December 31, 2024, the foodservice businesses were combined with an entity owned by the buyer, with the Company receiving an ongoing 7.5% interest in the combined business. The ongoing ownership interest represents a continuing involvement which the Company has determined represents an equity method investment. Upon the close of the transaction, the retained 7.5% interest was recognized at fair value of \$8.4 million. The carrying value of the investment was \$9.0 million as of December 31, 2024.

## 12. Stock-Based Compensation and Other Benefit Plans

The Company has nonqualified stock options, restricted stock units (“RSUs”), and performance restricted stock units (“PSUs”) under the Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Award Plan (the “Plan”). The Company’s RSUs and PSUs are expensed based on the fair value at the grant date. The Company recognized stock-based compensation expense and equity-based compensation expense as follows:

| (in thousands)  | Year Ended December 31, |           |           |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2024                    | 2023      | 2022      |
| Restricted stock-based unit awards                          | \$ 17,731               | \$ 22,177 | \$ 21,215 |
| Other share-based awards                                    | 13,288                  | 13,090    | 10,993    |
| Total stock-based compensation before tax                   | 31,019                  | 35,267    | 32,208    |
| Tax benefit   | (5,050)                 | (8,005)   | (6,695)   |
| Total stock-based compensation expense included in net loss | \$ 25,969               | \$ 27,262 | \$ 25,513 |

### Performance Restricted Stock Units

PSUs granted in fiscal year 2024 are subject to achievement of certain performance conditions based on measurements of the Company’s Adjusted EBITDA margin and cash earnings. The Company’s Adjusted EBITDA margin and cash earnings relative to specified targets will be measured each year over the three-year period of fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026, and an annual achievement percentage will be determined. The annual achievement percentages for each of fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026 will be averaged following the completion of the three-year performance period to determine the final achievement percentage. In addition, the earned PSUs are subject to further adjustment depending on the Company’s performance against a specified peer group for total stockholder return during the three-year performance period. This adjustment can either put a floor or a cap on the calculation of the final PSUs value. Subject to certain termination events, these PSUs are scheduled to cliff-vest on the third-year anniversary of the date of grant and may vest from 0% to 200% of the “target” number of PSUs specified in the table below.

PSUs are subject to the recipient’s continued service to the Company. PSUs granted in fiscal years 2023, 2022 and 2021 are subject to achievement of certain performance conditions based on the Company’s revenues (“PSU Revenues”) and Adjusted EBITDA (“PSU EBITDA”) targets in the respective measurement period and the recipient’s continued service to the Company. The measurement period is based on the twelve months of the respective fiscal year. The PSUs are scheduled to vest over a three-year period from the date of grant and may vest from 0% to 150% of the number of shares set forth in the table below. The number of PSUs earned shall be adjusted to be proportional to the partial performance between the Threshold Goals, Target Goals and Maximum Goals as defined in the award agreements. Details for each aforementioned defined term for each grant have been provided in the table below.

The fair value of PSU grants was equal to the closing price of the Company’s stock on the date of the applicable grant. The maximum potential expense if the Maximum Goals were met for these awards has been provided in the table below. Recognition of expense associated with performance-based stock is not permitted until achievement of the performance targets are probable of occurring.

| Measurement Period | Number of Shares Threshold | Number of Shares Target | Number of Shares Maximum | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share | Maximum Remaining Unrecognized Compensation Expense | Weighted-average remaining requisite service periods |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--|
| 2024               | 130,097                    | 1,040,775               | 2,081,550                | \$ 4.33  | \$ 8,864,917  | 2.3 years  |
| 2023               | 5,592,945                  | 5,592,945               | 8,389,418                | \$ 2.09  | \$ 6,389,726  | 1.4 years  |
| 2022               | 137,120                    | 137,120                 | 137,120                  | \$ 5.51  | \$ 65,102   | 0.4 years  |

The following table summarizes the PSU activity for the year ended December 31, 2024:

|   | <b>Performance<br/>Share Units</b> | <b>Weighted Average Grant<br/>Date Fair Value</b> |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Outstanding at January 1, 2024                  | 7,339,129                          | \$ 2.60   |
| Granted   | 1,064,885                          | \$ 4.33   |
| Distributed                                     | (2,499,489)                        | \$ 3.33   |
| Forfeited                                       | (1,459,997)                        | \$ 2.13   |
| PSU performance adjustment                      | 2,326,312                          | \$ 2.08   |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2024 <sup>(1)</sup> | <u>6,770,840</u>                   | \$ 2.56   |

(1) PSU award activity is presented at Target until the period in which the Human Capital Committee approves the achievement percentages, at which point the awards are adjusted accordingly, subject to additional performance requirements and service-based vesting conditions.

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2025, the Human Capital Committee determined the annual achievement percentage for PSUs granted in fiscal year 2024 to be 128.3%. The value of these PSU awards remain subject to additional performance requirements (i.e. the annual achievement percentages for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 and the Company's performance against a specified peer group for total stockholder return during the three-year performance period) and service-based vesting conditions.

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2024, the Human Capital Committee determined that the achievement of the performance objectives applicable to the PSU EBITDA 2023 and PSU Revenues 2023 objectives were 150% of Target Goals. The value of these PSU awards above the Target Goals remain subject to additional performance requirements (i.e., the above target performance must be maintained in 2024 and 2025) and service-based vesting conditions. The performance period for those PSU awards up to the Target Goals ended on December 31, 2023, but remain subject to service-based vesting conditions.

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2023, the Human Capital Committee determined that the achievement of the performance objective applicable to the PSU EBITDA 2022 objective did not meet the minimum threshold and the achievement of the performance objective applicable to the PSU Revenues 2022 objective was 83.2% of Target Goals. The performance period for those awards ended on December 31, 2022 but remain subject to service-based vesting conditions.

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2022, the Human Capital Committee determined that the achievement of the performance objective applicable to the PSU EBITDA 2021 objective was 64.6% of target and the achievement of the performance objective applicable to the PSU Revenues 2021 objective was 126.2% of target. In the first quarter of fiscal year 2022, the Human Capital Committee determined that the PSU Revenues and PSU EBITDA metrics will be measured separately when determining whether above-target performance has been maintained for future year performance. Such determination is applicable to the PSU grants made in fiscal years 2021 and in 2022. As a result, the 26.2% above-target performance on PSU Revenues for fiscal year 2021 must have been maintained in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 in order for the corresponding above-target PSUs to vest in January 2024. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2024, the Human Capital Committee determined that there was no decline in performance with respect to PSU Revenues in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 and as a result, an amount equal to approximately 9.2% of the target number of PSUs granted in January 2021 that were still outstanding vested in January 2024.

Under the provision of ASC 718, *Compensation—Stock Compensation*, the Company determined that the 2021 PSUs were modified as of March 11, 2022 related to 205,834 above-target PSU Revenues metrics. The stock-based compensation expense for such modification was accounted for as a cancellation of the original award and the issuance of a new award using the fair value of the award on the date of modification.

### Restricted Stock Units

Restricted stock units are subject to the recipient's continued service to the Company. RSUs are generally scheduled to vest over three years and are subject to the provisions of the agreement under the Plan.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the following activities involving RSUs occurred under the Plan:

|                                  | Number of<br>RSUs | Weighted Average Grant<br>Date Fair Value |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Outstanding at January 1, 2024   | 18,238,623        | \$ 2.92                                   |
| Granted                          | 5,872,921         | \$ 4.27                                   |
| Distributed                      | (7,318,370)       | \$ 3.41                                   |
| Forfeited                        | (4,975,728)       | \$ 2.92                                   |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2024 | 11,817,446        | \$ 3.28                                   |

As of December 31, 2024, the total remaining unrecognized compensation cost related to RSUs amounted to \$15.8 million, which will be amortized over the weighted-average remaining requisite service periods of 2.0 years.

### Stock Options

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the following activities involving stock options occurred under the Plan:

|                                  | Stock Options | Weighted Average<br>Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining<br>Contractual Life | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic Value |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Outstanding at January 1, 2024   | 17,375,000    | \$ 6.00                            |  |                              |
| Granted                          | 3,058,018     | \$ 4.33                            |  |                              |
| Forfeited                        | —             | \$ —                               |  |                              |
| Cancelled/Expired                | —             | \$ —                               |  |                              |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2024 | 20,433,018    | \$ 5.75                            | 7.4 years                                      | \$ 3,233,999                 |
| Exercisable at December 31, 2024 | 3,604,999     | \$ 2.59                            | 8.1 years                                      | \$ 2,003,600                 |

The fair value of the employee stock options was estimated using the following weighted average assumptions:

|                         | Year Ended December 31, |           |           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                         | 2024                    | 2023      | 2022      |
| Dividend yield          | 0.0%                    | 0.0%      | 0.0%      |
| Expected volatility     | 40.0%                   | 40.0%     | 34.4%     |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.7%                    | 3.5%      | 2.9%      |
| Expected term           | 4.5 years               | 6.4 years | 6.5 years |

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had approximately \$6.5 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to stock options, net of related forfeiture estimates, which the Company expects to recognize over a weighted-average period of approximately 2.4 years. The weighted average remaining contractual term of all options outstanding as of December 31, 2024 was 7.4 years. The intrinsic value of all outstanding options as of December 31, 2024 was \$3.2 million based on the market price of the Company's common stock of \$2.92 per share. As of December 31, 2024, there were 3.6 million stock options that were exercisable.

### Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The Company provides compensation benefits to employees under the amended 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, (the "ESPP"). Employees have to satisfy one or more requirements before participating in the ESPP and not be subject to certain restrictions (e.g., "highly compensated employees" may not be granted rights to purchase stock under the ESPP).

The administrator may approve offerings with a duration of not more than 27 months and may specify one or more shorter purchase periods within each offering ("Offering Period"). Each offering will have one or more purchase dates on which shares of the common stock will be purchased for the employees who are participating in the offering. The administrator, in its discretion, will determine the terms of offerings under the ESPP.

Beginning with the July 1, 2024 purchase period, the ESPP permits participants to purchase shares of the common stock through payroll deductions with up to 10% of their earnings. The purchase price of the shares will not be less than 90% of the fair market value

of the common stock on the date of purchase. Payroll deductions shall be equal to at least one percent (1%) of the participant's compensation as of each payday of the Offering Period following the first date of each Offering Period (the "Enrollment Date"), but not more than the lesser of fifteen percent (15%) of the participant's compensation as of each payday of the Offering Period following the Enrollment Date or \$10,000 per calendar year.

For purchase periods prior to July 1, 2024, the ESPP permitted participants to purchase shares of the common stock through payroll deductions with up to 15% of their earnings. The purchase price of the shares would not be less than 85% of the lower of the fair market value of the common stock on the first day of an offering or on the date of purchase. Payroll deductions were equal to at least one percent (1%) of the participant's compensation as of each payday of the Offering Period following the Enrollment Date, but not more than the lesser of fifteen percent (15%) of the participant's compensation as of each payday of the Offering Period following the Enrollment Date or \$25,000 per offering period.

A participant may not transfer purchase rights under the ESPP other than by will, the laws of descent and distribution or as otherwise provided under the ESPP.

In the event of a specified corporate transaction, such as a merger or change in control, a successor corporation may assume, continue or substitute each outstanding purchase right. If the successor corporation does not assume, continue or substitute for the outstanding purchase rights, the offering in progress will be shortened and a new exercise date will be set. The participants' purchase rights will be exercised on the new exercise date and such purchase rights will terminate immediately thereafter.

The ESPP will remain in effect until terminated by the administrator in accordance with the terms of the ESPP. The board of directors has the authority to amend, suspend or terminate the ESPP, at any time and for any reason.

### ***Employee Benefit Plans***

The Company sponsors 401(k) plans for certain employees who meet specified age and length of service requirements. The 401(k) plans include a deferral feature under which employees may elect to defer a portion of their salary, subject to Internal Revenue Service limitations. The Company provides a matching contribution based on a percentage of participating employees' salaries and contributions made. Total contributions to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$11.7 million, \$12.5 million, and \$12.0 million, respectively.

## ***13. Equity***

***Class A Common Stock***—The Company is authorized to issue 3,290,000,000 shares of Class A common stock with a par value of \$0.0001 per share. Holders of the Company's Class A common stock are entitled to one vote for each share on each matter on which they are entitled to vote. At December 31, 2024, there were 320,773,096 shares of Class A common stock legally issued and outstanding. At December 31, 2023, there were 322,235,261 shares of Class A common stock legally issued and outstanding.

***Preferred stock***—The Company is authorized to issue 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock with no par value. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, there was no preferred stock issued or outstanding.

***Common stock held in treasury, at cost***—On November 9, 2021, the Company announced that the board of directors authorized a share repurchase program (the "2021 Share Repurchase Program") pursuant to which the Company may repurchase up to \$100.0 million of the Company's Class A common stock.

The 2021 Share Repurchase Program does not have an expiration date, but provides for suspension or discontinuation at any time. The 2021 Share Repurchase Program permits the repurchase of the Company's Class A common stock on the open market and in other means from time to time. The timing and amount of any share repurchase is subject to prevailing market conditions, relevant securities laws and other considerations, and the Company is under no obligation to repurchase any specific number of shares.

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company executed open market purchases of \$34.1 million and \$6.4 million, respectively, of the Company's Class A common stock under the 2021 Share Repurchase Program. The Company did not make any repurchases during the year ended December 31, 2022. As of December 31, 2024, there remains \$47.1 million of share repurchase availability under the 2021 Share Repurchase Program.

In December 2023, the Company entered into a trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act authorizing the repurchase of shares of the Company's Class A common stock. From January 2, 2024 to April 24, 2024, the Company purchased 4.8 million shares of Class A common stock. In June 2024, the Company entered into another trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange

Act authorizing the repurchase of shares of the Company's Class A common stock. From June 26, 2024 to August 13, 2024, the Company purchased 4.0 million shares of Class A common stock.

*Warrants*—As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, 11,244,988 public warrants were outstanding. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one whole share of the Company's Class A common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share, subject to adjustment. Warrants may only be exercised for a whole number of shares of Class A common stock. The warrants became exercisable on November 27, 2020 and will expire on October 28, 2025, or earlier upon redemption or liquidation.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, 7,333,333 private placement warrants were outstanding. The private placement warrants are identical to the public warrants, except that the private placement warrants and the Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the private placement warrants were not transferable, assignable or salable until November 27, 2020, subject to certain limited exceptions. Additionally, the private placement warrants will be non-redeemable so long as they are held by the initial purchasers or such purchasers' permitted transferees. If the private placement warrants are held by someone other than the initial stockholders or their permitted transferees, the private placement warrants will be redeemable by the Company and exercisable by such holders on the same basis as the public warrants.

The Company may call the warrants for redemption:

For cash:

- in whole and not in part;
- at a price of \$0.01 per warrant;
- upon a minimum of 30 days' prior written notice of redemption; and
- if, and only if, the last reported closing price of the common stock equals or exceeds \$18.00 per share (as adjusted for share splits, share dividends, reorganizations, reclassifications, recapitalizations and the like) for any 20 trading days within a 30-trading day period ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which the Company sends the notice of redemption to the warrant holders.

For cash or Class A common stock:

- in whole and not in part;
- at a price of \$0.10 per warrant, provided that the warrant holders will be able to exercise their warrants prior to redemption and receive that number of shares of Class A common stock to be determined by reference to a table included in the warrant agreement, based on the redemption date and the fair market value of the Class A common stock;
- upon a minimum of 30 days' prior written notice of redemption;
- if, and only if, the last reported closing price of the common stock equals or exceeds \$10.00 per share (as adjusted for share splits, share dividends, reorganizations, reclassifications, recapitalizations and the like) on the trading day prior to the date on which the Company sends notice of redemption to the warrant holders; and
- if, and only if, an effective registration statement covering the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants and a current prospectus relating thereto is available throughout the 30-day period after which written notice of redemption is given, or the Company has elected to require the exercise of the warrants on a "cashless" basis.

If the Company calls the warrants for redemption, management will have the option to require all holders that wish to exercise the warrants to do so on a "cashless basis," as described in the warrant agreement.

The exercise price and number of Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants may be adjusted in certain circumstances including in the event of a share dividend. Additionally, in the event of a recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation, the kind and amount of shares of stock or other securities or property (including cash) issuable upon exercise of the warrants may be adjusted. However, the warrants will not be adjusted for issuance of Class A common stock at a price below its exercise price. Additionally, in no event will the Company be required to net cash settle the warrants shares.

*Deconsolidation of ASL*— As part of the deconsolidation of ASL, the \$108.9 million noncontrolling interest was derecognized as reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity.

*Purchase of Interests*—During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company acquired a majority stake in an acquisition and received contributions from noncontrolling interest of \$5.2 million. The fair value of the noncontrolling interest was \$1.0 million.

*Dividend to noncontrolling interest*—Certain of the Company’s subsidiaries may, from time to time, declare dividends. There were no dividends related to the Company’s minority interests during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022.

#### **14. Earnings Per Share**

The Company calculates earnings per share using a dual presentation of basic and diluted earnings per share. Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net loss by the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding without the consideration for potential dilutive shares of common stock. Diluted earnings per share represents basic earnings per share adjusted to include the potentially dilutive effect of outstanding performance stock units, restricted stock units, public and private placement warrants, the employee stock purchase plan and stock options. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding and the potential dilutive shares of common stock for the period determined using the treasury stock method. During periods of net loss, diluted loss per share is equal to basic loss per share because the antidilutive effect of potential common shares is disregarded.

The following is a reconciliation of basic and diluted net (loss) income per common share:

| (in thousands, except share and earnings per share data)  | Year Ended December 31, |                    |                       |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|   | 2024                    | 2023               | 2022                  |
| <b>Basic earnings per share computation:</b>  |                         |                    |                       |
| Numerator:  |                         |                    |                       |
| Net loss from continuing operations   | \$ (378,404)            | \$ (81,211)        | \$ (1,418,652)        |
| Less: net income from continuing operations attributable to noncontrolling interest                                     | —                       | 2,346              | 3,757                 |
| Net loss from continuing operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.                            | <u>\$ (378,404)</u>     | <u>\$ (83,557)</u> | <u>\$ (1,422,409)</u> |
| Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax   | \$ 53,634               | \$ 20,829          | \$ 41,350             |
| Less: net income (loss) from discontinued operations attributable to noncontrolling interest                            | 2,192                   | 594                | (546)                 |
| Net income from discontinued operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.                        | <u>\$ 51,442</u>        | <u>\$ 20,235</u>   | <u>\$ 41,896</u>      |
| Denominator:  |                         |                    |                       |
| Weighted average common shares - basic  | 321,515,982             | 323,677,515        | 318,682,548           |
| Basic loss per common share from continuing operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.         | <u>\$ (1.18)</u>        | <u>\$ (0.26)</u>   | <u>\$ (4.46)</u>      |
| Basic earnings per common share from discontinued operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.   | <u>\$ 0.16</u>          | <u>\$ 0.06</u>     | <u>\$ 0.13</u>        |
| <b>Diluted earnings per share computation:</b>  |                         |                    |                       |
| Numerator:  |                         |                    |                       |
| Net loss from continuing operations   | \$ (378,404)            | \$ (81,211)        | \$ (1,418,652)        |
| Less: net income from continuing operations attributable to noncontrolling interest                                     | —                       | 2,346              | 3,757                 |
| Net loss from continuing operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.                            | <u>\$ (378,404)</u>     | <u>\$ (83,557)</u> | <u>\$ (1,422,409)</u> |
| Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax   | \$ 53,634               | \$ 20,829          | \$ 41,350             |
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| Denominator:  |                         |                    |                       |
| Weighted average common shares - diluted  | 321,515,982             | 323,677,515        | 318,682,548           |
| Diluted loss per common share from continuing operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.       | <u>\$ (1.18)</u>        | <u>\$ (0.26)</u>   | <u>\$ (4.46)</u>      |
| Diluted earnings per common share from discontinued operations attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc. | <u>\$ 0.16</u>          | <u>\$ 0.06</u>     | <u>\$ 0.13</u>        |

In accordance with the treasury stock method the weighted average shares outstanding assuming dilution include the incremental effect of stock-based awards, except when such effect would be antidilutive. Stock-based awards of 15.6 million, 6.9 million and 0.8 million weighted-average shares were outstanding for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted (loss) earnings per common share because the net loss position of the Company made them antidilutive.

## 15. Related Parties

### Conyers Park

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company had outstanding private placement warrants that allowed holders to purchase 7,333,333 shares of the Company's common stock. Such private placement warrants were held by Conyers Park II Sponsor, LLC ("CP Sponsor"), a related party. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of the Company's Class A common stock at a price of \$11.50 per share.

### ***Investment in Unconsolidated Affiliates***

Transactions between the Company and ASL are considered to be related-party transactions from the date of deconsolidation. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, revenues from ASL were not material and as of December 31, 2023, accounts receivable from ASL were not material.

During the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, the Company recognized revenues of \$9.3 million, \$22.2 million, and \$14.3 million, respectively, from the parent company of an investment in unconsolidated affiliates. Accounts receivable from this client were \$0.9 million and \$3.7 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

### ***Loans to Karman Topco L.P.***

Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into loan agreements with Topco, pursuant to which Topco has borrowed various amounts totaling \$6.0 million from Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc. to facilitate the payment to certain former employees for their equity interests in Topco. On September 1, 2020, Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc. entered into a loan agreement with Topco consolidating all outstanding amounts under the prior agreements. Pursuant to such loan agreement Topco borrowed \$6.0 million at an interest rate of 0.39% per annum. This loan matured on December 31, 2023 and was pre-payable at any time without penalty. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2024, the parties entered into a new loan agreement for \$6.3 million to refinance the matured loan. The loan bears interest at a rate of 10.09% per annum and matures on December 31, 2026. The loan is pre-payable at any time without penalty.

### ***Other related parties***

Beginning February 2023, an officer of the Company has served as a member of the board of directors of a client of the Company. The Company recognized revenues from such client of \$4.9 million and \$4.4 million during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Accounts receivable from this client were \$0.4 million and \$0.6 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Beginning February 2023, an officer of the Company has served as a member of the board of directors of a consultant of the Company. The Company recognized \$0.2 million of expense from such consultant during the year ended December 31, 2024. The Company did not recognize any expense from such consultant during the year ended December 31, 2023. The Company did not owe any amounts to this consultant as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Beginning July 2023, a member of the board of directors of the Company has served as an officer of a client of the Company. The Company recognized \$7.9 million and \$3.3 million of revenues from such client during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Accounts receivable from this client were \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

## 16. Income Taxes

The benefit from income taxes is as follows:

| (in thousands)                  | Year Ended December 31, |             |              |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                 | 2024                    | 2023        | 2022         |
| <b>Current tax expense</b>      |                         |             |              |
| Federal                         | \$ 916                  | \$ 24,805   | \$ 15,973    |
| State                           | 2,004                   | 9,784       | 5,337        |
| Foreign                         | 9,605                   | 13,456      | 13,941       |
| Total current tax expense       | 12,525                  | 48,045      | 35,251       |
| <b>Deferred tax benefit</b>     |                         |             |              |
| Federal                         | (59,986)                | (66,730)    | (130,718)    |
| State                           | (14,245)                | (16,230)    | (59,537)     |
| Foreign                         | (1,081)                 | (2,733)     | (3,438)      |
| Total deferred tax benefit      | (75,312)                | (85,693)    | (193,693)    |
| Total benefit from income taxes | \$ (62,787)             | \$ (37,648) | \$ (158,442) |

A reconciliation of the Company's effective income tax rate as compared to the federal statutory income tax rate is as follows:

|  | Year Ended December 31, |        |         |
|--|-------------------------|--------|---------|
|  | 2024                    | 2023   | 2022    |
| Statutory U.S. rate                            | 21.0%                   | 21.0%  | 21.0%   |
| State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit | 2.2%                    | 4.3%   | 2.7%    |
| Foreign tax, net of federal tax benefit        | (0.8%)                  | (2.9%) | (0.2%)  |
| Deconsolidation of subsidiaries                | 0.0%                    | 14.0%  | 0.0%    |
| Goodwill impairment                            | (6.2%)                  | 0.0%   | (13.5%) |
| Equity-based compensation                      | 0.1%                    | (2.3%) | 0.0%    |
| Work opportunity tax credit                    | 0.6%                    | 2.5%   | 0.2%    |
| Disallowed executive compensation              | (0.6%)                  | (1.8%) | (0.2%)  |
| Meals and entertainment                        | (0.5%)                  | (2.0%) | (0.1%)  |
| Contingent consideration fair value adjustment | 0.0%                    | (0.4%) | 0.0%    |
| Fair value adjustment of warrant liability     | 0.0%                    | 0.1%   | 0.3%    |
| Other  | (1.6%)                  | (0.8%) | (0.2%)  |
| Effective tax rate                             | 14.2%                   | 31.7%  | 10.0%   |

The geographic components of loss before income taxes are as follows:

| (in thousands)                                      | Year Ended December 31, |              |                |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|
|   | 2024                    | 2023         | 2022           |
| U.S. sources  | \$ (452,261)            | \$ (217,097) | \$ (1,598,544) |
| Non-U.S. sources                                    | 11,070                  | 98,238       | 21,450         |
| Loss from continuing operations before income taxes | \$ (441,191)            | \$ (118,859) | \$ (1,577,094) |

Net deferred tax liabilities consist of the following:

| (in thousands)                                       | December 31,      |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2024              | 2023              |
| <b>Deferred tax assets</b>                           |                   |                   |
| Accrued liabilities                                  | \$ 63,915         | \$ 82,600         |
| Interest expense                                     | 88,466            | 71,478            |
| Right-of-use liabilities                             | 9,517             | 12,748            |
| Net operating losses                                 | 2,855             | 5,471             |
| Acquisition and divestiture related expenses         | 5,460             | 6,511             |
| Capitalized research and development costs           | 2,919             | 4,849             |
| Contingent consideration                             | —                 | 1,662             |
| Insurance reserves                                   | 2,599             | 2,204             |
| Acquired intangible assets, including goodwill       | 1,419             | 1,302             |
| Other  | 2,977             | 6,274             |
| Total deferred tax assets                            | <u>180,127</u>    | <u>195,099</u>    |
| <b>Deferred tax liabilities</b>                      |                   |                   |
| Acquired intangible assets, including goodwill       | 299,981           | 357,657           |
| Interest rate collars and caps                       | 414               | 6,799             |
| Right-of-use assets                                  | 6,465             | 8,955             |
| Debt issuance costs                                  | 6,359             | 7,242             |
| Reorganization expenses                              | —                 | 3,276             |
| Other  | 7,861             | 9,561             |
| Total deferred tax liabilities                       | <u>321,080</u>    | <u>393,490</u>    |
| Less: deferred income tax asset valuation allowances | <u>(3,199)</u>    | <u>(3,491)</u>    |
| Net deferred tax liabilities                         | <u>\$ 144,152</u> | <u>\$ 201,882</u> |

| (in thousands)                      | December 31,      |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                     | 2024              | 2023              |
| <b>Reported as:</b>                 |                   |                   |
| Noncurrent deferred tax asset       | \$ 2,737          | \$ 2,254          |
| Noncurrent deferred tax liabilities | 146,889           | 204,136           |
| Net deferred tax liabilities        | <u>\$ 144,152</u> | <u>\$ 201,882</u> |

Income tax expense from discontinued operations was \$41.3 million, \$8.6 million and \$13.1 million for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Income tax expense for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 was impacted primarily by the sale of the divested entities and changes in the income before income taxes from discontinued operations.

On August 16, 2022, the U.S. government enacted the Inflation Reduction Act, which, among other things, imposes a new corporate alternative minimum tax and an excise tax on stock buybacks. As of December 31, 2024, the Company has determined that the Act had no tax impacts on its consolidated financial statements.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (“OECD”) published its model rules “Tax Challenges Arising From the Digitalization of the Economy - Global Anti-Base Erosion Model Rules (Pillar Two)” which established a global minimum corporate tax rate of 15% for certain multinational enterprises. Many countries have implemented or are in the process of implementing the Pillar Two legislation, which will apply to the Company. While the Company does not currently estimate a material impact to the consolidated financial statements, the Company continues to monitor the impact as countries implement legislation and the OECD provides additional guidance.

The Company held cash and cash equivalents in foreign subsidiaries of \$65.0 million and \$44.0 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the undistributed earnings of the Company’s foreign subsidiaries was \$130.7 million and \$125.1 million, respectively.

The Company has not recorded a deferred tax liability related to undistributed earnings of its foreign subsidiaries as of December 31, 2024, except for a \$0.6 million deferred tax liability for unremitted earnings in Canada with respect to which the

Company no longer has an indefinite reinvestment assertion. Taxes have not been provided on the remaining \$114.2 million of undistributed foreign earnings. The incremental tax liability associated with these earnings is expected to be immaterial.

The Company evaluates its deferred tax assets, including a determination of whether a valuation allowance is necessary, based upon its ability to utilize the assets using a more likely than not analysis. Deferred tax assets are only recorded to the extent that they are realizable based upon past and future income. The Company's valuation allowances on its deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 were \$3.2 million, \$3.5 million and \$3.6 million, respectively.

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had \$3.6 million of United States Federal Net Operating Losses ("NOL"), \$30.1 million state NOL, and \$3.9 million foreign NOL. The change of ownership provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 may limit utilization of a portion of the Company's domestic NOL to future periods. The United States Federal NOL expires in tax year 2037, \$17.9 million of the state NOL expires between tax years 2024 and 2043 and the remaining \$12.2 million of the state NOL carry forward indefinitely. Foreign NOL of \$1.2 million expires between tax years 2024 and 2034 and the remaining \$2.7 million of the foreign NOL carry forward indefinitely.

#### ***Uncertain Tax Positions***

The Company accounts for uncertain tax positions when it is more likely than not that the tax position will not be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. As of December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, the Company's unrecognized tax benefits were \$2.9 million, \$2.9 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. The Company recorded uncertain tax positions related to capitalizing interest to inventory and California research and development credits for the year ended December 31, 2024. \$2.2 million out of the \$2.9 million of the unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2024 would be included in the effective tax rate if recognized in future periods.

| <b>(in thousands)</b>                              | <b>December 31,</b> |                 |               |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|  | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2023</b>     | <b>2022</b>   |
| Beginning unrecognized tax benefits                | \$ 2,887            | \$ 560          | \$ 563        |
| Increases for tax positions related to prior years | —                   | 2,350           | —             |
| Decreases due to lapsed statutes of limitations    | (29)                | (23)            | (3)           |
| Ending unrecognized tax benefits                   | <u>\$ 2,858</u>     | <u>\$ 2,887</u> | <u>\$ 560</u> |

The Company is unaware of any positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly increase within the next twelve months. The Company files tax returns in the United States, various states and foreign jurisdictions. With few exceptions, as of December 31, 2024, the Company is no longer subject to federal, state, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for years prior to 2020. The Company does not have any material ongoing income tax audits.

The Company has elected to classify interest and penalties as components of tax expense. These amounts were \$1.4 million, \$0.9 million and \$0.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### ***17. Operating Segments and Geographic Information***

Effective January 1, 2024, the Company revised its reportable segments to align with the Company's business strategy, and the manner in which the Chief Executive Officer, the Company's CODM, assesses the performance and makes decisions regarding the allocation of resources for the Company. The Company's revised reportable segments consist of Branded Services, Experiential Services, and Retailer Services. The reportable segments reported below are the segments of the Company for which separate financial information is available. Through the Company's Branded Services segment, the Company offers capabilities in brokerage, branded merchandising and omni-commerce marketing services to consumer goods manufacturers. Through the Company's Experiential Services segment, the Company expands the reach of consumer brands and retailer products to convert shoppers into buyers through sampling and product demonstration programs executed in-store and online. Through the Company's Retailer Services segment, the Company provides retailers with end-to-end advisory, retailer merchandising, and agency expertise to drive sales. The assets and liabilities of the Company are managed centrally and are reported internally in the same manner as the consolidated financial statements; therefore, no additional information is produced or included herein.

Segment operating income is the measure utilized by the CODM to assess performance and allocate resources. When evaluating the Company's financial performance, the CODM regularly reviews revenues, compensation and benefits, reimbursable expenses and other segment items. Compensation costs are key metrics reviewed by the CODM when allocating resources and assessing performance as the Company depends significantly on human capital to deliver services to its clients. Reimbursable expenses are also

reviewed regularly by the CODM as revenue included in the CODM packages are net of these expenses. The accounting policies for the segments are consistent with those described Note 1—*Organization and Significant Accounting Policies*.

Revenues and significant expenses by segment are as follows:

| (in thousands)   | Year Ended December 31, 2024 |                       |                   |               |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
|  | Branded Services             | Experiential Services | Retailer Services | Total Company |
| Revenues   | \$ 1,306,336                 | \$ 1,295,029          | \$ 964,959        | \$ 3,566,324  |
| Less:  |                              |                       |                   |               |
| Compensation and benefits  | 719,089                      | 701,906               | 619,387           | 2,040,382     |
| Reimbursable expenses  | 171,766                      | 349,991               | —                 | 521,757       |
| Other segment items <sup>1</sup>                                 | 330,736                      | 201,149               | 289,624           | 821,509       |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset                | 275,170                      | —                     | —                 | 275,170       |
| Depreciation and amortization                                    | 130,212                      | 41,728                | 32,613            | 204,553       |
| Income from equity method investments                            | (2,064)                      | —                     | —                 | (2,064)       |
| Total segment operating expenses from continuing operations      | 1,624,909                    | 1,294,774             | 941,624           | 3,861,307     |
| Total segment operating (loss) income from continuing operations | \$ (318,573)                 | \$ 255                | \$ 23,335         | \$ (294,983)  |

| (in thousands)  | Year Ended December 31, 2023 |                       |                   |               |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
|   | Branded Services             | Experiential Services | Retailer Services | Total Company |
| Revenues  | \$ 1,758,417                 | \$ 1,159,449          | \$ 982,259        | \$ 3,900,125  |
| Less:   |                              |                       |                   |               |
| Compensation and benefits                                   | 1,009,334                    | 638,081               | 630,484           | 2,277,899     |
| Reimbursable expenses                                       | 179,029                      | 307,610               | —                 | 486,639       |
| Other segment items <sup>1</sup>                            | 417,320                      | 173,879               | 304,334           | 895,533       |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset           | 43,500                       | —                     | —                 | 43,500        |
| Depreciation and amortization                               | 140,932                      | 36,584                | 31,340            | 208,856       |
| Deconsolidation of European joint venture                   | (58,891)                     | —                     | —                 | (58,891)      |
| Total segment operating expenses from continuing operations | 1,731,224                    | 1,156,154             | 966,158           | 3,853,536     |
| Total segment operating income from continuing operations   | \$ 27,193                    | \$ 3,295              | \$ 16,101         | \$ 46,589     |

| (in thousands)  | Year Ended December 31, 2022 |                       |                   |                |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|   | Branded Services             | Experiential Services | Retailer Services | Total Company  |
| Revenues  | \$ 1,764,076                 | \$ 904,230            | \$ 978,036        | \$ 3,646,342   |
| Less:   |                              |                       |                   |                |
| Compensation and benefits                                   | 994,007                      | 523,517               | 629,162           | 2,146,686      |
| Reimbursable expenses                                       | 178,474                      | 217,690               | —                 | 396,164        |
| Other segment items <sup>1</sup>                            | 370,628                      | 142,565               | 292,810           | 806,003        |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset           | 831,008                      | 354,452               | 387,063           | 1,572,523      |
| Depreciation and amortization                               | 144,354                      | 37,906                | 33,786            | 216,046        |
| Loss on divestiture   | 2,863                        | —                     | —                 | 2,863          |
| Total segment operating expenses from continuing operations | 2,521,334                    | 1,276,130             | 1,342,821         | 5,140,285      |
| Total segment operating loss from continuing operations     | \$ (757,258)                 | \$ (371,900)          | \$ (364,785)      | \$ (1,493,943) |

(1) The “other segment items” category primarily consists of costs incurred in the execution of service obligations, including supplies, technology, and other direct expenses such as travel. These costs align with the segment-level information regularly provided to the CODM and represent the difference between revenue and the significant expense categories above in determining segment profitability.

Revenues by geographic region are as follows:

| (in thousands)                        | Year Ended December 31, |              |              |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                       | 2024                    | 2023         | 2022         |
| <b>Revenues</b>                       |                         |              |              |
| North America                         | \$ 3,412,947            | \$ 3,393,718 | \$ 3,176,774 |
| Asia Pacific                          | 145,574                 | 125,569      | 96,075       |
| Europe                                | 7,803                   | 6,472        | 2,010        |
| European Joint Venture <sup>(1)</sup> | —                       | 374,366      | 371,483      |
| Total revenue                         | \$ 3,566,324            | \$ 3,900,125 | \$ 3,646,342 |

(1) The Company’s European joint venture was deconsolidated during fiscal year 2023. For further details, see Note 2 — *Discontinued Operations, Deconsolidation of European Joint Venture, Divestitures and Acquisitions*.

North American revenues were primarily services provided in the U.S. representing revenues of \$3.1 billion, \$3.2 billion, and \$3.0 billion during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively. The majority of the Company’s long-lived assets are primarily located in North America. Long-lived assets located in all other geographic regions as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are not material. North American long-lived assets were primarily in the U.S. representing long-lived assets of \$97.1 million and \$64.1 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The classification of “Asia Pacific” primarily includes the Company’s operations in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. The classification of “Europe” primarily includes the Company’s operations in Spain, France and Sweden. The Company does not disclose total assets by segment as it is not provided to the CODM.

## 18. Commitments and Contingencies

### Litigation

The Company is involved in various legal matters that arise in the ordinary course of its business. Some of these legal matters purport or may be determined to be class and/or representative actions, or seek substantial damages, or penalties. The Company has accrued amounts in connection with certain legal matters, including with respect to certain of the matters described below. There can be no assurance, however, that these accruals will be sufficient to cover such matters or other legal matters or that such matters or other legal matters will not materially or adversely affect the Company’s financial position, liquidity, or results of operations.

### Employment Matters

The Company has also been involved in various litigation, including purported class or representative actions with respect to matters arising under the California Labor Code and Private Attorneys General Act. The Company has retained outside counsel to represent it in these matters and is vigorously defending its interests.

### Commercial Matters

The Company has also been involved in various litigation matters and arbitrations with respect to commercial matters arising with clients, vendors and third-party sellers of businesses. The Company has retained outside counsel to represent it in these matters and is vigorously defending its interests.

### Legal Matters Related to Take 5

The Company voluntarily disclosed to the United States Attorney’s Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation certain misconduct occurring at Take 5, a line of business that the Company closed in July 2019. The Company intends to cooperate in this and any other governmental investigations that may arise in connection with the Take 5 Matter. At this time, the Company cannot predict the ultimate outcome of any investigation related to the Take 5 Matter and is unable to estimate the potential impact such an investigation may have on the Company. In August 2019, as a result of the Take 5 Matter, the Company provided a written indemnification claim notice to the sellers of Take 5 (the “Take 5 Sellers”) seeking monetary damages (including interest, fees and costs) based on allegations of breach of the asset purchase agreement, as well as fraud. The Company and the Take 5 Sellers engaged in arbitration proceedings. In October 2022, the arbitrator made a final award in the Company’s favor. The Company is actively pursuing the collection of this award. The Company is currently unable to estimate if or when it will be able to collect any amounts

associated with this arbitration. The Take 5 Matter may result in additional litigation against the Company, including lawsuits from clients, or governmental investigations, which may expose the Company to potential liability in excess of the amounts being offered by the Company as refunds to Take 5 clients. The Company is currently unable to determine the amount of any potential liability, costs or expenses (above the amounts already being offered as refunds) that may result from any lawsuits or investigations associated with the Take 5 Matter or determine whether any such issues will have any future material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, liquidity, or results of operations. Although the Company has insurance covering certain liabilities, the Company cannot assure that the insurance will be sufficient to cover any potential liability or expenses associated with the Take 5 Matter.

#### ***Surety Bonds***

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is required to provide financial commitments in the form of surety bonds to third parties as a guarantee of its performance on and its compliance with certain obligations. If the Company were to fail to perform or comply with these obligations, any draws upon surety bonds issued on its behalf would then trigger the Company's payment obligation to the surety bond issuer. The Company has outstanding surety bonds issued for its benefit of \$15.0 million and \$16.0 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**SCHEDULE I**  
**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.**  
**CONDENSED REGISTRANT ONLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
**CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS**

| (in thousands)  |   | December 31, |              |
|---|---|--------------|--------------|
|   |   | 2024         | 2023         |
|   | <b>ASSETS</b>                               |              |              |
| Investment in subsidiaries  |   | \$ 748,817   | \$ 1,106,025 |
| Total assets  |   | \$ 748,817   | \$ 1,106,025 |
|   | <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b> |              |              |
| Warrant liability   |   | \$ 82        | \$ 667       |
| Total liability   |   | 82           | 667          |
| Equity attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.   |   |              |              |
| Common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 3,290,000,000 shares authorized; 320,773,096 and 322,235,261 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively |   | 32           | 32           |
| Additional paid-in capital  |   | 3,466,221    | 3,449,261    |
| Accumulated deficit   |   | (2,641,612)  | (2,314,655)  |
| Loans to Karman Topco L.P.  |   | (7,029)      | (6,387)      |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss  |   | (15,861)     | (3,944)      |
| Treasury stock, at cost; 12,400,075 and 3,600,075 shares as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively   |   | (53,016)     | (18,949)     |
| Total equity attributable to stockholders of Advantage Solutions Inc.   |   | 748,735      | 1,105,358    |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity  |   | \$ 748,817   | \$ 1,106,025 |

*See Notes to Condensed Registrant Only Financial Statements*

**SCHEDULE I**  
**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.**  
**CONDENSED REGISTRANT ONLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

| (in thousands)  | Year Ended December 31, |             |                |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|
|   | 2024                    | 2023        | 2022           |
| Revenues  | \$ —                    | \$ —        | \$ —           |
| Cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown separately below)                | —                       | —           | —              |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses   | —                       | —           | —              |
| Impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived asset   | —                       | —           | —              |
| Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries   | —                       | —           | —              |
| Loss on divestitures  | —                       | —           | —              |
| Depreciation and amortization   | —                       | —           | —              |
| Income from equity method investments   | —                       | —           | —              |
| Total operating expenses  | —                       | —           | —              |
| Operating income  | —                       | —           | —              |
| Other income:   |                         |             |                |
| Change in fair value of warrant liabilities   | (584)                   | (286)       | (21,236)       |
| Interest expense, net   | —                       | —           | —              |
| Total other income  | (584)                   | (286)       | (21,236)       |
| Income before income taxes and equity in net income of subsidiaries                                 | 584                     | 286         | 21,236         |
| Provision for income taxes  | —                       | —           | —              |
| Net income before equity in net income of subsidiaries  | 584                     | 286         | 21,236         |
| Equity in net loss of subsidiaries  | (327,546)               | (63,608)    | (1,401,749)    |
| Net loss attributable to subsidiaries   | (326,962)               | (63,322)    | (1,380,513)    |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax equity in comprehensive (loss) income of subsidiaries | (9,485)                 | 5,817       | (14,370)       |
| Total comprehensive loss  | \$ (336,447)            | \$ (57,505) | \$ (1,394,883) |

*See Notes to Condensed Registrant Only Financial Statements*

**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.**  
**CONDENSED REGISTRANT ONLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**NOTES TO THE CONDENSED REGISTRANT ONLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Basis of Presentation**

In the registrant company only financial statements, Advantage Solutions Inc.'s (the "Registrant") investment in subsidiaries is stated at cost plus equity in undistributed earnings of the subsidiaries during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The accompanying condensed registrant company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Rule 12-04, Schedule 1 of Regulation S-X. A condensed statement of cash flows was not presented because Registrant's operating activities have no cash impact and there were no investing or financing cash flow activities during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022. This information should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

**2. Debt Restrictions**

Pursuant to the terms of the Senior Secured Credit Facilities and the Notes discussed in Note 8—*Debt*, of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Registrant's subsidiaries have restrictions on their ability to pay dividends or make intercompany loans and advances to the Registrant. Since the restricted net assets of the Registrant's subsidiaries exceed 25% of the consolidated net assets of the Registrant and its subsidiaries, the accompanying condensed registrant company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Rule 12-04, Schedule 1 of Regulation S-X.

Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (the "Borrower") has obligations under the Term Loan Facility that are guaranteed by Karman Intermediate Corp. ("Holdings") and all of the Borrower's direct and indirect wholly owned material U.S. subsidiaries (as defined, subject to certain permitted exceptions) and Canadian subsidiaries (subject to certain permitted exceptions, including exceptions based on immateriality thresholds of aggregate assets and revenues of Canadian subsidiaries) (the "Guarantors"). The Term Loan Facility is secured by a lien on substantially all of Holdings', the Borrower's and the Guarantors' assets (subject to certain permitted exceptions). The Term Loan Facility has a first-priority lien on the fixed asset collateral (equal in priority with the liens securing the Notes) and a second-priority lien on the current asset collateral (second in priority to the liens securing the Revolving Credit Facility), in each case, subject to other permitted liens.

The Borrower will be required to prepay the Term Loan Facility with 100% of the net cash proceeds of certain asset sales (such percentage subject to reduction based on the achievement of specific first lien net leverage ratios) and subject to certain reinvestment rights, 100% of the net cash proceeds of certain debt issuances and 50% of excess cash flow (such percentage subject to reduction based on the achievement of specific first lien net leverage ratios).

The Term Loan Facility contains certain customary negative covenants, including, but not limited to, restrictions on the ability of Holdings and that of its restricted subsidiaries to merge and consolidate with other companies, incur indebtedness, grant liens or security interests on assets, pay dividends or make other restricted payments, sell or otherwise transfer assets or enter into transactions with affiliates.

The Term Loan Facility provides that, upon the occurrence of certain events of default, the Company's obligations thereunder may be accelerated. Such events of default will include payment defaults to the lenders thereunder, material inaccuracies of representations and warranties, covenant defaults, cross-defaults to other material indebtedness, voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy, insolvency, corporate arrangement, winding-up, liquidation or similar proceedings, material money judgments, change of control and other customary events of default.

**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.**

None

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures****Limitations on Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act), management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. In addition, the design of disclosure controls and procedures must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and that management is required to apply judgment in evaluating the benefits of possible controls and procedures relative to their costs.

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We have established disclosure controls and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Based on the evaluation as of December 31, 2024, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) are effective at the reasonable assurance level.

**Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements prepared for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

We rely extensively on information systems and technology to manage our business and summarize operating results. We are in the process of a multi-year implementation of a new global enterprise resource planning ("ERP") system, which will replace our existing operating and financial systems. The ERP system is designed to accurately maintain the Company's financial records, enhance operational functionality and provide timely information to the Company's management team related to the operation of the business. The implementation is expected to occur in phases over the next several years. As the next phases are rolled out in connection with the ERP implementation, we will give appropriate consideration to whether these process changes necessitate changes in the design of and testing for effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting.

Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our evaluation, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2024. There have not been any changes in our internal control over financial reporting during our most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is included herein.

**Item 9B. Other Information.*****Principal Accounting Officer***

Our board of directors appointed Christopher Growe as the Company's principal accounting officer as of March 4, 2025.

***Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plans***

During the three months ended December 31, 2024, none of our directors and executive officers adopted or terminated a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," as each term is defined in Item 408(a) of Regulation S-K.

**Item 9.C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections**

None.

**PART III****Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.**

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

The Company has adopted a code of business conduct and ethics applicable to our principal executive, financial and accounting officers and all persons performing similar functions. A copy of that code is available on our principal corporate website at <https://youradv.com>.

**Item 11. Executive Compensation.**

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

**Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

**Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.**

**(a)(1) Financial Statements.**

See Index to Financial Statements in Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

**(a)(2) Financial Statement Schedule.**

Schedule I— Condensed Registrant Only Financial Information. See Index to Financial Statements in Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*.

All other financial statement schedules have been omitted as the information is not required under the related instructions or is not applicable or because the information required is already included in the financial statements or the notes to those financial statements.

**(a)(3) Exhibits.**

| Exhibit No. | Description   | Form | Incorporated by Reference |         |                  |
|-------------|---|------|---------------------------|---------|------------------|
|             |   |      | File No.                  | Exhibit | Filing Date      |
| 3.1         | <a href="#">Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Advantage Solutions Inc.</a>   | 8-K  | 001-38990                 | 3.1     | May 28, 2021     |
| 3.2         | <a href="#">Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of Advantage Solutions Inc.</a>   | 8-K  | 001-38990                 | 3.1     | April 13, 2021   |
| 4.1         | <a href="#">Specimen Common Stock Certificate</a>   | 8-K  | 001-38990                 | 4.1     | November 3, 2020 |
| 4.2         | <a href="#">Warrant Agreement, dated July 22, 2019, between Conyers Park II Acquisition Corp. and Continental Stock Transfer &amp; Trust Company</a>  | 8-K  | 001-38990                 | 4.1     | July 22, 2019    |
| 4.3         | <a href="#">Specimen Warrant Certificate (included in Exhibit 4.2)</a>  | 8-K  | 001-38990                 | 4.1     | July 22, 2019    |
| 4.4         | <a href="#">Indenture, dated as of October 28, 2020, among Advantage Solutions FinCo LLC, Advantage Sales &amp; Marketing Inc., the guarantors party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee and collateral agent</a>  | 8-K  | 001-38990                 | 4.4     | November 3, 2020 |
| 4.5         | <a href="#">Form of 6.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2028 (included in Exhibit 4.4)</a>   | 8-K  | 001-38990                 | 4.4     | November 3, 2020 |
| 10.1        | <a href="#">Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2020, by and among Conyers Park II Acquisition Corp., Karman Topco L.P., CVC ASM Holdco, L.P., the entities identified on the signature pages thereto under the heading "LGP Stockholders", BC Eagle Holdings, L.P., and Conyers Park II Sponsor LLC</a>   | 8-K  | 001-38990                 | 10.2    | November 3, 2020 |
| 10.2        | <a href="#">Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of September 7, 2020 by and between Karman Topco L.P., Karman II Coinvest LP, Green Equity Investors VI, L.P., Green Equity Investors Side VI, L.P., LGP Associates VI-A LLC, LGP Associates VI-B LLC, CVC ASM Holdco, LP, JCP ASM Holdco, L.P., Karman Coinvest L.P., Centerview Capital, L.P., Centerview Employees, L.P., BC Eagle Holdings, L.P., and Yonghui Investment Limited, Conyers Park II Sponsor LLC and the other holders of Common Series B Units, Vested Common Series C Units and Vested Common Series C-2 Units of Holdings listed on the schedule thereto as Contributing Investors.</a> | 8-K  | 001-38990                 | 10.3    | November 3, 2020 |
| 10.3#       | <a href="#">Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Plan, as amended and restated</a>   |      |                           |         |                  |
| 10.3(a)#    | <a href="#">Form of Pre-2024 Stock Option Award Grant Notice and Agreement under the Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Plan</a>   | 10-Q | 001-38990                 | 10.1    | May 10, 2023     |
| 10.3(b)#    | <a href="#">Form of Pre-2024 Restricted Stock Award Grant Notice and Agreement under the Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Plan</a>   | 10-Q | 001-38990                 | 10.2    | May 10, 2023     |

|           |   |      |           |          |                  |
|-----------|---|------|-----------|----------|------------------|
| 10.3(c)#  | Form of Pre-2024 Performance Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Agreement under the Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Award Plan  | 10-Q | 001-38990 | 10.3     | May 10, 2023     |
| 10.3(d)#* | <a href="#">Form of 2024 Stock Option Award Grant Notice and Agreement under the Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Plan</a>   |      |           |          |                  |
| 10.3(e)#* | <a href="#">Form of 2024 Restricted Stock Award Grant Notice and Agreement under the Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Plan</a>   |      |           |          |                  |
| 10.3(f)#* | <a href="#">Form of 2024 Performance Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Agreement under the Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Award Plan</a>  |      |           |          |                  |
| 10.4(a)#  | <a href="#">Advantage Solutions Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy</a>  | 10-K | 001-38990 | 10.5(d)# | March 1, 2024    |
| 10.4(b)#  | <a href="#">Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Non-Employee Directors) under the Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Award Plan</a>   | 10-Q | 001-38990 | 10.4     | May 10, 2023     |
| 10.5#     | <a href="#">Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan</a>  | 8-K  | 001-38990 | 10.7#    | November 3, 2020 |
| 10.6#     | <a href="#">Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated February 1, 2023, by and between Advantage Solutions Inc. and Dave Peacock</a>  | 10-Q | 001-38990 | 10.5#    | May 10, 2023     |
| 10.7#     | <a href="#">Employment Agreement dated March 28, 2023, by and between Advantage Solutions Inc. and Jack Pestello</a>  | 10-K | 001-38990 | 10.12#   | March 1, 2024    |
| 10.8#     | <a href="#">Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated March 31, 2023, by and between Advantage Solutions Inc. and Christopher Growe</a>   | 8-K  | 001-38990 | 10.1#    | April 3, 2023    |
| 10.9#     | <a href="#">Executive Employment Agreement dated October 18, 2017, by and between Daymon Worldwide Inc. and Michael Taylor</a>  | 10-K | 001-38990 | 10.12#   | March 1, 2024    |
| 10.10#    | <a href="#">Form of Indemnification Agreement</a>   | 8-K  | 001-38990 | 10.11#   | November 3, 2020 |
| 10.11     | <a href="#">Eighth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership for Karman Topco L.P., dated as of September 7, 2020</a>   | 8-K  | 001-38990 | 10.14    | November 3, 2020 |
| 10.12     | <a href="#">First Amendment to Eighth Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Karman Topco L.P.</a>   | 10-K | 001-38990 | 10.19    | March 1, 2023    |
| 10.13     | <a href="#">ABL Revolving Credit Agreement, dated October 28, 2020, by and among Advantage Sales &amp; Marketing Inc., as Borrower, Karman Intermediate Corp., Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent, and the lender parties thereto.</a> | 8-K  | 001-38990 | 10.15    | November 3, 2020 |
| 10.14     | <a href="#">First Lien Credit Agreement, dated October 28, 2020, by and among Advantage Sales &amp; Marketing Inc., as Borrower, Karman Intermediate Corp., Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent, and the lender parties thereto.</a>    | 8-K  | 001-38990 | 10.16    | November 3, 2020 |
| 10.15     | <a href="#">Amendment No. 1 to First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2021, by and among the Borrower, Holdings, the other guarantors parties thereto, each lender party thereto, and Bank of America, as administrative agent.</a>                       | 8-K  | 001-38990 | 10.1     | October 29, 2021 |
| 10.16     | <a href="#">First Amendment to ABL Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2021, by and among the Borrower, Holdings, the lenders party thereto and Bank of America, as administrative agent.</a>   | 8-K  | 001-38990 | 10.2     | October 29, 2021 |
| 10.17     | <a href="#">Second Amendment to ABL Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of December 2, 2022, by and among the Borrower, Holdings, the lenders party thereto and Bank of America, as administrative agent.</a>  | 8-K  | 001-38990 | 10.1     | December 6, 2022 |
| 10.18     | <a href="#">Amendment No. 2 to First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of May 24, 2023, by and among the Borrower, Holdings, the other guarantors parties thereto, each lender party thereto, and Bank of America, as administrative agent</a>                            | 10-Q | 001-38990 | 10.1     | August 4, 2023   |
| 10.19     | <a href="#">Amendment No. 3 to First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of April 17, 2024, by and among the Borrower, Holdings, the other guarantors parties</a>   | 8-K  | 001-38990 | 10.1     | April 18, 2024   |

[thereto, each lender party thereto, and Bank of America, as administrative agent.](#)

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| 14.1    | <a href="#">Code of Business Conduct and Ethics</a>   |
| 19.1    | <a href="#">Advantage Solutions Inc. Insider Trading Compliance Policy and Procedures</a>   |
| 21.1*   | <a href="#">List of Subsidiaries</a>  |
| 23.1*   | <a href="#">Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</a>   |
| 31.1*   | <a href="#">Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer</a>   |
| 31.2*   | <a href="#">Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer</a>   |
| 32.1**  | <a href="#">Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer</a>   |
| 32.2**  | <a href="#">Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer</a>   |
| 97.1    | <a href="#">Policy Relating to Recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation</a>   |
| 101.INS | Inline XBRL Instance Document – the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document |
| 101.SCH | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document  |
| 101.CAL | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document  |
| 101.DEF | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document   |
| 101.LAB | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document  |
| 101.PRE | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document   |
| 104     | Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)  |

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\* Filed herewith.

\*\* The certifications attached as Exhibit 32.1 and Exhibit 32.2 that accompany this Annual Report on Form 10-K are not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.

# Indicates management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

**Item 16. Form 10-K Summary.**

None.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.

By: /s/ David Peacock

David Peacock  
Chief Executive Officer and Director

Date: March 7, 2025

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <u>SIGNATURE</u>                                  | <u>TITLE</u>   | <u>DATE</u>   |
|---|--|---------------|
| <u>/s/ David Peacock</u><br>David Peacock         | Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director | March 7, 2025 |
| <u>/s/ Christopher Growe</u><br>Christopher Growe | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)             | March 7, 2025 |
| <u>/s/ Chris Baldwin</u><br>Chris Baldwin         | Director   | March 7, 2025 |
| <u>/s/ Cameron Breitner</u><br>Cameron Breitner   | Director   | March 7, 2025 |
| <u>/s/ Virginie Costa</u><br>Virginie Costa       | Director   | March 7, 2025 |
| <u>/s/ Timothy J. Flynn</u><br>Timothy J. Flynn   | Director   | March 7, 2025 |
| <u>/s/ Tiffany Han</u><br>Tiffany Han             | Director   | March 7, 2025 |
| <u>/s/ James M. Kilts</u><br>James M. Kilts       | Chairman and Director  | March 7, 2025 |
| <u>/s/ Adam Levyn</u><br>Adam Levyn               | Director   | March 7, 2025 |
| <u>/s/ Jody Macedonio</u><br>Jody Macedonio       | Director   | March 7, 2025 |
| <u>/s/ Robin Manherz</u><br>Robin Manherz         | Director   | March 7, 2025 |

| <b>SIGNATURE</b>                                    | <b>TITLE</b> | <b>DATE</b>   |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| <hr/> <i>/s/ Adam Nebesar</i><br>Adam Nebesar       | Director     | March 7, 2025 |
| <hr/> <i>/s/ Deborah Poole</i><br>Deborah Poole     | Director     | March 7, 2025 |
| <hr/> <i>/s/ Brian K. Ratzan</i><br>Brian K. Ratzan | Director     | March 7, 2025 |
| <hr/> <i>/s/ David J. West</i><br>David J. West     | Director     | March 7, 2025 |

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**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.  
2020 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN**

**(As Amended and Restated Effective March 28, 2023)**

**ARTICLE 1.**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this amended and restated Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Award Plan (as it may be amended or restated from time to time, the “Plan”) is to promote the success and enhance the value of Advantage Solutions Inc. (the “Company”) by linking the individual interests of the members of the Board, Employees, and Consultants to those of Company stockholders and by providing such individuals with an incentive for outstanding performance to generate superior returns to Company stockholders. The Plan is further intended to provide flexibility to the Company in its ability to motivate, attract, and retain the services of members of the Board, Employees, and Consultants upon whose judgment, interest, and special effort the successful conduct of the Company’s operation is largely dependent. This Plan constitutes an amendment and restatement of the Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Award Plan, which was approved by the Board on September 5, 2020, and by the Company’s stockholders on October 27, 2020 (the “Original Plan”). In the event the Company’s stockholders do not approve this Plan, the Original Plan will continue in full force and effect on its terms and conditions.

**ARTICLE 2.**

**DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION**

Wherever the following terms are used in the Plan they shall have the meanings specified below, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. The singular pronoun shall include the plural where the context so indicates.

2.1 “Administrator” shall mean the entity that conducts the general administration of the Plan as provided in Article 11. With reference to the duties of the Committee under the Plan which have been delegated to one or more persons pursuant to Section 11.6, or as to which the Board has assumed, the term “Administrator” shall refer to such person(s) unless the Committee or the Board has revoked such delegation or the Board has terminated the assumption of such duties.

2.2 “Applicable Accounting Standards” shall mean Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States, International Financial Reporting Standards or such other accounting principles or standards as may apply to the Company’s financial statements under United States federal securities laws from time to time.

2.3 “Applicable Law” shall mean any applicable law, including without limitation: (a) provisions of the Code, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and any rules or regulations thereunder; (b) corporate, securities, tax or other laws, statutes, rules, requirements or regulations, whether federal, state, local or foreign; and (c) rules of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Shares are listed, quoted or traded.

2.4 “Award” shall mean an Option, a Stock Appreciation Right, a Restricted Stock award, a Restricted Stock Unit award, an Other Stock or Cash Based Award or a Dividend Equivalent award, which may be awarded or granted under the Plan.

2.5 “Award Agreement” shall mean any written notice, agreement, terms and conditions, contract or other instrument or document evidencing an Award, including through electronic medium, which shall contain such terms and conditions with respect to an Award as the Administrator shall determine consistent with the Plan.

2.6 “Board” shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

2.7 “Change in Control” shall mean and includes each of the following:

(a) A transaction or series of related transactions (other than an offering of Common Stock to the general public through a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or independent sales by an Investor(s)), whereby any “person” or related “group” of “persons” (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) other than Investors or any of their respective affiliates (other than any limited partner thereof, excluding the Investors) (any such “person” or “group” a “Non-Affiliate”) directly or indirectly acquires beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act) of securities of the Company possessing more than 50% of the total combined voting power of the Company’s securities outstanding immediately after such acquisition; provided, however, that the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (i) any acquisition by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (ii) any acquisition by an employee benefit plan maintained by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (iii) any acquisition which complies with Sections 2.7(c)(i), 2.7(c)(ii) or 2.7(c)(iii); or (iv) in respect of an Award held by a particular Holder, any acquisition by the Holder or any group of persons including the Holder (or any entity controlled by the Holder or any group of persons including the Holder);

(b) The Incumbent Directors cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board; provided, however, removal of a

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member of the Board in accordance with Section 2.1 of the Stockholders Agreement shall be ignored and such member of the Board shall not be counted as an Incumbent Director before and after such decrease when determining Incumbent Directors;

(c) The consummation by the Company (whether directly involving the Company or indirectly involving the Company through one or more intermediaries) of (x) a merger, consolidation, reorganization, or business combination, (y) a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions or (z) the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity, in each case other than a transaction:

(i) which results in the Company's voting securities outstanding immediately before the transaction continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the Company or the person that, as a result of the transaction, controls, directly or indirectly, the Company or owns, directly or indirectly, all or substantially all of the Company's assets or otherwise succeeds to the business of the Company (the Company or such person, the "Successor Entity")) directly or indirectly, at least a majority of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity's outstanding voting securities immediately after the transaction, and

(ii) after which no person or group beneficially owns voting securities representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity; provided, however, that no person or group shall be treated for purposes of this Section 2.7(c)(ii) as beneficially owning 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity solely as a result of the voting power held in the Company prior to the consummation of the transaction; and

(iii) after which at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or the analogous governing body) of the Successor Entity were Board members at the time of the Board's approval of the execution of the initial agreement providing for such transaction; or

(d) The date which is 10 business days prior to the completion of a liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Change in Control constitutes a payment event with respect to any Award (or any portion of an Award) that provides for the deferral of compensation that is subject to Section 409A, to the extent required to avoid the imposition of additional taxes under Section 409A, the transaction or event described in subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d) with respect to such Award (or portion thereof) shall only constitute a Change in Control for purposes of the payment timing of such Award if such transaction also constitutes a "change in control event," as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5).

The Administrator shall have full and final authority, which shall be exercised in its sole discretion, to determine conclusively whether a Change in Control has occurred pursuant to the above definition, the date of the occurrence of such Change in Control and any incidental matters relating thereto; provided that any exercise of authority in conjunction with a determination of whether a Change in Control is a "change in control event" as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5) shall be consistent with such regulation.

2.8 "Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, together with the regulations and official guidance promulgated thereunder, whether issued prior or subsequent to the grant of any Award.

2.9 "Committee" shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Board, or another committee or subcommittee of the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board described in Article 11 hereof.

2.10 "Common Stock" shall mean the Class A common stock of the Company, par value \$0.0001 per share.

2.11 "Company" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 1.

2.12 "Consultant" shall mean any consultant or adviser engaged to provide services to the Company or any Subsidiary who qualifies as a consultant or advisor under the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission for registration of shares on a Form S-8 Registration Statement.

2.13 "Director" shall mean a member of the Board, as constituted from time to time.

2.14 "Director Limit" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.6.

2.15 "Dividend Equivalent" shall mean a right to receive the equivalent value (in cash or Shares) of dividends paid on Shares, awarded under Section 9.2.

2.16 "DRO" shall mean a "domestic relations order" as defined by the Code or Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, or the rules thereunder.

2.17 "Eligible Individual" shall mean any person who is an Employee, a Consultant or a Non-Employee Director, as determined by the Administrator.

2.18 "Employee" shall mean any officer or other employee (as determined in accordance with Section 3401(c) of the Code and

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the Treasury Regulations thereunder) of the Company or of any Subsidiary.

2.19 “Equity Restructuring” shall mean a nonreciprocal transaction between the Company and its stockholders, such as a stock dividend, stock split, spin-off, rights offering or recapitalization through a large, nonrecurring cash dividend, that affects the number or kind of Shares (or other securities of the Company) or the share price of Common Stock (or other securities) and causes a change in the per-share value of the Common Stock underlying outstanding Awards.

2.20 “Exchange Act” shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.

2.21 “Expiration Date” shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 12.1(c).

2.22 “Fair Market Value” shall mean, as of any given date, the value of a Share determined as follows:

(a) If the Common Stock is (i) listed on any established securities exchange (such as the New York Stock Exchange, the NASDAQ Capital Market, the NASDAQ Global Market and the NASDAQ Global Select Market), (ii) listed on any national market system or (iii) quoted or traded on any automated quotation system, its Fair Market Value shall be the closing sales price for a Share as quoted on such exchange or system for such date or, if there is no closing sales price for a Share on the date in question, the closing sales price for a Share on the last preceding date for which such quotation exists, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable;

(b) If the Common Stock is not listed on an established securities exchange, national market system or automated quotation system, but the Common Stock is regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer, its Fair Market Value shall be the mean of the high bid and low asked prices for such date or, if there are no high bid and low asked prices for a Share on such date, the high bid and low asked prices for a Share on the last preceding date for which such information exists, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable; or

(c) If the Common Stock is neither listed on an established securities exchange, national market system or automated quotation system nor regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer, its Fair Market Value shall be established by the Administrator in good faith.

2.23 “Greater Than 10% Stockholder” shall mean an individual then owning (within the meaning of Section 424(d) of the Code) more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any subsidiary corporation (as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code) or parent corporation thereof (as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code).

2.24 “Holder” shall mean a person who has been granted an Award.

2.25 “Incentive Stock Option” shall mean an Option that is intended to qualify as an incentive stock option and conforms to the applicable provisions of Section 422 of the Code.

2.26 “Incumbent Directors” shall mean for any period of 12 consecutive months, individuals who, at the beginning of such period, constitute the Board together with any new Director(s) (other than a Director designated by a person who shall have entered into an agreement with the Company to effect a transaction described in Section 2.7(a) or 2.7(c)) whose election or nomination for election to the Board was approved by a vote of at least a majority (either by a specific vote or by approval of the proxy statement of the Company in which such person is named as a nominee for Director without objection to such nomination) of the Directors then still in office who either were Directors at the beginning of the 12-month period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved. No individual initially elected or nominated as a director of the Company as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to Directors or as a result of any other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies by or on behalf of any person other than the Board shall be an Incumbent Director.

2.27 “Investors” shall mean Karman Topco L.P., certain funds advised by CVC Advisors (U.S.) Inc. and/or its affiliates, Leonard Green & Partners, L.P., Karman Coinvest L.P. and Bain Capital.

2.28 “Non-Affiliate” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.7(a).

2.29 “Non-Employee Director” shall mean a Director who is not an Employee.

2.30 “Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.6.

2.31 “Non-Qualified Stock Option” shall mean an Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option or which is designated as an Incentive Stock Option but does not meet the applicable requirements of Section 422 of the Code.

2.32 “Option” shall mean a right to purchase Shares at a specified exercise price, granted under Article 5. An Option shall be either a Non-Qualified Stock Option or an Incentive Stock Option; provided, however, that Options granted to Non-Employee Directors and Consultants shall only be Non-Qualified Stock Options.

2.33 “Option Term” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.4.

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- 2.34 “Organizational Documents” shall mean, collectively, (a) the Company’s articles of incorporation, certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other similar organizational documents relating to the creation and governance of the Company, and (b) the Committee’s charter or other similar organizational documentation relating to the creation and governance of the Committee.
- 2.35 “Original Plan” shall have the meaning set forth in Article 1.
- 2.36 “Other Stock or Cash Based Award” shall mean a cash payment, cash bonus award, stock payment, stock bonus award, performance award or incentive award that is paid in cash, Shares or a combination of both, awarded under Section 9.1, which may include, without limitation, deferred stock, deferred stock units, performance awards, retainers, committee fees, and meeting-based fees.
- 2.37 “Permitted Transferee” shall mean, with respect to a Holder, any “family member” of the Holder, as defined in the General Instructions to Form S-8 Registration Statement under the Securities Act (or any successor form thereto), or any other transferee specifically approved by the Administrator after taking into account Applicable Law.
- 2.38 “Plan” shall have the meaning set forth in Article 1.
- 2.39 “Program” shall mean any program adopted by the Administrator pursuant to the Plan containing the terms and conditions intended to govern a specified type of Award granted under the Plan and pursuant to which such type of Award may be granted under the Plan.
- 2.40 “Restatement Effective Date” shall mean the date of the Board’s adoption of this Plan, March 28, 2023, subject to approval by the Company’s stockholders.
- 2.41 “Restricted Stock” shall mean Common Stock awarded under Article 7 that is subject to certain restrictions and may be subject to risk of forfeiture or repurchase.
- 2.42 “Restricted Stock Units” shall mean the right to receive Shares awarded under Article 8.
- 2.43 “SAR Term” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.4.
- 2.44 “Section 409A” shall mean Section 409A of the Code and the Department of Treasury regulations and other interpretive guidance issued thereunder, including, without limitation, any such regulations or other guidance thereunder.
- 2.45 “Securities Act” shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- 2.46 “Shares” shall mean shares of Common Stock.
- 2.47 “Stock Appreciation Right” shall mean an Award entitling the Holder (or other person entitled to exercise pursuant to the Plan) to exercise all or a specified portion thereof (to the extent then exercisable pursuant to its terms) and to receive from the Company an amount determined by multiplying the difference obtained by subtracting the exercise price per share of such Award from the Fair Market Value on the date of exercise of such Award by the number of Shares with respect to which such Award shall have been exercised, subject to any limitations the Administrator may impose.
- 2.48 “Stockholders Agreement” shall mean that certain Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement dated as of October 27, 2020 by and among Conyers Park II Acquisition Corp, Karman Topco L.P., CVC ASM Holdco, L.P., the LGP Stockholders (as defined therein), BC Eagle Holdings, L.P., and Conyers Park II Sponsor LLC, as may be amended or amended and restated from time to time.
- 2.49 “Subsidiary” shall mean any entity (other than the Company), whether domestic or foreign, in an unbroken chain of entities beginning with the Company if each of the entities other than the last entity in the unbroken chain beneficially owns, at the time of the determination, securities or interests representing at least fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of securities or interests in one of the other entities in such chain.
- 2.50 “Substitute Award” shall mean an Award granted under the Plan in connection with a corporate transaction, such as a merger, combination, consolidation or acquisition of property or stock, in any case, upon the assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding equity awards previously granted by a company or other entity; provided, however, that in no event shall the term “Substitute Award” be construed to refer to an award made in connection with the cancellation and repricing of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right.
- 2.51 “Termination of Service” shall mean:
- (a) As to a Consultant, the time when the engagement of a Holder as a Consultant to the Company or a Subsidiary is terminated for any reason, with or without cause, including, without limitation, by resignation, discharge, death or retirement, but excluding terminations where the Consultant simultaneously commences or remains in employment or service with the Company or any Subsidiary (including as an Employee or a Non-Employee Director).
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(b) As to a Non-Employee Director, the time when a Holder who is a Non-Employee Director ceases to be a Director for any reason, including, without limitation, a termination by resignation, failure to be elected, death or retirement, but excluding terminations where the Holder simultaneously commences or remains in employment or service with the Company or any Subsidiary (including as a Consultant or an Employee).

(c) As to an Employee, the time when the employee-employer relationship between a Holder and the Company or any Subsidiary is terminated for any reason, including, without limitation, a termination by resignation, discharge, death, disability or retirement; but excluding terminations where the Holder simultaneously commences or remains in employment or service with the Company or any Subsidiary (including as a Consultant or Non-Employee Director).

The Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine the effect of all matters and questions relating to any Termination of Service, including, without limitation, whether a Termination of Service has occurred, whether a Termination of Service resulted from a discharge for cause and all questions of whether particular leaves of absence constitute a Termination of Service. For purposes of the Plan, a Holder's employee-employer relationship or consultancy relations shall be deemed to be terminated in the event that the Subsidiary employing or contracting with such Holder ceases to remain a Subsidiary following any merger, sale of stock or other corporate transaction or event (including, without limitation, a spin-off).

### ARTICLE 3.

#### SHARES SUBJECT TO THE PLAN

##### 3.1 Number of Shares.

(a) Subject to Sections 3.1(b) and 12.2, Awards may be made under the Plan covering an aggregate number of Shares equal to the sum of: (i) 99,917,647, and (ii) an annual increase on the first day of each calendar year beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending on and including January 1, 2033, equal to the lesser of (A) three percent (3)% of the Shares outstanding on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year and (B) such lesser number of Shares as determined by the Board. Any Shares distributed pursuant to an Award may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Common Stock, treasury Common Stock or Common Stock purchased on the open market.

(b) If any Shares subject to an Award are forfeited or expire, are converted to shares of another entity in connection with a recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, exchange of shares or other similar event, or such Award is settled for cash (in whole or in part) (including Shares repurchased by the Company under Section 7.4 at the same price paid by the Holder), the Shares subject to such Award shall, to the extent of such forfeiture, expiration, conversion or cash settlement, again be available for future grants of Awards under the Plan. Further, Shares delivered (either by actual delivery or attestation) to the Company by a Holder to satisfy the applicable exercise or purchase price of an Award and/or to satisfy any applicable tax withholding obligation with respect to an Award (including Shares retained by the Company from the Award being exercised or purchased and/or creating the tax obligation) will, as applicable, become or again be available for Award grants under the Plan. The payment of Dividend Equivalents in cash in conjunction with any outstanding Awards shall not be counted against the Shares available for issuance under the Plan.

(c) Substitute Awards shall not reduce the Shares authorized for grant under the Plan, except as may be required by reason of Section 422 of the Code. Additionally, in the event that a company acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary or with which the Company or any Subsidiary combines has shares available under a pre-existing plan approved by its stockholders and not adopted in contemplation of such acquisition or combination, the shares available for grant pursuant to the terms of such pre-existing plan (as adjusted, to the extent appropriate, using the exchange ratio or other adjustment or valuation ratio or formula used in such acquisition or combination to determine the consideration payable to the holders of common stock of the entities party to such acquisition or combination) may be used for Awards under the Plan and shall not reduce the Shares authorized for grant under the Plan; provided that Awards using such available Shares shall not be made after the date awards or grants could have been made under the terms of the pre-existing plan, absent the acquisition or combination, and shall only be made to individuals who were not employed by or providing services to the Company or its Subsidiaries immediately prior to such acquisition or combination.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, subject to Section 12.2, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued upon the exercise of Incentive Stock Options shall equal 300,000,000 Shares. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.1(b), no Shares may again be optioned, granted or awarded if such action would cause an Incentive Stock Option to fail to qualify as an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Code.

### ARTICLE 4.

#### GRANTING OF AWARDS

4.1 Participation. The Administrator may, from time to time, select from among all Eligible Individuals, those to whom an Award shall be granted and shall determine the nature and amount of each Award, which shall not be inconsistent with the requirements of the Plan. Except for any Non-Employee Director's right to Awards that may be required pursuant to the Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy as described in Section 4.6, no Eligible Individual or other person shall have

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any right to be granted an Award pursuant to the Plan and neither the Company nor the Administrator is obligated to treat Eligible Individuals, Holders or any other persons uniformly. Participation by each Holder in the Plan shall be voluntary and nothing in the Plan or any Program shall be construed as mandating that any Eligible Individual or other person shall participate in the Plan.

4.2 Award Agreement. Each Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that sets forth the terms, conditions and limitations for such Award as determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion (consistent with the requirements of the Plan and any applicable Program). Award Agreements evidencing Incentive Stock Options shall contain such terms and conditions as may be necessary to meet the applicable provisions of Section 422 of the Code.

4.3 Limitations Applicable to Section 16 Persons. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Plan, and any Award granted or awarded to any individual who is then subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, shall be subject to any additional limitations set forth in any applicable exemptive rule under Section 16 of the Exchange Act (including Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act and any amendments thereto) that are requirements for the application of such exemptive rule. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Plan and Awards granted or awarded hereunder shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such applicable exemptive rule.

4.4 At-Will Service. Nothing in the Plan or in any Program or Award Agreement hereunder shall confer upon any Holder any right to continue in the employ of, or as a Director or Consultant for, the Company or any Subsidiary, or shall interfere with or restrict in any way the rights of the Company and any Subsidiary, which rights are hereby expressly reserved, to discharge any Holder at any time for any reason whatsoever, with or without cause, and with or without notice, or to terminate or change all other terms and conditions of employment or engagement, except to the extent expressly provided otherwise in a written agreement between the Holder and the Company or any Subsidiary.

4.5 Foreign Holders. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan or applicable Program to the contrary, in order to comply with the laws in countries other than the United States in which the Company and its Subsidiaries operate or have Employees, Non-Employee Directors or Consultants, or in order to comply with the requirements of any foreign securities exchange or other Applicable Law, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall have the power and authority to: (a) determine which Subsidiaries shall be covered by the Plan; (b) determine which Eligible Individuals outside the United States are eligible to participate in the Plan; (c) modify the terms and conditions of any Award granted to Eligible Individuals outside the United States to comply with Applicable Law (including, without limitation, applicable foreign laws or listing requirements of any foreign securities exchange); (d) establish subplans and modify exercise procedures and other terms and procedures, to the extent such actions may be necessary or advisable; provided, however, that no such subplans and/or modifications shall increase the share limitation contained in Section 3.1 or the Director Limit; and (e) take any action, before or after an Award is made, that it deems advisable to obtain approval or comply with any necessary local governmental regulatory exemptions or approvals or listing requirements of any foreign securities exchange.

4.6 Non-Employee Director Awards.

(a) Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may provide that Awards granted to Non-Employee Directors shall be granted pursuant to a written nondiscretionary formula established by the Administrator (the "Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy"), subject to the limitations of the Plan. The Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy shall set forth the type of Award(s) to be granted to Non-Employee Directors, the number of Shares to be subject to Non-Employee Director Awards, the conditions on which such Awards shall be granted, become exercisable and/or payable and expire, and such other terms and conditions as the Administrator shall determine in its sole discretion. The Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy may be modified by the Administrator from time to time in its sole discretion.

(b) Director Limit. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Plan or in the Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy, the grant date fair value of equity-based Awards granted to a Non-Employee Director as compensation for services as a Non-Employee Director during any calendar year shall not exceed \$500,000, increased to \$1,000,000 in the fiscal year of his or her initial service as a Non-Employee Director (the applicable amount, the "Director Limit"). The Administrator may make exceptions to this limit for individual Non-Employee Directors in extraordinary circumstances, as the Administrator may determine in its discretion, provided that the Non-Employee Director receiving such additional compensation may not participate in the decision to award such compensation or in other contemporaneous compensation decisions involving Non-Employee Directors.

## ARTICLE 5.

### GRANTING OF OPTIONS AND STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

5.1 Granting of Options and Stock Appreciation Rights to Eligible Individuals. The Administrator is authorized to grant Options and Stock Appreciation Rights to Eligible Individuals from time to time, in its sole discretion, on such terms and conditions as it may determine, which shall not be inconsistent with the Plan.

5.2 Qualification of Incentive Stock Options. The Administrator may grant Options intended to qualify as Incentive Stock Options only to employees of the Company, any of the Company's present or future "parent corporations" or "subsidiary"

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corporations” as defined in Sections 424(e) or (f) of the Code, respectively, and any other entities the employees of which are eligible to receive Incentive Stock Options under the Code. No person who qualifies as a Greater Than 10% Stockholder may be granted an Incentive Stock Option unless such Incentive Stock Option conforms to the applicable provisions of Section 422 of the Code. To the extent that the aggregate fair market value of stock with respect to which “incentive stock options” (within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, but without regard to Section 422(d) of the Code) are exercisable for the first time by a Holder during any calendar year under the Plan, and all other plans of the Company and any parent corporation or subsidiary corporation thereof (as defined in Section 424(e) and 424(f) of the Code, respectively), exceeds \$100,000, the Options shall be treated as Non-Qualified Stock Options to the extent required by Section 422 of the Code. The rule set forth in the immediately preceding sentence shall be applied by taking Options and other “incentive stock options” into account in the order in which they were granted and the fair market value of stock shall be determined as of the time the respective options were granted. Any interpretations and rules under the Plan with respect to Incentive Stock Options shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 422 of the Code. Neither the Company nor the Administrator shall have any liability to a Holder, or any other person, (a) if an Option (or any part thereof) which is intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option fails to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option or (b) for any action or omission by the Company or the Administrator that causes an Option not to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option, including without limitation, the conversion of an Incentive Stock Option to a Non-Qualified Stock Option or the grant of an Option intended as an Incentive Stock Option that fails to satisfy the requirements under the Code applicable to an Incentive Stock Option.

5.3 Option and Stock Appreciation Right Exercise Price. The exercise price per Share subject to each Option and Stock Appreciation Right shall be set by the Administrator, but shall not be less than the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date the Option or Stock Appreciation Right, as applicable, is granted (or, as to Incentive Stock Options, on the date the Option is modified, extended or renewed for purposes of Section 424(h) of the Code). In addition, in the case of Incentive Stock Options granted to a Greater Than 10% Stockholder, such price shall not be less than 110% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date the Option is granted (or the date the Option is modified, extended or renewed for purposes of Section 424(h) of the Code). Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right that is a Substitute Award, the exercise price per share of the Shares subject to such Option or Stock Appreciation Right, as applicable, may be less than the Fair Market Value per share on the date of grant; provided that the exercise price of any Substitute Award shall be determined in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 424 and 409A of the Code.

5.4 Option and SAR Term. The term of each Option (the “Option Term”) and the term of each Stock Appreciation Right (the “SAR Term”) shall be set by the Administrator in its sole discretion; provided, however, that the Option Term or SAR Term, as applicable, shall not be more than (a) ten (10) years from the date the Option or Stock Appreciation Right, as applicable, is granted to an Eligible Individual (other than, in the case of Incentive Stock Options, a Greater Than 10% Stockholder), or (b) five (5) years from the date an Incentive Stock Option is granted to a Greater Than 10% Stockholder. Except as limited by the requirements of Section 409A or Section 422 of the Code and regulations and rulings thereunder or the first sentence of this Section 5.4 and without limiting the Company’s rights under Section 10.7, the Administrator may extend the Option Term of any outstanding Option or the SAR Term of any outstanding Stock Appreciation Right, and may extend the time period during which vested Options or Stock Appreciation Rights may be exercised, in connection with any Termination of Service of the Holder or otherwise, and may amend, subject to Section 10.7 and 12.1, any other term or condition of such Option or Stock Appreciation Right relating to such Termination of Service of the Holder or otherwise.

5.5 Option and SAR Vesting. The period during which the right to exercise, in whole or in part, an Option or Stock Appreciation Right vests in the Holder, including, without limitation, any performance-based vesting criteria applicable to such period, shall be set by the Administrator and set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. Unless otherwise determined by the Administrator in the Award Agreement, the applicable Program or by action of the Administrator following the grant of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right, (a) no portion of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right which is unexercisable at a Holder’s Termination of Service shall thereafter become exercisable and (b) the portion of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right that is unexercisable at a Holder’s Termination of Service shall automatically expire thirty (30) days following such Termination of Service.

## ARTICLE 6.

### EXERCISE OF OPTIONS AND STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

6.1 Exercise and Payment. An exercisable Option or Stock Appreciation Right may be exercised in whole or in part. However, an Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall not be exercisable with respect to fractional Shares and the Administrator may require that, by the terms of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right, a partial exercise must be with respect to a minimum number of Shares. Payment of the amounts payable with respect to Stock Appreciation Rights pursuant to this Article 6 shall be in cash, Shares (based on its Fair Market Value as of the date the Stock Appreciation Right is exercised), or a combination of both, as determined by the Administrator.

6.2 Manner of Exercise. Except as set forth in Section 6.3, all or a portion of an exercisable Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be deemed exercised upon delivery of all of the following to the Secretary of the Company, the stock plan administrator of the Company or such other person or entity designated by the Administrator, or his, her or its office, as applicable:

(a) A written or electronic notice complying with the applicable rules established by the Administrator stating that the Option

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or Stock Appreciation Right, or a portion thereof, is exercised. The notice shall be signed or otherwise acknowledged electronically by the Holder or other person then entitled to exercise the Option or Stock Appreciation Right or such portion thereof;

(b) Such representations and documents as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, deems necessary or advisable to effect compliance with Applicable Law;

(c) In the event that the Option shall be exercised pursuant to Section 10.3 by any person or persons other than the Holder, appropriate proof of the right of such person or persons to exercise the Option or Stock Appreciation Right, as determined in the sole discretion of the Administrator; and

(d) Full payment of the exercise price and applicable withholding taxes for the Shares with respect to which the Option or Stock Appreciation Right, or portion thereof, is exercised, in a manner permitted by the Administrator in accordance with Sections 10.1 and 10.2.

**6.3 Expiration of Option Term or SAR Term: Automatic Exercise of In-The-Money Options and Stock Appreciation Rights.** The Administrator may include a provision in an Award Agreement providing for the automatic exercise of an Option or a Stock Appreciation Right on the last business day of the applicable Option Term or Stock Appreciation Right Term that was initially established by the Administrator for such Option or Stock Appreciation Right (e.g., the last business day prior to the tenth anniversary of the date of grant of such Option or Stock Appreciation Right if the Option or Stock Appreciation Right initially had a ten-year Option Term or Stock Appreciation Right Term, as applicable).

**6.4 Notification Regarding Disposition.** The Holder shall give the Company prompt written or electronic notice of any disposition of Shares acquired by exercise of an Incentive Stock Option which occurs within (a) two years from the date of granting (including the date the Option is modified, extended or renewed for purposes of Section 424(h) of the Code) such Option to such Holder, or (b) one year after the date of transfer of such Shares to such Holder. Such notice shall specify the date of such disposition or other transfer and the amount realized, in cash, other property, assumption of indebtedness or other consideration, by the Holder in such disposition or other transfer.

## **ARTICLE 7.**

### **AWARD OF RESTRICTED STOCK**

**7.1 Award of Restricted Stock.** The Administrator is authorized to grant Restricted Stock to Eligible Individuals, and shall determine the terms and conditions, including the restrictions applicable to each award of Restricted Stock, which terms and conditions shall not be inconsistent with the Plan or any applicable Program, and may impose such conditions on the issuance of such Restricted Stock as it deems appropriate. The Administrator shall establish the purchase price, if any, and form of payment for Restricted Stock; provided, however, that if a purchase price is charged, such purchase price shall be no less than the par value, if any, of the Shares to be purchased, unless otherwise permitted by Applicable Law. In all cases, legal consideration shall be required for each issuance of Restricted Stock to the extent required by Applicable Law.

**7.2 Rights as Stockholders.** Subject to Section 7.4, upon issuance of Restricted Stock, the Holder shall have, unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, all the rights of a stockholder with respect to said Shares, subject to the restrictions in the Plan, any applicable Program and/or the applicable Award Agreement, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions paid or made with respect to the Shares to the extent such dividends and other distributions have a record date that is on or after the date on which the Holder to whom such Shares are granted becomes the record holder of such Restricted Stock; provided, however, that, in the sole discretion of the Administrator, any extraordinary distributions with respect to the Shares may be subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 7.3. In addition, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, with respect to a share of Restricted Stock, dividends which are paid prior to vesting shall only be paid out to the Holder to the extent that all vesting conditions are subsequently satisfied and the share of Restricted Stock vests.

**7.3 Restrictions.** All Shares of Restricted Stock (including any Shares received by Holders thereof with respect to shares of Restricted Stock as a result of stock dividends, stock splits or any other form of recapitalization) shall be subject to such restrictions and vesting requirements as the Administrator shall provide in the applicable Program or Award Agreement, including, without limitation, performance-based restrictions or vesting. By action taken after the Restricted Stock is issued, the Administrator may, on such terms and conditions as it may determine to be appropriate, accelerate the vesting of such Restricted Stock by removing any or all of the restrictions imposed by the terms of the applicable Program or Award Agreement.

**7.4 Repurchase or Forfeiture of Restricted Stock.** Except as otherwise determined by the Administrator, if no price was paid by the Holder for the Restricted Stock, upon a Termination of Service during the applicable restriction period, the Holder's rights in unvested Restricted Stock then subject to restrictions shall lapse, and such Restricted Stock shall be surrendered to the Company and cancelled without consideration on the date of such Termination of Service. If a price was paid by the Holder for the Restricted Stock, upon a Termination of Service during the applicable restriction period, the Company shall have the right to repurchase from the Holder the unvested Restricted Stock then subject to restrictions at a cash price per share equal to the price paid by the Holder for such Restricted Stock or such other amount as may be specified in the applicable Program or Award Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may provide that upon certain

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events, including, without limitation, the Holder's death, retirement or disability or any other specified Termination of Service or any other event, the Holder's rights in unvested Restricted Stock then subject to restrictions shall not lapse, such Restricted Stock shall vest and cease to be forfeitable and, if applicable, the Company shall cease to have a right of repurchase.

7.5 Section 83(b) Election. If a Holder makes an election under Section 83(b) of the Code to be taxed with respect to the Restricted Stock as of the date of transfer of the Restricted Stock rather than as of the date or dates upon which the Holder would otherwise be taxable under Section 83(a) of the Code, the Holder shall be required to deliver a copy of such election to the Company promptly after filing such election with the Internal Revenue Service along with proof of the timely filing thereof with the Internal Revenue Service.

## ARTICLE 8.

### AWARD OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS

8.1 Grant of Restricted Stock Units. The Administrator is authorized to grant Awards of Restricted Stock Units to any Eligible Individual selected by the Administrator in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions as determined by the Administrator.

8.2 Term. Except as otherwise provided herein, the term of a Restricted Stock Unit award shall be set by the Administrator in its sole discretion.

8.3 Purchase Price. The Administrator shall specify the purchase price, if any, to be paid by the Holder to the Company with respect to any Restricted Stock Unit Award; provided, however, that the value of the consideration shall not be less than the par value of a Share, unless otherwise permitted by Applicable Law.

8.4 Vesting of Restricted Stock Units. At the time of grant, the Administrator shall specify the date or dates on which the Restricted Stock Units shall become fully vested and nonforfeitable, and may specify such conditions to vesting as it deems appropriate, including, without limitation, vesting based upon the Holder's duration of service to the Company or any Subsidiary, Company performance, individual performance or other specific criteria, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods, as determined by the Administrator.

8.5 Maturity and Payment. At the time of grant, the Administrator shall specify the maturity date applicable to each grant of Restricted Stock Units, which shall be no earlier than the vesting date or dates of the Award and may be determined at the election of the Holder (if permitted by the applicable Award Agreement); provided that, except as otherwise determined by the Administrator, and subject to compliance with Section 409A, in no event shall the maturity date relating to each Restricted Stock Unit occur following the later of (a) the 15th day of the third month following the end of the calendar year in which the applicable portion of the Restricted Stock Unit vests; or (b) the 15th day of the third month following the end of the Company's fiscal year in which the applicable portion of the Restricted Stock Unit vests. On the maturity date, the Company shall, in accordance with the applicable Award Agreement and subject to Section 10.4(f), transfer to the Holder one unrestricted, fully transferable Share for each Restricted Stock Unit scheduled to be paid out on such date and not previously forfeited, or in the sole discretion of the Administrator, an amount in cash equal to the Fair Market Value of such Shares on the maturity date or a combination of cash and Common Stock as determined by the Administrator.

8.6 Payment upon Termination of Service. An Award of Restricted Stock Units shall only be payable while the Holder is an Employee, a Consultant or a member of the Board, as applicable; provided, however, that the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may provide (in an Award Agreement or otherwise) that a Restricted Stock Unit award may be paid subsequent to a Termination of Service in certain events, the Holder's death, retirement or disability or any other specified Termination of Service.

## ARTICLE 9.

### AWARD OF OTHER STOCK OR CASH BASED AWARDS AND DIVIDEND EQUIVALENTS

9.1 Other Stock or Cash Based Awards. The Administrator is authorized to grant Other Stock or Cash Based Awards, including awards entitling a Holder to receive Shares or cash to be delivered immediately or in the future, to any Eligible Individual. Subject to the provisions of the Plan and any applicable Program, the Administrator shall determine the terms and conditions of each Other Stock or Cash Based Award, including the term of the Award, any exercise or purchase price, performance goals, transfer restrictions, vesting conditions and other terms and conditions applicable thereto, which shall be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. Other Stock or Cash Based Awards may be paid in cash, Shares, or a combination of cash and Shares, as determined by the Administrator, and may be available as a form of payment in the settlement of other Awards granted under the Plan, as stand-alone payments, as a part of a bonus, deferred bonus, deferred compensation or other arrangement, and/or as payment in lieu of compensation to which an Eligible Individual is otherwise entitled.

9.2 Dividend Equivalents. Dividend Equivalents may be granted by the Administrator, either alone or in tandem with another Award, based on dividends declared on the Common Stock, to be credited as of dividend payment dates during the period between the date the Dividend Equivalents are granted to a Holder and the date such Dividend Equivalents terminate or expire,

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as determined by the Administrator. Such Dividend Equivalents shall be converted to cash or additional Shares by such formula and at such time and subject to such restrictions and limitations as may be determined by the Administrator. In addition, Dividend Equivalents with respect to an Award shall only be paid out to the Holder to the extent that the full vesting conditions are subsequently satisfied and the Award vests. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Dividend Equivalents shall be payable with respect to Options or Stock Appreciation Rights.

## ARTICLE 10.

### ADDITIONAL TERMS OF AWARDS

10.1 Payment. The Administrator shall determine the method or methods by which payments by any Holder with respect to any Awards granted under the Plan shall be made, including, without limitation: (a) cash or check, (b) Shares (including, in the case of payment of the exercise price of an Award, Shares issuable pursuant to the exercise of the Award) or Shares held for such minimum period of time as may be established by the Administrator, in each case, having a fair market value on the date of delivery equal to the aggregate payments required, (c) delivery of a written or electronic notice that the Holder has placed a market sell order with a broker acceptable to the Company with respect to Shares then issuable upon exercise or vesting of an Award, and that the broker has been directed to pay a sufficient portion of the net proceeds of the sale to the Company in satisfaction of the aggregate payments required; provided that payment of such proceeds is then made to the Company upon settlement of such sale, (d) other form of legal consideration acceptable to the Administrator in its sole discretion, or (e) any combination of the above permitted forms of payment. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, no Holder who is a Director or an "executive officer" of the Company within the meaning of Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act shall be permitted to make payment with respect to any Awards granted under the Plan, or continue any extension of credit with respect to such payment, with a loan from the Company or a loan arranged by the Company in violation of Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act.

10.2 Tax Withholding. The Company or any Subsidiary shall have the authority and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Holder to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy federal, state, local and foreign taxes (including the Holder's FICA, employment tax or other social security contribution obligation) required by law to be withheld with respect to any taxable event concerning a Holder arising as a result of the Plan or any Award. The Administrator may, in its sole discretion and in satisfaction of the foregoing requirement, or in satisfaction of such additional withholding obligations as a Holder may have elected, allow a Holder to satisfy such obligations by any payment means described in Section 10.1 hereof, including without limitation, by allowing such Holder to elect to have the Company or any Subsidiary withhold Shares otherwise issuable under an Award (or allow the surrender of Shares). The number of Shares that may be so withheld or surrendered shall be no greater than the number of Shares that have a fair market value on the date of withholding or repurchase equal to the aggregate amount of such liabilities based on the maximum statutory withholding rates in such Holder's applicable jurisdiction for federal, state, local and foreign income tax and payroll tax purposes that are applicable to such taxable income. The Administrator shall determine the fair market value of the Shares, consistent with applicable provisions of the Code, for tax withholding obligations due in connection with a broker-assisted cashless Option or Stock Appreciation Right exercise involving the sale of Shares to pay the Option or Stock Appreciation Right exercise price or any tax withholding obligation.

#### 10.3 Transferability of Awards.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 10.3(b) and 10.3(c):

(i) No Award under the Plan may be sold, pledged, assigned or transferred in any manner other than (A) by will or the laws of descent and distribution or (B) subject to the consent of the Administrator, pursuant to a DRO, unless and until such Award has been exercised or the Shares underlying such Award have been issued, and all restrictions applicable to such Shares have lapsed;

(ii) No Award or interest or right therein shall be liable for or otherwise subject to the debts, contracts or engagements of the Holder or the Holder's successors in interest or shall be subject to disposition by transfer, alienation, anticipation, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, assignment or any other means whether such disposition be voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law by judgment, levy, attachment, garnishment or any other legal or equitable proceedings (including bankruptcy) unless and until such Award has been exercised, or the Shares underlying such Award have been issued, and all restrictions applicable to such Shares have lapsed, and any attempted disposition of an Award prior to satisfaction of these conditions shall be null and void and of no effect, except to the extent that such disposition is permitted by Section 10.3(a)(i); and

(iii) During the lifetime of the Holder, only the Holder may exercise any exercisable portion of an Award granted to such Holder under the Plan, unless it has been disposed of pursuant to a DRO. After the death of the Holder, any exercisable portion of an Award may, prior to the time when such portion becomes unexercisable under the Plan or the applicable Program or Award Agreement, be exercised by the Holder's personal representative or by any person empowered to do so under the deceased Holder's will or under the then-applicable laws of descent and distribution. (b) Notwithstanding Section 10.3(a), the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may determine to permit a Holder or a Permitted Transferee of such Holder to transfer an Award other than an Incentive Stock Option (unless such Incentive Stock Option is intended to become a Nonqualified Stock Option) to any one or more Permitted Transferees of such Holder, subject to the following terms and conditions: (i) an Award transferred to a Permitted Transferee shall not be assignable or transferable by the Permitted Transferee other than (A) to

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another Permitted Transferee of the applicable Holder or (B) by will or the laws of descent and distribution or, subject to the consent of the Administrator, pursuant to a DRO; (ii) an Award transferred to a Permitted Transferee shall continue to be subject to all the terms and conditions of the Award as applicable to the original Holder (other than the ability to further transfer the Award to any person other than another Permitted Transferee of the applicable Holder); and (iii) the Holder (or transferring Permitted Transferee) and the receiving Permitted Transferee shall execute any and all documents requested by the Administrator, including, without limitation documents to (A) confirm the status of the transferee as a Permitted Transferee, (B) satisfy any requirements for an exemption for the transfer under Applicable Law and (C) evidence the transfer. In addition, and further notwithstanding Section 10.3(a), hereof, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may determine to permit a Holder to transfer Incentive Stock Options to a trust that constitutes a Permitted Transferee if, under Section 671 of the Code and other Applicable Law, the Holder is considered the sole beneficial owner of the Incentive Stock Option while it is held in the trust.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 10.3(a), a Holder may, in the manner determined by the Administrator, designate a beneficiary to exercise the rights of the Holder and to receive any distribution with respect to any Award upon the Holder's death. A beneficiary, legal guardian, legal representative, or other person claiming any rights pursuant to the Plan is subject to all terms and conditions of the Plan and any Program or Award Agreement applicable to the Holder and any additional restrictions deemed necessary or appropriate by the Administrator. If the Holder is married or a domestic partner in a domestic partnership qualified under Applicable Law and resides in a community property state, a designation of a person other than the Holder's spouse or domestic partner, as applicable, as the Holder's beneficiary with respect to more than 50% of the Holder's interest in the Award shall not be effective without the prior written or electronic consent of the Holder's spouse or domestic partner. If no beneficiary has been designated or survives the Holder, payment shall be made to the person entitled thereto pursuant to the Holder's will or the laws of descent and distribution. Subject to the foregoing, a beneficiary designation may be changed or revoked by a Holder at any time; provided that the change or revocation is delivered in writing to the Administrator prior to the Holder's death.

#### 10.4 Conditions to Issuance of Shares.

(a) The Administrator shall determine the methods by which Shares shall be delivered or deemed to be delivered to Holders. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificates or make any book entries evidencing Shares pursuant to the exercise of any Award, unless and until the Administrator has determined, with advice of counsel, that the issuance of such Shares is in compliance with Applicable Law and the Shares are covered by an effective registration statement or applicable exemption from registration. In addition to the terms and conditions provided herein, the Administrator may require that a Holder make such reasonable covenants, agreements and representations as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, deems advisable in order to comply with Applicable Law.

(b) All share certificates delivered pursuant to the Plan and all Shares issued pursuant to book entry procedures are subject to any stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Administrator deems necessary or advisable to comply with Applicable Law. The Administrator may place legends on any share certificate or book entry to reference restrictions applicable to the Shares (including, without limitation, restrictions applicable to Restricted Stock).

(c) The Administrator shall have the right to require any Holder to comply with any timing or other restrictions with respect to the settlement, distribution or exercise of any Award, including a window-period limitation, as may be imposed in the sole discretion of the Administrator.

(d) No fractional Shares shall be issued and the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether cash shall be given in lieu of fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares shall be eliminated by rounding down.

(e) The Company, in its sole discretion, may (i) retain physical possession of any stock certificate evidencing Shares until any restrictions thereon shall have lapsed and/or (ii) require that the stock certificates evidencing such Shares be held in custody by a designated escrow agent (which may but need not be the Company) until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed, and that the Holder deliver a stock power, endorsed in blank, relating to such Shares.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator or required by Applicable Law, the Company shall not deliver to any Holder certificates evidencing Shares issued in connection with any Award and instead such Shares shall be recorded in the books of the Company (or, as applicable, its transfer agent or stock plan administrator).

10.5 Forfeiture and Claw-Back Provisions. All Awards (including any proceeds, gains or other economic benefit actually or constructively received by a Holder upon any receipt or exercise of any Award or upon the receipt or resale of any Shares underlying the Award and any payments of a portion of an incentive-based bonus pool allocated to a Holder) shall, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator or required by Applicable Law, be subject to the provisions of any claw-back policy implemented by the Company, including, without limitation, any claw-back policy adopted to comply with the requirements of Applicable Law, including, without limitation, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, whether or not such claw-back policy was in place at the time of grant of an Award, to the extent set forth in such claw-back policy and/or in the applicable Award Agreement.

10.6 Prohibition on Repricing. Subject to Section 12.2, the Administrator shall not, without the approval of the stockholders of the Company, (a) authorize the amendment of any outstanding Option or Stock Appreciation Right to reduce its price per

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Share, or (b) cancel any Option or Stock Appreciation Right in exchange for cash or another Award when the Option or Stock Appreciation Right price per Share exceeds the Fair Market Value of the underlying Shares. Furthermore, for purposes of this Section 10.6, except in connection with a corporate transaction involving the Company (including, without limitation, any stock dividend, stock split, extraordinary cash dividend, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination or exchange of shares), the terms of outstanding Awards may not be amended to reduce the exercise price per Share of outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights or cancel outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights in exchange for cash, other Awards or Options or Stock Appreciation Rights with an exercise price per Share that is less than the exercise price per Share of the original Options or Stock Appreciation Rights without the approval of the stockholders of the Company.

10.7 Amendment of Awards. Subject to Applicable Law and Section 10.6, the Administrator may amend, modify or terminate any outstanding Award, including but not limited to, substituting therefor another Award of the same or a different type, changing the date of exercise or settlement, and converting an Incentive Stock Option to a Non-Qualified Stock Option. The Holder's consent to such action shall be required unless (a) the Administrator determines that the action, taking into account any related action, would not materially and adversely affect the Holder, or (b) the change is otherwise permitted under the Plan (including, without limitation, under Section 12.2 or 12.10).

10.8 Data Privacy. As a condition of receipt of any Award, each Holder explicitly and unambiguously consents to the collection, use and transfer, in electronic or other form, of personal data as described in this Section 10.8 by and among, as applicable, the Company and its Subsidiaries for the exclusive purpose of implementing, administering and managing the Holder's participation in the Plan. The Company and its Subsidiaries may hold certain personal information about a Holder, including but not limited to, the Holder's name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, social security or insurance number or other identification number, salary, nationality, job title(s), any shares of stock held in the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and details of all Awards, in each case, for the purpose of implementing, managing and administering the Plan and Awards (the "Data"). The Company and its Subsidiaries may transfer the Data amongst themselves as necessary for the purpose of implementation, administration and management of a Holder's participation in the Plan, and the Company and its Subsidiaries may each further transfer the Data to any third parties assisting the Company and its Subsidiaries in the implementation, administration and management of the Plan. These recipients may be located in the Holder's country, or elsewhere, and the Holder's country may have different data privacy laws and protections than the recipients' country. Through acceptance of an Award, each Holder authorizes such recipients to receive, possess, use, retain and transfer the Data, in electronic or other form, for the purposes of implementing, administering and managing the Holder's participation in the Plan, including any requisite transfer of such Data as may be required to a broker or other third party with whom the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or the Holder may elect to deposit any Shares. The Data related to a Holder will be held only as long as is necessary to implement, administer, and manage the Holder's participation in the Plan. A Holder may, at any time, view the Data held by the Company with respect to such Holder, request additional information about the storage and processing of the Data with respect to such Holder, recommend any necessary corrections to the Data with respect to the Holder or refuse or withdraw the consents herein in writing, in any case without cost, by contacting his or her local human resources representative. The Company may cancel the Holder's ability to participate in the Plan and, in the Administrator's discretion, the Holder may forfeit any outstanding Awards if the Holder refuses or withdraws his or her consents as described herein. For more information on the consequences of refusal to consent or withdrawal of consent, Holders may contact their local human resources representative.

## ARTICLE 11.

### ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Administrator. The Committee shall administer the Plan (except as otherwise permitted herein). To the extent necessary to comply with Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act, with respect to any action taken by the Committee with respect to an Award that is subject to Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act, it is intended that such action is taken by individuals consisting solely of two or more Non-Employee Directors, each of whom is intended to qualify as a "non-employee director" as defined by Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act or any successor rule. Additionally, to the extent required by Applicable Law, each of the individuals constituting the Committee shall be an "independent director" under the rules of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Shares are listed, quoted or traded. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any action taken by the Committee shall be valid and effective, whether or not members of the Committee at the time of such action are later determined not to have satisfied the requirements for membership set forth in this Section 11.1 or the Organizational Documents. Except as may otherwise be provided in the Organizational Documents or as otherwise required by Applicable Law, (a) appointment of Committee members shall be effective upon acceptance of appointment, (b) Committee members may resign at any time by delivering written or electronic notice to the Board and (c) vacancies in the Committee may only be filled by the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the full Board, acting by a majority of its members in office, shall conduct the general administration of the Plan with respect to Awards granted to Non-Employee Directors and, with respect to such Awards, the term "Administrator" as used in the Plan shall be deemed to refer to the Board and (ii) the Board or Committee may delegate its authority hereunder to the extent permitted by Section 11.6.

11.2 Duties and Powers of Administrator. It shall be the duty of the Administrator to conduct the general administration of the Plan in accordance with its provisions. The Administrator shall have the power to interpret the Plan, all Programs and Award Agreements, and to adopt such rules for the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan and any Program as are not inconsistent with the Plan, to interpret, amend or revoke any such rules and to amend the Plan or any Program or Award Agreement; provided that the rights or obligations of the Holder of the Award that is the subject of any such Program or Award

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Agreement are not materially and adversely affected by such amendment, unless the consent of the Holder is obtained or such amendment is otherwise permitted under Section 10.7 or Section 12.10. In its sole discretion, the Board may at any time and from time to time exercise any and all rights and duties of the Committee in its capacity as the Administrator under the Plan except with respect to matters which under Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act or any successor rule, or any regulations or rules issued thereunder, or the rules of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Shares are listed, quoted or traded are required to be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee.

11.3 Action by the Administrator. Unless otherwise established by the Board, set forth in any Organizational Documents or as required by Applicable Law, a majority of the Administrator shall constitute a quorum and the acts of a majority of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is present, and acts approved in writing by all members of the Administrator in lieu of a meeting, shall be deemed the acts of the Administrator. Each member of the Administrator is entitled to, in good faith, rely or act upon any report or other information furnished to that member by any officer or other employee of the Company or any Subsidiary, the Company's independent certified public accountants, or any executive compensation consultant or other professional retained by the Company to assist in the administration of the Plan.

11.4 Authority of Administrator. Subject to the Organizational Documents, any specific designation in the Plan and Applicable Law, the Administrator has the exclusive power, authority and sole discretion to:

- (a) Designate Eligible Individuals to receive Awards;
- (b) Determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to each Eligible Individual (including, without limitation, any Awards granted in tandem with another Award granted pursuant to the Plan);
- (c) Determine the number of Awards to be granted and the number of Shares to which an Award will relate;
- (d) Determine the terms and conditions of any Award granted pursuant to the Plan, including, but not limited to, the exercise price, grant price, purchase price or performance criteria, any restrictions or limitations on the Award, any schedule for vesting, lapse of forfeiture restrictions or restrictions on the exercisability of an Award, and accelerations or waivers thereof, and any provisions related to non-competition and claw-back and recapture of gain on an Award, based in each case on such considerations as the Administrator in its sole discretion determines;
- (e) Determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances an Award may be settled in, or the exercise price of an Award may be paid in cash, Shares, other Awards, or other property, or an Award may be canceled, forfeited, or surrendered;
- (f) Prescribe the form of each Award Agreement, which need not be identical for each Holder;
- (g) Decide all other matters that must be determined in connection with an Award;
- (h) Establish, adopt, or revise any Programs, rules and regulations as it may deem necessary or advisable to administer the Plan;
- (i) Interpret the terms of, and any matter arising pursuant to, the Plan, any Program or any Award Agreement;
- (j) Accelerate wholly or partially the vesting or lapse of restrictions of any Award or portion thereof at any time after the grant of an Award, subject to whatever terms and conditions it selects and Section 12.2; and
- (k) Make all other decisions and determinations that may be required pursuant to the Plan or as the Administrator deems necessary or advisable to administer the Plan.

11.5 Decisions Binding. The Administrator's interpretation of the Plan, any Awards granted pursuant to the Plan, any Program or any Award Agreement and all decisions and determinations by the Administrator with respect to the Plan are final, binding and conclusive on all persons.

11.6 Delegation of Authority. The Board or Committee may from time to time delegate to a committee of one or more members of the Board or one or more officers of the Company the authority to grant or amend Awards or to take other administrative actions pursuant to this Article 11; provided, however, that in no event shall an officer of the Company be delegated the authority to grant Awards to, or amend Awards held by, the following individuals: (a) individuals who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or (b) officers of the Company (or Directors) to whom authority to grant or amend Awards has been delegated hereunder; provided, further, that any delegation of administrative authority shall only be permitted to the extent it is permissible under any Organizational Documents and Applicable Law. Any delegation hereunder shall be subject to the restrictions and limits that the Board or Committee specifies at the time of such delegation or that are otherwise included in the applicable Organizational Documents, and the Board or Committee, as applicable, may at any time rescind the authority so delegated or appoint a new delegatee. At all times, the delegatee appointed under this Section 11.6 shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the Board or the Committee, as applicable, and the Board or the Committee may abolish any committee at any time and re-vest in itself any previously delegated authority.

## ARTICLE 12.

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## MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

### 12.1 Amendment, Suspension or Termination of the Plan.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 12.1(b), the Plan may be wholly or partially amended or otherwise modified, suspended or terminated at any time or from time to time by the Board; provided that, except as provided in Section 10.5 and Section 12.10, no amendment, suspension or termination of the Plan shall, without the consent of the Holder, materially and adversely affect any rights or obligations under any Award theretofore granted or awarded, unless the Award itself otherwise expressly so provides.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 12.1(a), the Board may not, except as provided in Section 12.2, take any of the following actions without approval of the Company's stockholders given within twelve (12) months before or after such action: (i) increase the limit imposed in Section 3.1 on the maximum number of Shares which may be issued under the Plan, (ii) reduce the price per share of any outstanding Option or Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan or take any action prohibited under Section 10.6, or (iii) cancel any Option or Stock Appreciation Right in exchange for cash or another Award in violation of Section 10.6.

(c) No Awards may be granted or awarded during any period of suspension or after termination of the Plan, and notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event may any Award be granted under the Plan after the tenth (10th) anniversary of the earlier of (i) the Restatement Effective Date or (ii) the date the Plan was approved by the Company's stockholders (such anniversary, the "Expiration Date"). Any Awards that are outstanding on the Expiration Date shall remain in force according to the terms of the Plan, the applicable Program and the applicable Award Agreement.

### 12.2 Changes in Common Stock or Assets of the Company, Acquisition or Liquidation of the Company and Other Corporate Events.

(a) In the event of any stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation or other distribution (other than normal cash dividends) of Company assets to stockholders, or any other change affecting the shares of the Company's stock or the share price of the Company's stock other than an Equity Restructuring, the Administrator may make equitable adjustments, if any, to reflect such change with respect to: (i) the aggregate number and kind of Shares that may be issued under the Plan (including, but not limited to, adjustments of the limitations in Section 3.1 on the maximum number and kind of Shares which may be issued under the Plan); (ii) the number and kind of Shares (or other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards; (iii) the terms and conditions of any outstanding Awards (including, without limitation, any applicable performance targets or criteria with respect thereto); (iv) the grant or exercise price per share for any outstanding Awards under the Plan; and (v) the number and kind of Shares (or other securities or property) for which automatic grants are subsequently to be made to new and continuing Non-Employee Directors pursuant to Section 4.6.

(b) In the event of any transaction or event described in Section 12.2(a) or any unusual or nonrecurring transactions or events affecting the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company, or the financial statements of the Company or any Subsidiary, or of changes in Applicable Law or Applicable Accounting Standards, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, and on such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, either by the terms of the Award or by action taken prior to the occurrence of such transaction or event, is hereby authorized to take any one or more of the following actions whenever the Administrator determines that such action is appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan or with respect to any Award under the Plan, to facilitate such transactions or events or to give effect to such changes in Applicable Law or Applicable Accounting Standards:

(i) To provide for the termination of any such Award in exchange for an amount of cash and/or other property with a value equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of the Holder's rights (and, for the avoidance of doubt, if as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction or event described in this Section 12.2 the Administrator determines in good faith that no amount would have been attained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of the Holder's rights, then such Award may be terminated by the Company without payment);

(ii) To provide that such Award be assumed by the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, or shall be substituted for by similar options, rights or awards covering the stock of the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, with appropriate adjustments as to the number and kind of shares and applicable exercise or purchase price, in all cases, as determined by the Administrator;

(iii) To make adjustments in the number and type of Shares of the Company's stock (or other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards, and/or in the terms and conditions of (including the grant or exercise price), and the criteria included in, outstanding Awards and Awards which may be granted in the future;

(iv) To provide that such Award shall be exercisable or payable or fully vested with respect to all Shares covered thereby, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or the applicable Program or Award Agreement;

(v) To replace such Award with other rights or property selected by the Administrator; and/or

(vi) To provide that the Award cannot vest, be exercised or become payable after such event.

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(c) In connection with the occurrence of any Equity Restructuring, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Sections 12.2(a) and 12.2(b):

(i) The number and type of securities subject to each outstanding Award and the exercise price or grant price thereof, if applicable, shall be equitably adjusted (and the adjustments provided under this Section 12.2(c)(i) shall be nondiscretionary and shall be final and binding on the affected Holder and the Company); and/or

(ii) The Administrator shall make such equitable adjustments, if any, as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may deem appropriate to reflect such Equity Restructuring with respect to the aggregate number and kind of Shares that may be issued under the Plan (including, but not limited to, adjustments of the limitation in Section 3.1 on the maximum number and kind of Shares which may be issued under the Plan).

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, in the event of a Change in Control, the parties thereto may cause such Awards to be continued in effect or be assumed or an equivalent Award substituted by the successor corporation or a parent or subsidiary of the successor corporation. In the event an Award continues in effect or is assumed or an equivalent Award substituted, and the surviving or successor company terminates Holder's employment or service without "cause" (as such term is defined in the sole discretion of the Administrator, or as set forth in the Award Agreement relating to such Award) upon or within twelve (12) months following the Change in Control, then such Holder shall be fully vested in such continued, assumed or substituted Award.

(e) In the event that the successor corporation in a Change in Control refuses to assume, continue or substitute for an Award, any or all of such Award shall become fully exercisable immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction and all forfeiture restrictions on any or all of such Award to lapse; provided that the portion of such Award subject to performance-based vesting shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable Award Agreement and, in the absence of applicable terms and conditions, the Administrator's discretion. If any such Award is exercisable in lieu of assumption or substitution in the event of a Change in Control, the Administrator shall notify the Holder that such Award shall be fully exercisable for a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of such notice, contingent upon the occurrence of the Change in Control, and such Award shall terminate upon the expiration of such period.

(f) For the purposes of this Section 12.2, an Award shall be considered assumed if, following the Change in Control, the Award confers the right to purchase or receive, for each Share subject to the Award immediately prior to the Change in Control, the consideration (whether stock, cash, or other securities or property) received in the Change in Control by holders of Common Stock for each Share held on the effective date of the transaction (and if holders were offered a choice of consideration, the type of consideration chosen by the holders of a majority of the outstanding Shares); provided, however, that if such consideration received in the Change in Control was not solely common stock of the successor corporation or its parent, the Administrator may, with the consent of the successor corporation, provide for the consideration to be received upon the exercise of the Award, for each Share subject to an Award, to be solely common stock of the successor corporation or its parent equal in fair market value to the per-share consideration received by holders of Common Stock in the Change in Control.

(g) The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may include such further provisions and limitations in any Award, agreement or certificate, as it may deem equitable and in the best interests of the Company that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan.

(h) Unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, no adjustment or action described in this Section 12.2 or in any other provision of the Plan shall be authorized to the extent it would (i) cause the Plan to violate Section 422(b)(1) of the Code, (ii) result in short-swing profits liability under Section 16 of the Exchange Act or violate the exemptive conditions of Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act, or (iii) cause an Award to fail to be exempt from or comply with Section 409A.

(i) The existence of the Plan, any Program, any Award Agreement and/or the Awards granted hereunder shall not affect or restrict in any way the right or power of the Company or the stockholders of the Company to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Company's capital structure or its business, any merger or consolidation of the Company, any issue of stock or of options, warrants or rights to purchase stock or of bonds, debentures, preferred or prior preference stocks whose rights are superior to or affect the Common Stock or the rights thereof or which are convertible into or exchangeable for Common Stock, or the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise.

(j) In the event of any pending stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation or other distribution (other than normal cash dividends) of Company assets to stockholders, or any other change affecting the Shares or the share price of the Common Stock including any Equity Restructuring, for reasons of administrative convenience, the Company, in its sole discretion, may refuse to permit the exercise of any Award during a period of up to thirty (30) days prior to the consummation of any such transaction.

12.3 Restatement Effective Date; Approval of Plan by Stockholders. The Plan will become effective on the Restatement Effective Date, and any awards outstanding under the Original Plan as of the Restatement Effective Date shall remain outstanding and, if applicable, exercisable pursuant to the terms of such individual grants. The Plan shall be submitted for the approval of the Company's stockholders within twelve (12) months after Restatement Effective Date. Such stockholder

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approval will be obtained in the manner and to the degree required under Applicable Laws. Awards may be granted or awarded prior to such stockholder approval of this Plan; provided that no Shares shall be issued upon the exercise, vesting, distribution or payment of any such Awards prior to the time when the Plan is approved by the Company's stockholders; and, provided, further, that if such approval has not been obtained at the end of said twelve (12)-month period, this amended and restated Plan, and all Awards previously granted or awarded out of the increase to the share reserve under Section 3.1(a) pursuant to this amended and restated Plan after the Restatement Effective Date and subject to such stockholder approval shall thereupon be canceled and become null and void, and the Original Plan, as in effect prior to the Restatement Effective Date, and all Awards thereunder, shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms.

12.4 No Stockholders Rights. Except as otherwise provided herein or in an applicable Program or Award Agreement, a Holder shall have none of the rights of a stockholder with respect to Shares covered by any Award until the Holder becomes the record owner of such Shares.

12.5 Paperless Administration. In the event that the Company establishes, for itself or using the services of a third party, an automated system for the documentation, granting or exercise of Awards, such as a system using an internet website or interactive voice response, then the paperless documentation, granting or exercise of Awards by a Holder may be permitted through the use of such an automated system.

12.6 Effect of Plan upon Other Compensation Plans. The adoption of the Plan shall not affect any other compensation or incentive plans in effect for the Company or any Subsidiary. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed to limit the right of the Company or any Subsidiary: (a) to establish any other forms of incentives or compensation for Employees, Directors or Consultants of the Company or any Subsidiary, or (b) to grant or assume options or other rights or awards otherwise than under the Plan in connection with any proper corporate purpose including without limitation, the grant or assumption of options in connection with the acquisition by purchase, lease, merger, consolidation or otherwise, of the business, stock or assets of any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm or association.

12.7 Compliance with Laws. The Plan, the granting and vesting of Awards under the Plan and the issuance and delivery of Shares and the payment of money under the Plan or under Awards granted or awarded hereunder are subject to compliance with all Applicable Law (including but not limited to state, federal and foreign securities law and margin requirements), and to such approvals by any listing, regulatory or governmental authority as may, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, be necessary or advisable in connection therewith. Any securities delivered under the Plan shall be subject to such restrictions, and the person acquiring such securities shall, if requested by the Company, provide such assurances and representations to the Company as the Company may deem necessary or desirable to assure compliance with all Applicable Law. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may take whatever actions it deems necessary or appropriate to effect compliance with Applicable Law, including, without limitation, placing legends on share certificates and issuing stop-transfer notices to agents and registrars. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Administrator may not take any actions hereunder, and no Awards shall be granted, that would violate Applicable Law. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Plan and Awards granted or awarded hereunder shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to Applicable Law.

12.8 Titles and Headings, References to Sections of the Code or Exchange Act. The titles and headings of the Sections in the Plan are for convenience of reference only and, in the event of any conflict, the text of the Plan, rather than such titles or headings, shall control. References to sections of Applicable Law, including the Code, the Securities Act or the Exchange Act shall include any amendment or successor thereto.

12.9 Governing Law. The Plan and any Programs and Award Agreements hereunder shall be administered, interpreted and enforced under the internal laws of the State of Delaware without regard to conflicts of laws thereof or of any other jurisdiction.

12.10 Section 409A. To the extent that the Administrator determines that any Award granted under the Plan is subject to Section 409A, the Plan, the Program pursuant to which such Award is granted and the Award Agreement evidencing such Award shall incorporate the terms and conditions required by Section 409A. In that regard, to the extent any Award under the Plan or any other compensatory plan or arrangement of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is subject to Section 409A, and such Award or other amount is payable on account of a Holder's Termination of Service (or any similarly defined term), then (a) such Award or amount shall only be paid to the extent such Termination of Service qualifies as a "separation from service" as defined in Section 409A, and (b) if such Award or amount is payable to a "specified employee" as defined in Section 409A then to the extent required in order to avoid a prohibited distribution under Section 409A, such Award or other compensatory payment shall not be payable prior to the earlier of (i) the expiration of the six-month period measured from the date of the Holder's Termination of Service, or (ii) the date of the Holder's death. To the extent applicable, the Plan, the Program and any Award Agreements shall be interpreted in accordance with Section 409A. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in the event that the Administrator determines that any Award may be subject to Section 409A, the Administrator may (but is not obligated to), without a Holder's consent, adopt such amendments to the Plan and the applicable Program and Award Agreement or adopt other policies and procedures (including amendments, policies and procedures with retroactive effect), or take any other actions, that the Administrator determines are necessary or appropriate to (A) exempt the Award from Section 409A and/or preserve the intended tax treatment of the benefits provided with respect to the Award, or (B) comply with the requirements of Section 409A and thereby avoid the application of any penalty taxes under Section 409A. The Company makes no representations or warranties as to the tax treatment of any Award under Section 409A or otherwise. The Company shall have no obligation under this Section 12.10 or otherwise to take any action (whether or not described herein) to avoid the imposition of taxes, penalties or interest under Section 409A with respect to any Award and shall have no liability to

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any Holder or any other person if any Award, compensation or other benefits under the Plan are determined to constitute non-compliant, “nonqualified deferred compensation” subject to the imposition of taxes, penalties and/or interest under Section 409A.

12.11 Unfunded Status of Awards. The Plan is intended to be an “unfunded” plan for incentive compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Holder pursuant to an Award, nothing contained in the Plan or any Program or Award Agreement shall give the Holder any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company or any Subsidiary.

12.12 Indemnification. To the extent permitted under Applicable Law and the Organizational Documents, each member of the Administrator shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company from any loss, cost, liability, or expense that may be imposed upon or reasonably incurred by such member in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she may be a party or in which he or she may be involved by reason of any action or failure to act pursuant to the Plan and against and from any and all amounts paid by him or her in satisfaction of judgment in such action, suit, or proceeding against him or her; provided he or she gives the Company an opportunity, at its own expense, to handle and defend the same before he or she undertakes to handle and defend it on his or her own behalf. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such persons may be entitled pursuant to the Organizational Documents, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any power that the Company may have to indemnify them or hold them harmless.

12.13 Relationship to other Benefits. No payment pursuant to the Plan shall be taken into account in determining any benefits under any pension, retirement, savings, profit sharing, group insurance, welfare or other benefit plan of the Company or any Subsidiary except to the extent otherwise expressly provided in writing in such other plan or an agreement thereunder.

12.14 Expenses. The expenses of administering the Plan shall be borne by the Company and its Subsidiaries.

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## EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is dated as of March 28, 2023, by and between Advantage Solutions Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and Jack Pestello (the “Executive”).

WHEREAS, the Company desires to obtain the benefit of the experience, services, skills, and abilities of the Executive in connection with the operation of the Company and desires to employ the Executive upon the terms and conditions set forth herein, and the Executive is willing and able to accept such employment on such terms and conditions;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Company to assure itself of the services of Executive following the Effective Date (as defined below) and thereafter on the terms herein provided by entering into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Executive to provide services to the Company following the Effective Date and thereafter on the terms herein provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual agreements herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Executive agree as follows:

1. Agreement to Employ; No Conflicts.

1.1 This Agreement shall become effective on April 10, 2023, unless otherwise mutually agreed between the Company and the Executive (the “Effective Date”).

1.2 Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, the Company hereby employs the Executive, and the Executive hereby accepts employment with the Company. The Executive represents that (a) the Executive is entering into this Agreement voluntarily and that the Executive’s employment hereunder and compliance with the terms and conditions hereof will not conflict with or result in the breach by the Executive of any agreement to which the Executive is a party or by which the Executive may be bound (including, without limitation, any non-competition, non-solicitation, confidentiality or proprietary non-disclosure, or other similar covenant or agreement); (b) in connection with Executive’s employment with the Company, Executive will not use any confidential or proprietary information Executive may have obtained in connection with employment with any prior employer; (c) upon the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company, this Agreement shall be the valid and binding obligation of the Executive, enforceable in accordance with its terms; and (d) the Executive does not have any interest in any intangible asset including, without limitation, intellectual property, goodwill, trade secrets, and general know-how, used in, or useful to the Company’s business.

2. Employment Duties. During the Term (as defined below), the Executive shall serve as the Company’s Chief Operating Officer, Branded Services. The Executive shall also serve on request, during all or any portion of the Term, as an officer, director, and/or manager of any of the Company’s subsidiaries or affiliates as the Company may deem appropriate, without any additional compensation therefor. Executive acknowledges and agrees that the Executive’s compensation and benefits under this Agreement, as applicable, may be paid to the Executive by a subsidiary or affiliate of the Company (including, without limitation, Advantage Sales & Marketing LLC). During the Term, the Executive will use the Executive’s best efforts to advance the business interests of, and devote substantially all of Executive’s working time, attention and efforts to the business and affairs of the Company (which shall include service to its affiliates). The Executive may engage in appropriate civic, charitable or religious activities of the Executive’s own choosing, provided that such activities do not materially interfere with

Executive's performance of Executive's duties and responsibilities hereunder (including the Restrictive Covenants) and are not otherwise contrary to the Company's interests, in each case as determined by the Company in its reasonable good faith business judgement. Except as set forth above, the Executive will not engage in any other business activities, including serving on outside boards or committees (whether or not the Executive receives any compensation therefor) without the prior written consent of the Company; provided, however, that the Company will not unreasonably withhold its consent to Executive serving as a director on a board of a public company, so long as such service does not create any conflict of interest, reputational issues or similar concerns.

3. Term of Employment; Term Expiration.

3.1 The term of the Executive's employment under this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue until terminated as provided herein (the "Term").

3.2 Upon termination of this Agreement, the Executive shall not be entitled to any rights or benefits hereunder.

4. Place of Employment. The Executive's principal place of employment shall initially be in Northwest Arkansas; provided, however, that the Company in its sole discretion may require the Executive to report to another location so long as such location is where the Company requires senior management (including the Company's Chief Executive Officer) to meet and perform duties. The Executive and the Company may also mutually agree on a different location. From time to time, Executive may be required to travel to other locations in the performance of Executive's responsibilities under this Agreement.

5. Compensation; Reimbursement. During the Term, the Company shall pay or provide to the Executive, in full satisfaction for the Executive's services provided hereunder, the following:

5.1 Base Salary. During the Term, the Company shall pay the Executive a base salary of \$600,000 per year ("Base Salary"), which shall be subject to annual review and payable in accordance with the payroll policies of the Company for senior executives as from time to time in effect, less such amounts as may be required to be withheld by applicable federal, state and local law and regulations or otherwise elected by the Executive to be withheld (the "Payroll Policies"). The Base Salary may only be reduced as part of a reduction in the base salary of all executive officers of the Company, and in no event may the Base Salary be reduced below ninety percent (90%) of the Base Salary provided for in this Agreement.

5.2 Cash Bonus. During the Term, Executive shall be eligible to receive a target bonus of one hundred percent (100%) of the Executive's Base Salary (the "Target Bonus Opportunity") pursuant to the terms of the Executive Bonus Plan approved by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") or the compensation committee of the Board (the "Compensation Committee"), based on performance metrics to be established by the Board or the Compensation Committee in its discretion following consultation with the Executive. Executive may be eligible for a maximum bonus opportunity as approved in writing from time to time by the Board or the Compensation Committee in their sole and absolute discretion. If Executive earns a bonus in accordance with the Executive Bonus Plan, Executive's bonus will be paid in the calendar year immediately following the year to which the bonus relates, on or about March 15 of such year, or, if later, as soon as practicable following the completion of the Company's audited financial statements for the year to which the bonus relates, and in no event later than December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the year to which the bonus relates. For the 2023 plan year, you will be entitled to receive seventy-five percent (75%) of your bonus target, subject to your continued employment with the Company at the time bonuses for calendar year 2023 are paid (such payment to be made in accordance with the Company's Executive Bonus Plan). For the 2024 plan year and thereafter, your bonus amount will be subject to performance objectives, and will be paid out (if at

all) in accordance with the Company's Executive Bonus Plan.

### 5.3 Equity.

(a)Initial Option Grant. As soon as reasonably practicable following the Effective Date and subject to the approval of the Compensation Committee and the terms and conditions of such approval, the Company will grant to Executive, pursuant to the Plan (as defined below), an initial option grant to purchase 2,000,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock on June 1, 2023. Such grant will vest over five years, in increments of one-fifth of the options on each of the first five anniversary dates of the Effective Date; provided, however, that the options shall become fully vested upon a Change in Control (as defined in the Plan). The options shall have an exercise price of (1) \$2.00 with respect to one-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the options; (2) \$5.00, with respect to another one-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the options; and (3) \$10.00, with respect to the last one-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the options; provided, however, that in no event shall any of the options be granted with an exercise price that is less than the fair market value per share of the Company's Class A common stock on the date of grant. In all other respects, the options shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, the applicable option award agreement, and the other documents governing the options. The option grant described in this Section 5.3(a) shall be granted subject to stockholder approval of an amendment to the Company's 2020 Incentive Award Plan, as amended and restated or otherwise modified from time to time (the "Plan"), increasing the number of shares available for issuance thereunder out of which the option grant described in this Section 5.3(a) will be granted at the Company's 2023 annual meeting of stockholders, and if such stockholder approval is not obtained, the foregoing option grant will automatically terminate and be forfeited.

(b)Initial Annual Equity Grant. For the 2023 fiscal year the Executive will be eligible for an initial equity grant with an aggregate value of \$1,000,000, which will consist of 75% performance restricted stock units (PSUs) and 25% restricted stock units (RSUs), subject to the approval and discretion of the Compensation Committee and subject to the terms and conditions of the Company's organizational documents, any applicable plan documents, and individual award agreements, as such documents and agreements may be amended from time to time. Such equity grant is anticipated to be granted effective on or about June 1, 2023, subject to stockholder approval of an amendment to the Plan increasing the number of shares available for issuance thereunder out of which the equity grant described in this Section 5.3(b) will be granted at the Company's 2023 annual meeting of stockholders.

(c)Subsequent Annual Equity Grants. For the 2024 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years, the Executive will be eligible for an annual equity grant with an aggregate value of up to \$1,000,000, subject to the approval and discretion of the Compensation Committee and subject to the terms and conditions of the Company's organizational documents, any applicable plan documents, and individual award agreements, as such documents and agreements may be amended from time to time.

5.4 Expenses. During the Term, the Company will pay or reimburse the Executive for ordinary and reasonable business-related expenses the Executive incurs in the performance of his duties upon presentation of appropriate documentation, subject to the Company's expense reimbursement policies for senior executives, which are subject to the review and approval of the Board or the Compensation Committee.

### 5.5 Benefits.

(a)During the Term, the Executive shall be entitled to participate in all health, life, disability and other benefits generally made available from time to time by the Company to its senior executives pursuant to the terms of those plans; provided, however, that the Company shall be entitled to amend, modify or terminate any employee benefit plans.

(b) During the Term, the Company shall maintain and the Executive shall be eligible to participate in Benicomp or any replacement executive healthcare plan that provides reimbursement for out of pocket healthcare costs; the Company's executive long-term disability plan; and other executive benefit programs (if and as applicable); provided, however, that the Company shall be entitled to amend, modify or terminate any such plans (the plans referenced in this Section 5.5, collectively, the "Benefit Plans"). Further, the Company's maintaining any or all of the Benefit Plans for senior executives consistent with current levels shall be subject to review and approval of the Compensation Committee.

5.6 Vacation and Sick Time. The Executive shall not earn, accrue, or receive vacation or floating holidays. The Executive shall be entitled to take paid vacation on an as needed basis, subject to the approval of the Chief Executive Officer, so long as the Executive's absence from work does not interfere with the performance of the Executive's job duties and the interests of the Company. Notwithstanding this provision, the Executive shall be eligible for sick time in accordance with the Company's sick time policy and entitled to any leave of absence for which the Executive would otherwise be eligible in accordance with Company policy or any applicable local, state or federal law.

6. Termination. The following shall apply in the event Executive's employment terminates during the Term at any time for any of the reasons set forth below:

6.1 Upon Death or Disability.

(a) If during the Term, the Executive experiences a Disability (as defined below), the Company may terminate the Executive's employment hereunder. In order to assist the Company in making a Disability determination, the Executive shall, as reasonably requested by the Company, (1) make the Executive available for medical examinations by one or more physicians chosen by the Company and reasonably acceptable to the Executive and (2) to the extent reasonably necessary to make such determination, grant to the Company and any such physicians access to all relevant medical information concerning the Executive, arrange to furnish copies of the Executive's medical records to the Company and use the Executive's best efforts to cause the Executive's own physicians to be available to discuss the Executive's health with the Company and the Company will keep such records and information confidential except as reasonably necessary to make such determination. If the Executive dies during the Term, the Executive's employment hereunder shall automatically terminate as of the close of business on the date of Executive's death.

(b) If the Executive's employment is terminated as a result of the Executive's Disability or death, the Executive (or Executive's legal representative, as applicable) shall be entitled to receive: (1) the Executive's Base Salary then in effect at the time of such termination, through the date of termination; (2) reimbursement for any unreimbursed business expenses properly incurred by the Executive in accordance with Section 5.4; (3) employee benefits that Executive was receiving at such time through the date of termination; (4) the opportunity to elect benefits continuation post-employment, which opportunity the Executive may be entitled under the Benefit Plans as of the date of such termination pursuant to the terms thereof (the amounts described in clauses (1) through (4) hereof being referred to as the "Accrued Rights"); and (5) any bonus earned but unpaid for the immediately preceding fiscal year, which bonus shall be paid in accordance with Section 5.2 (the "Accrued Bonus").

(c) In addition to the Accrued Rights and Accrued Bonus, if the Executive's employment is terminated as a result of the Executive's Disability or death, the Company will, subject to Sections 6.5, 6.9 and 9, pay to the Executive or the Executive's legal representative the Executive's Base Salary then in effect at the time of such termination for six (6) months following such termination, less any amounts received by the Executive under the Company's disability policies, if applicable. Such payments will be made in equal installments over such six (6) month period in accordance with the

Payroll Policies, Section 9 and the terms of the Release (as defined below), with the first such payment to occur on the First Payment Date (as defined below) (which first payment will include any installments that would have been paid pursuant to the Payroll Policies prior to such First Payment Date). Subject to Section 6.5, the Executive will also, in the case of a termination for Disability, be entitled to payment to the Executive of the Company's portion of post-employment Company-sponsored health insurance premiums under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act ("COBRA") (at the same levels and costs in effect on the date of termination (excluding, for purposes of calculating cost, an employee's ability to pay premiums with pre-tax dollars)) to the extent permissible under the Company's health insurance plans, including, if permitted and still maintained by the Company, Benicomp (as may be amended, modified or terminated by the Company from time to time), and subject to Executive's valid election to continue healthcare coverage under COBRA, during such six (6) month period, subject to applicable taxes and withholdings; provided, that if the Executive becomes covered by the health insurance policy of any subsequent employer during such six (6) month period, the continuation of such health insurance coverage and premium payment by the Company shall cease.

(d) Following the termination of the Executive's employment on account of the Executive's Disability or upon the Executive's death, the Executive shall have no further rights to any compensation or any other benefits with respect to the Executive's employment with the Company except as set forth in this Section 6.1.

(e) For purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" shall mean the Executive becoming physically or mentally disabled, whether totally or partially, either permanently or so that the Executive, in the good faith judgment of the Company, is unable to perform Executive's duties hereunder (with or without reasonable accommodation) for a period of twenty six (26) weeks during any twelve (12) month period during the Term; provided, however, that to the extent that any payments or benefits payable upon a termination hereunder constitute deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), then the definition of "Disability" shall be as set forth in Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A 3(i)(4).

6.2 For Cause. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment hereunder at any time, effective immediately upon written notice to the Executive, for Cause (as defined below), subject to the notice and cure periods set forth below. If the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company for Cause, the Executive shall be entitled to receive the Accrued Rights. Following a termination of the Executive's employment by the Company for Cause, the Executive shall have no further rights to any compensation or any other benefits with respect to the Executive's employment with the Company except as set forth in this Section 6.2. The Company shall have "Cause" for termination of the Executive's employment if any of the following has occurred:

(a) the Executive's dishonesty or gross negligence in the performance of the Executive's duties hereunder, which dishonesty or gross negligence, if curable in the reasonable determination of the Company, is not cured within 10 calendar days after a written notice specifying such dishonesty or gross negligence is received by the Executive from the Company;

(b) the Executive's willful or continued failure to perform the Executive's duties in all material respects, which failure, if curable in the reasonable determination of the Company, is not cured within 10 calendar days after a written notice specifying such failure is received by the Executive from the Company;

(c) the Executive's intentional misconduct in connection with the performance of the Executive's duties, which misconduct, if curable in the reasonable determination of the Company, is not cured within 10 calendar days after a written notice specifying such misconduct is received by the Executive from the Company;

(d) the Executive's conviction of, nolo contendere or guilty plea to, a crime that constitutes a felony, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

(e) a material breach by the Executive of this Agreement or any restrictive covenant(s) entered into by and between the Company and the Executive (including, without limitation, any restrictive covenant agreement or confidentiality, property protection, non-competition and/or non-solicitation agreement executed by Executive, collectively, the "Restrictive Covenant(s)"), which breach, if curable in the reasonable determination of the Company, is not cured within 10 calendar days after a written notice specifying such breach is received by the Executive from the Company;

(f) following a reasonable investigation by the Company, the Company finds a violation by the Executive of any material written policy of the Company, including, but not limited to, policies and procedures pertaining to harassment, discrimination, and drug and alcohol use, which violation, if curable in the reasonable determination of the Company, is not cured within 10 calendar days after a written notice specifying such violation is received by the Executive from the Company; or

(g) confirmed positive illegal drug test result for the Executive, after the Executive has been given a reasonable opportunity to present evidence refuting such result to the Company.

### 6.3 Without Cause or With Good Reason.

(a) The Company may terminate the Executive's employment hereunder without Cause at any time upon written notice to the Executive and the Executive may terminate Executive's employment for Good Reason (as defined below) if Executive provides three (3) months prior written notice to the Company, which notice period may be reduced by the Company upon receipt of such notice. If the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or by the Executive with Good Reason during the Term, the Executive shall be entitled to receive the Accrued Rights, any Accrued Bonus and, subject to Section 6.5, the additional benefits provided in this Section 6.3.

(b) In addition to the Accrued Rights and any Accrued Bonus, if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or Executive terminates Executive's employment for Good Reason during the Term, subject to Section 6.5, 6.9 and 9:

(i) The Executive will be entitled to continue to receive, as severance, Executive's Base Salary then in effect at the time of such termination for a period of twelve (12) months following the date of termination (the "Severance Period"). Such payments will be made in equal installments over the Severance Period in accordance with the Payroll Policies, Section 9 hereof, and the terms of the Release, with the first such payment to occur on the First Payment Date (which first payment will include any installments that would have been paid pursuant to the Payroll Policies prior to such First Payment Date).

(ii) With respect to each outstanding equity award, the Executive shall be eligible to vest in an additional number of Executive's then outstanding equity awards equal to (A) the amount of the equity awards scheduled to vest on the next applicable vesting date, multiplied by (B) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days worked in the vesting period through the date of termination and the denominator of which is the total number of days in the vesting period ending with the next applicable vesting date. To the extent equity awards that are subject solely to time-based vesting become vested pursuant to this paragraph, they shall vest immediately effective as the date of the Executive's termination of employment. To the extent any equity awards that are subject to performance-based vesting become vested pursuant to this paragraph, they shall vest on the next applicable vesting date, provided that such equity awards subject to performance-based vesting shall

only vest to the extent of actual performance. In addition, the post-termination exercise period for any vested stock options held by the Executive as of the date of the Executive's termination shall be extended through the earlier to occur of (A) the first anniversary of the Executive's date of termination and (B) the expiration date of such stock option.

(iii) Subject to Section 6.5, the Executive will also be entitled during the Severance Period to payment to the Executive of the Company's portion of post-employment Company-sponsored health insurance premiums under COBRA (at the same levels and costs in effect on the date of termination (excluding, for purposes of calculating cost, an employee's ability to pay premiums with pre-tax dollars)) and subject to Executive's valid election to continue healthcare coverage under COBRA, to the extent permissible under the Company's health insurance plans, including, if permitted and still maintained by the Company and/or Benicomp (as may be amended, modified or terminated by the Company from time to time), subject to applicable taxes and withholdings; provided, that if the Executive becomes covered by the health insurance policy of any subsequent employer during the Severance Period, the continuation of such health insurance coverage (including, without limitation, Benicomp) and premium payment by the Company shall cease.

(c) Following a termination of the Executive's employment by the Company without Cause or by the Executive for Good Reason, the Executive shall have no further rights to any compensation or any other benefits except as set forth in this Section 6.3.

6.4 Resignation Without Good Reason. The Executive may terminate Executive's employment without Good Reason (as defined below) upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Company, which notice period may be reduced by the Company upon receipt of such notice. In the event of such a termination, the Executive shall be entitled to receive the Accrued Rights. Following a termination of the Executive's employment by the Executive without Good Reason, the Executive shall have no further rights to any compensation or any other benefits except as set forth in this Section 6.4. The Executive shall have "Good Reason" for termination of Executive's employment hereunder if, other than for Cause, any of the following has occurred:

(a) a reduction in the Base Salary or Target Bonus Opportunity other than as described under Section 5.1 of this Agreement;

(b) the movement by the Company, without the Executive's consent, of the Executive's principal place of employment to a site that is more than 50 miles from the Executive's current principal place of employment; provided, however, that, pursuant to Section 4 of this Agreement, the Company in its sole discretion may require the Executive to report to another location so long as such location is where the Company requires senior management (including the Company's Chief Executive Officer) to meet and perform duties;

(c) any material breach by the Company of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive shall not have "Good Reason" to terminate the Executive's employment in connection with any of the foregoing events unless (1) Executive provides the Company with three (3) months prior written notice of such termination, and such notice is provided within ninety (90) days of the initial occurrence of the event constituting Good Reason, (2) such termination is conditioned upon the Company failing to cure the event constituting Good Reason within the thirty-day period following provision of notice, (3) the Company fails to cure such event constituting Good Reason within such thirty-day period; and (4) and such resignation for Good Reason occurs following the expiration of the foregoing cure period.

6.5 Release. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in order to be eligible for any of the payments under Section 6.1 (in the case of termination for Disability) or 6.3, the Executive must (a)

execute and deliver to the Company a general release, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Release”) (as may be modified only to the extent necessary to (i) have the same legal effect on the date of execution as it would if it were executed on the date hereof, and (ii) be in accordance with the limitations and requirements of applicable law) and not subsequently revoke such Release, and (b) be and remain in compliance with the Executive’s obligations under this Agreement and the Restrictive Covenant(s). In the event that the Executive breaches the Executive’s obligations hereunder or under the Restrictive Covenant(s), any and all payments or benefits provided for in Sections 6.1 and 6.3 shall cease immediately. The date on which the Release becomes effective is referred to herein as the “Release Effective Date.”

6.6 No Reduction of Severance. Except as provided above, the amount of any severance payment or benefit shall not be reduced or offset by reason of any compensation earned by the Executive from a subsequent employer, and the Executive will not be under any obligation to seek other employment or to take any other actions to mitigate any severance payments or benefits amounts payable to the Executive.

6.7 Resignations. The Executive shall be deemed to have voluntarily resigned from each officer and each director position the Executive holds with the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates upon the termination of the Executive’s employment for any reason. The Executive agrees to provide the Company with any documentation requested by it to evidence such resignation(s) promptly following the Company’s request.

6.8 Sole and Exclusive Remedy. It is further acknowledged and agreed by the parties that the actual damages to the Executive in the event of termination would be difficult if not impossible to ascertain, and, therefore, the salary and benefit continuation provisions set forth in this Section 6 shall be the Executive’s sole and exclusive remedy in the case of termination and shall, as liquidated damages or severance pay or both, be considered for all purposes in lieu of any other rights or remedies, at law or in equity, which the Executive may have in the case of such termination.

6.9 Return of Property and Information. On or before the termination of Executive’s employment, or at any time upon demand of the Company, for whatever reason, Executive will return to the Company, all Company property, equipment, confidential information, records electronically stored data and other materials relating to Executive’s employment, including tools, documents, papers, computer software, and passwords and other identification materials. This obligation applies to all materials relating to the affairs of the Company or any of its customers, clients, vendors, or agents that may be in Executive’s possession or control.

7. Non-Disparagement. Subject to Section 12 below, the Executive will not, during the Term and thereafter: (a) make any statement disparaging or criticizing the Company, or any products or services offered by the Company or any of its affiliates, or (b) make any other statement which would be reasonably expected to (i) impair the goodwill or reputation of the Company or (ii) impair the goodwill or reputation of any products or services offered by the Company or any of its affiliates. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit the Executive during the Term from discharging his duties by providing constructive criticism to his peers and superiors within the Company concerning the Company’s products and services for the purpose of improving their quality and efficiency or from responding to a valid subpoena or other form of legal process. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall restrict the Executive from making truthful statements in response to a court order or lawful subpoena, to a governmental agency, or which by law cannot be subject to a non-disparagement covenant. Further, nothing herein shall prevent the Executive from discussing or disclosing information about unlawful acts in the workplace, such as harassment or discrimination or any other conduct that the Executive has reason to believe is unlawful.

8. Certain Agreements.

8.1 Customers, Suppliers. The Executive does not have, and at any time during the Term shall not have, any employment with or any direct or indirect interest in (as owner, partner, shareholder, employee, director, officer, agent, consultant or otherwise) any client or customer of or supplier to the Company, other than the ownership of less than five percent (5%) of the securities of any class of corporation whose shares are listed or admitted to trade on a national securities exchange or are quoted on Nasdaq or a similar means if Nasdaq is no longer providing such information.

8.2 Company Policies and Procedures. Executive acknowledges and agrees that employment with the Company is conditioned upon Executive's timely and proper completion of federal and any applicable state employment eligibility requirements (including, but not limited to, the federal form I-9) and all new hire paperwork relevant to Executive's position, including the Company's Agreement Regarding Confidentiality, Non-Solicitation and Other Matters. Executive further agrees that employment with the Company is subject to, and Executive agrees to abide by, the policies and procedures made available to Executive as of the date hereof including, without limitation, those set forth in the Company's Employee Handbook and Code of Business Conduct & Ethics, as may be amended from time to time.

9. Necessary Amendments to Comply with Section 409A. The parties intend that the payments and benefits provided for in this Agreement either be exempt from Section 409A of the Code, or be provided in a manner that complies with Section 409A of the Code and any ambiguity herein shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with the intent of this Section. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, all payments and benefits which are payable upon a termination of employment hereunder shall be paid or provided only upon those terminations of employment that constitute a "separation from service" from the Company within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code (determined after applying the presumptions set forth in Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-1(h)(1)). Further, if the Executive is a "specified employee" as such term is defined under Section 409A of the Code and the regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder, any payments described in Section 6 shall be delayed for a period of six (6) months and one day following the Executive's separation from service to the extent and up to the amount necessary to ensure such payments are not subject to the penalties and interest under Section 409A of the Code. Any payments described in this Agreement that qualify for the "short-term deferral" exception from Section 409A as described in the Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4) will be paid under such exception. The Executive's right to receive any installment payments under this Agreement, including without limitation any continuation salary payments that are payable on Company payroll dates, shall be treated as a right to receive a series of separate payments and, accordingly, each such installment payment shall at all times be considered a separate and distinct payment as permitted under Section 409A of the Code. In the event the Release Effective Date does not occur on or prior to the date that is thirty (30) days following the Executive's date of termination, the Executive shall not be entitled to any of the payments provided under Section 6.1 (in the case of termination for Disability) or 6.3 (other than the Accrued Rights or the Accrued Bonus). Payment of the severance compensation that becomes payable hereunder shall commence on the Company's first payroll date that is coincident with or immediately following the date that is thirty (30) days following the Executive's separation from service (the "First Payment Date"), and the Executive shall receive any severance compensation that otherwise would have been paid prior to such First Payment Date absent the application of this Section 9 in a lump-sum payment on such First Payment Date. If additional guidance is issued under, or modifications are made to, Section 409A of the Code or any other law affecting payments to be made under this Agreement, the Executive agrees that the Company may take such reasonable actions and adopt such amendments as the Company believes are necessary to ensure continued compliance with the Code, including Section 409A thereof. However, the Company does not hereby or otherwise represent or warrant that any payments hereunder are or will be in compliance with Section 409A, and the Executive shall be responsible for obtaining his own tax advice with regard to such matters.

10. Notices. All notices or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be

deemed to have been duly given (a) by hand (with written confirmation of receipt), (b) by registered mail, return receipt requested, or (c) by a nationally recognized overnight delivery service (receipt requested), in each case to the appropriate address set forth below (or to such other address as a party may designate by notice given in accordance herewith).

10.1 For notices and communications to the address of the Company's principal executive offices and to the attention of the Company's General Counsel.

10.2 For notices and communications to the Executive, to the Executive's most recent address on file with the Company. Any party hereto may, by notice to the other, change its address for receipt of notices hereunder.

## 11. Parachute Payments.

11.1 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement or any employee benefit plans, programs or arrangements, in the event that any payment or benefit by the Company or otherwise to or for the benefit of Executive, whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise (all such payments and benefits, including the payments and benefits under Section 6 above, being hereinafter referred to as the "Total Payments"), would be subject (in whole or in part) to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code (the "Excise Tax"), then the Total Payments shall be reduced (in the order provided in Section 11(b) below) to the minimum extent necessary to avoid the imposition of the Excise Tax on the Total Payments, but only if (i) the net amount of such Total Payments, as so reduced (and after subtracting the net amount of federal, state and local income and employment taxes on such reduced Total Payments and after taking into account the phase out of itemized deductions and personal exemptions attributable to such reduced Total Payments), is greater than or equal to (ii) the net amount of such Total Payments without such reduction (but after subtracting the net amount of federal, state and local income and employment taxes on such Total Payments and the amount of the Excise Tax to which Executive would be subject in respect of such unreduced Total Payments and after taking into account the phase out of itemized deductions and personal exemptions attributable to such unreduced Total Payments).

11.2 The Total Payments shall be reduced in the following order: (i) reduction on a pro-rata basis of any cash severance payments that are exempt from Section 409A of the Code, (ii) reduction on a pro-rata basis of any non-cash severance payments or benefits that are exempt from Section 409A of the Code, (iii) reduction on a pro-rata basis of any other payments or benefits that are exempt from Section 409A of the Code, and (iv) reduction of any payments or benefits otherwise payable to Executive on a pro-rata basis or such other manner that complies with Section 409A of the Code; provided, in case of subclauses (ii), (iii) and (iv), that reduction of any payments attributable to the acceleration of vesting of Company equity awards shall be first applied to Company equity awards that would otherwise vest last in time.

11.3 The Company will select an adviser with experience in performing calculations regarding the applicability of Section 280G of the Code and the Excise Tax, provided that the adviser's determination shall be made based upon "substantial authority" within the meaning of Section 6662 of the Code, (the "Independent Adviser") to make determinations regarding the application of this Section 11. The Independent Adviser shall provide its determination, together with detailed supporting calculations and documentation, to Executive and the Company within fifteen (15) business days following the date on which Executive's right to the Total Payments is triggered, if applicable, or such other time as requested by Executive (provided, that Executive reasonably believes that any of the Total Payments may be subject to the Excise Tax) or the Company. The costs of obtaining such determination and all related fees and expenses (including related fees and expenses incurred in any later audit) shall be borne by the Company. Any good faith determinations of the Independent Adviser made hereunder shall be final, binding and conclusive upon the Company and Executive.

11.4 In the event it is later determined that to implement the objective and intent of this Section 11, (i) a greater reduction in the Total Payments should have been made, the excess amount shall be returned promptly by Executive to the Company or (ii) a lesser reduction in the Total Payments should have been made, the excess amount shall be paid or provided promptly by the Company to Executive, except to the extent the Company reasonably determines would result in imposition of an excise tax under Section 409A of the Code.

12. Whistleblower Protections and Trade Secrets; Other Protected Activity. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, nothing in this Agreement prohibits Executive from reporting possible violations of federal law or regulation to any United States governmental agency or entity (including but not limited to, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the National Labor Relations Board (the “NLRB”) or the U.S. Department of Justice) in accordance with the provisions of and rules promulgated under Section 21F of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 806 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or any other whistleblower protection provisions of state or federal law or regulation (including the right to receive an award for information provided to any such government agencies). Further, nothing herein will prevent the Executive from participating in activity permitted by Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act or from filing an unfair labor practice charge with the NLRB. Furthermore, in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 1833, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement: (i) Executive shall not be in breach of this Agreement, and shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any federal or state trade secret law (A) for the disclosure of a trade secret that is made in confidence to a federal, state, or local government official or to an attorney solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law, or (B) for the disclosure of a trade secret that is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal; and (ii) if Executive files a lawsuit for retaliation by the Company for reporting a suspected violation of law, Executive may disclose the trade secret to Executive’s attorney, and may use the trade secret information in the court proceeding, if Executive files any document containing the trade secret under seal, and does not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order.

13. General.

13.1 Governing Law; Arbitration. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arkansas, without regard to any conflicts of laws principles thereof that would call for the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction.

Any action or proceeding seeking to enforce any provision of, or based on any right arising out of, this Agreement shall be settled exclusively by arbitration, conducted before a panel of three (3) arbitrators in the State of Arkansas, in accordance with the National Rules for the Resolution of Employment Disputes of the American Arbitration Association then in effect. The arbitrators shall not have the authority to add to, detract from, or modify any provision hereof nor to award punitive damages to any injured party. The arbitrators shall have the authority to order back-pay, severance compensation, reimbursement of costs, including those incurred to enforce this Agreement, and interest thereon. A decision by a majority of the arbitration panel shall be final and binding. Judgment may be entered on the arbitrators’ award in any court having jurisdiction. Responsibility for bearing the cost of the arbitration shall be determined by the arbitrator and shall be proportional to the arbitrator’s decision on the merits. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company or the Executive shall be entitled to bring an action for equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance in any court of competent jurisdiction.

13.2 Waiver of Jury Trial. AS A SPECIFICALLY BARGAINED FOR INDUCEMENT FOR EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT (AFTER HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL), EACH PARTY HERETO EXPRESSLY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LAWSUIT OR PROCEEDING

RELATING TO OR ARISING IN ANY WAY FROM THIS AGREEMENT OR THE MATTERS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

13.3 Amendment: Waiver. This Agreement may be amended, modified, superseded, canceled, renewed or extended, and the terms hereof may be waived, only by a written instrument executed by the parties hereto or, in the case of a waiver, by the party waiving compliance. The failure of either party at any time or times to require performance of any provision hereof shall in no manner affect the right at a later time to enforce the same. No waiver by either party of the breach of any term or covenant contained in this Agreement, whether by conduct or otherwise, in any one or more instances, shall be deemed to be, or construed as, a further or continuing waiver of any such breach, or a waiver of the breach of any other term or covenant contained in this Agreement.

13.4 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Executive, without regard to the duration of the Executive's employment by the Company or reasons for the cessation of such employment, and inure to the benefit of the Executive's administrators, executors, heirs and assigns, although the obligations of the Executive are personal and may be performed only by the Executive. The Company may assign this Agreement and its rights and interests, together with its obligations, hereunder (a) in connection with any sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of its assets or business(es), whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise; (b) to any wholly owned subsidiary of the Company; or (c) as collateral to one or more lenders of the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates. This Agreement shall also be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Company and its subsidiaries, successors and assigns, and the rights of the Company hereunder are enforceable by its subsidiaries or affiliates, which are the intended third party beneficiaries hereof and no other third party beneficiary is so otherwise intended.

13.5 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be considered to have the force and effect of an original. Any counterpart signature transmitted by facsimile or by sending a scanned copy by email or similar electronic transmission shall be deemed an original signature.

13.6 Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is held invalid or inoperative, the other portions of this Agreement shall be deemed valid and operative and, so far as is reasonable and possible, effect shall be given to the intent manifested by the portion held invalid or inoperative.

13.7 Rules of Construction. Each of the parties acknowledges that it has been represented by (or has had the opportunity to be represented by) independent counsel of its choice throughout all negotiations that have preceded the execution of this Agreement and that it has executed the same with consent and upon the advice of said independent counsel (if the party has elected to obtain such advice). Accordingly, any rule of law or any legal decision that would require interpretation of any ambiguities in this Agreement against any party that drafted it is of no application and is hereby expressly waived.

13.8 Entire Agreement. This Agreement (together with the documents referred to herein, including without limitation the Restrictive Covenants and any documents evidencing such Restrictive Covenants) supersedes all prior agreements between the parties with respect to its subject matter; and is a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement between the parties with respect thereto.

13.9 Withholding. The Company shall be entitled to withhold from any amounts payable under this Agreement any federal, state, local or foreign withholding or other taxes or charges which the Company is required to withhold. The Company shall be entitled to rely on the advice of counsel if any questions as to the amount or requirement of withholding shall arise.

13.10 Delivery by Facsimile or Email. This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, to the extent signed and delivered by means of a facsimile machine or email with scan or facsimile attachment or electronic signature tool such as DocuSign, shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original agreement or instrument and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. At the request of any party hereto, each other party hereto shall re-execute original forms thereof and deliver them to all other parties (with any costs associated with such request and delivery to be assumed by the requesting party). No party hereto shall raise the use of a facsimile machine or email or electronic signature tool such as DocuSign to deliver a signature or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through the use of a facsimile machine or email or electronic signature tool such as DocuSign as a defense to the formation or enforceability of a contract, and each such party forever waives any such defense.

13.11 Survival. The covenants, provisions, terms and conditions of Sections 6 and 7 and Sections 9 through 13 of this Agreement shall survive and continue in full force in accordance with their terms notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement and/or the termination of the Executive's employment regardless of the circumstances of or reason for such termination.

[signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

COMPANY:

Advantage Solutions Inc.

By: /s/ David Peacock

Name: David Peacock

Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE:

By: /s/ Jack Pestello

Name: Jack Pestello

[Signature Page to Employment Agreement]

**EXHIBIT A**

**Form of General Release**

**SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE**

This Separation Agreement and General Release (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between Jack Pestello ("Employee"), on the one hand, and Advantage Solutions Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), on the other hand.

WHEREAS, Company employed Employee pursuant to that certain Employment Agreement dated as March 28, 2023, as amended or otherwise modified from time to time (the "Employment Agreement");

WHEREAS, Employee's employment and all of Employee's positions with Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates terminated effective [DATE] (the "Termination Date");

WHEREAS, Employee seeks to obtain the payments and benefits provided under the Employment Agreement;

WHEREAS, Employee acknowledges that Employee has received all accrued wages, bonus, vacation/paid time-off and any other compensation due as of the Termination Date; provided, however, that Employee understands Employee may subsequently receive a separate check for reimbursement of reasonable business expenses in accordance with Company policies; and

WHEREAS, capitalized terms used, but not defined in this Agreement, shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Employment Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in an effort to put any and all disputes behind the parties, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties have agreed to settle finally and forever any and all claims between them of any nature whatsoever relating to, or arising from Employee's employment by Company and/or the termination of that employment.

1. Effective Date. This Agreement shall not become effective unless and until (i) the Company has received this Agreement signed by Employee without modification; and (ii) the 7-

day revocation period referenced herein has expired and Employee has not revoked Employee's assent to this Agreement, and shall thereafter be effective as of the date such revocation period terminates without exercise (the "Effective Date"). In the event the Effective Date does not occur within thirty (30) days following the Termination Date, the Executive shall not be eligible to receive any of the severance payments or benefits under the Employment Agreement.

2. Severance Pay and Benefits. Provided that (i) the Effective Date has occurred; within thirty (30) days following the Termination Date (ii) Employee has not revoked Employee's assent to this Agreement; and (iii) Employee has returned all Company property (including without limitation any and all confidential and proprietary information) issued to Employee in connection with Employee's employment with the Company as required by Section 6.9 of the Employment Agreement:

Company shall pay Employee the gross amount of [\$AMOUNT], which represents [APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD] ([ ]) months (the "Severance Period") of Employee's current Base Salary under the Employment Agreement, less normal, customary, and required withholdings for

federal and state income tax, FICA, and other taxes (“the Severance Pay”). Unless terminated earlier pursuant to the Employment Agreement, the Severance Pay shall be payable at the times set forth in, and subject to the terms and conditions of, the Employment Agreement.

Company shall pay Employee the following: [APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD] ([ ] months of the Company’s portion of post-employment company sponsored health insurance premiums under COBRA (at the same levels and costs in effect on the date of termination (excluding, for purposes of calculating cost, an employee’s ability to pay premiums with pre-tax dollars)) (“Severance Benefits”), to the extent permissible under the Company’s health insurance plans including, if permitted and still maintained by the Company and/or Benicomp (subject to applicable taxes and withholdings).

(a)The Company will make the first monthly Severance Benefits payment to Employee as soon as administratively possible following (i) the Effective Date, and (ii) receipt by Company of notification that Employee has made the necessary election of benefits continuation under COBRA. Unless terminated earlier pursuant to the Employment Agreement or at the election of Employee, the Company will continue to pay Employee the monthly installment of the Severance Benefits for the Severance Period, so long as the Company receives notification that the Employee is continuing to pay the necessary premiums to the carrier or COBRA administrator.

(b)Employee will be responsible for paying the full amount of the premium, plus applicable administrative fees, to the carrier or COBRA administrator.

The entire amount of the payments set forth in Section 2 and its subsections paid by the Company to Employee is considered taxable income and will be reported on a Form W-2 issued to Employee for the applicable year.

In the event the Company, after reasonable investigation, determines that Employee has breached Employee’s obligations under (i) this Agreement or the Employment Agreement; or (ii) the Restrictive Covenants; if applicable, Employee’s eligibility for the Severance Pay and Severance Benefits shall cease immediately. Moreover, from the date of the breach, the Company shall be entitled to recover payments in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) made to the Employee for Severance Pay under this Agreement.

Employee acknowledges that the Severance Pay and Severance Benefits exceeds any earned wages or anything else of value otherwise owed to Employee by the Company.

### 3. General Release of Claims.

Except for the obligations arising out of this Agreement and any claims that cannot be waived as a matter of law, in consideration of this Agreement and the other good and valuable consideration provided to Employee pursuant hereto, Employee, for Employee and on behalf of each and all of Employee’s respective legal predecessors, successors, assigns, fiduciaries, heirs, parents, spouses, companies and affiliates (all referred to as the “Employee Releasors”) hereby irrevocably and unconditionally releases, and fully and forever discharges and absolves Company, its parents, subsidiaries and affiliates (“Advantage Companies”) and each of their respective partners, officers, directors, managers, shareholders, members, agents, employees, heirs, divisions, attorneys, trustees, administrators, executors, representatives, predecessors, successors, assigns, related organizations and related employee benefit plans (collectively, the “Company Releasees”), of, from and for any and all claims, rights, causes of action, demands, damages, rights, remedies and liabilities of whatsoever kind or character, in law or equity, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, past, present, or future, that the Employee Releasors have ever had, may now have, or may later assert against the Company Releasees whether or not arising out of or related to Employee’s employment with Company or the termination of Employee’s employment by Company (hereinafter referred to as

“Employee’s Released Claims”), from the beginning of time up to and including the Effective Date, including without limitation, any claims, debts, obligations, and causes of action of any kind arising under any (i) contract including but not limited to the Employment Agreement and any bonus or other compensation plan, (ii) any common law (including but not limited to any tort claims) or (iii) any federal, state or local statutory law including, without limitation, any law which prohibits discrimination or harassment on the basis of sex, race, national origin, veteran status, age, immigration or marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or on any other basis, including without limitation, those arising under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Older Workers’ Benefit Protection Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, any state or local wage and hour laws (to the fullest extent permitted by law), and/or any state or local laws which prohibit discrimination or harassment of any kind, including, without limitation, the California Family Rights Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

Employee represents and warrants that Employee has brought no complaint, claim, charge, action or proceeding against any of the Advantage Companies in any jurisdiction or forum, nor will Employee, from the Effective Date forward, encourage any other person or persons in doing so. Employee covenants and agrees never to pursue any judicial proceedings against the Company Releasees asserting any of the Employee’s Released Claims and (notwithstanding the above representation and warranty) to dismiss forthwith any such proceedings initiated to date. Employee shall not bring any complaint, claim, charge, action or proceeding to challenge the validity of this Agreement or encourage any other person or persons in doing so. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent Employee from filing or from cooperating in any charge filed with a governmental agency; provided, however, Employee acknowledges and agrees that Employee waiving the right to any monetary recovery should any agency (such as the Equal Opportunity Commission or any similar state or local agency) pursue any claim for Employee’s benefit. Further, nothing herein shall prevent Employee from challenging the validity of the release of Employee’s claims, if any, under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

Except with respect to a breach of obligations arising out of this Agreement, if any, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, execution of this Agreement by the parties operates as a complete bar and defense against any and all of Employee’s Released Claims.

Section 3.1 does not release claims that cannot be released as a matter of law, including, but not limited to, Executive’s right to report possible violations of federal law or regulation to any governmental agency or entity in accordance with the provisions of and rules promulgated under Section 21F of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 806 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002, or any other whistleblower protection provisions of state or federal law or regulation and any right to receive an award for information provided thereunder. Nothing in Section 3.1 waives (i) Executive’s rights to indemnification or any payments under any fiduciary insurance policy, if any, provided by any act or agreement of the Company, state or federal law or policy of insurance, or any other indemnification rights to which Executive may be entitled under the organizational documents, by contract, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or under any power that the Company may have to indemnify Executive or hold Executive harmless; (ii) any vested rights Executive (and/or his dependents) may have under the employee benefit plans, programs, policies or arrangements of the Company and its affiliates; (iii) claims for unemployment compensation or any state disability insurance benefits pursuant to the terms of applicable state law; (iv) claims to continued participation in certain of the Company’s group benefit plans pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended; (v) claims for breach of any of the Company’s continuing obligations to Executive under the Employment Agreement; and (vi) any right that may not be waived by private agreement.

4. Waiver of Unknown Claims. Employee expressly acknowledges that Employee has read

and understood the following language contained in Section 1542 of the California Civil Code:

“A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, AND THAT IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER THAT WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.”

But for the obligations arising from this Agreement, having reviewed this provision, Employee nevertheless hereby voluntarily waives and relinquishes any and all rights or benefits Employee may have under section 1542, or any other statutory or non-statutory law of similar effect. Thus, Employee expressly acknowledges this Agreement is intended to and does include in its effect, without limitation, all claims Employee does not know or suspect to exist in Employee’s favor at the time of signing this Agreement, and that this Agreement extinguishes any such claims. Employee warrants that Employee has consulted counsel and/or has had the opportunity to consult with counsel about this Agreement and specifically about the waiver of section 1542 (or other state law of similar effect) and that Employee understands the section 1542 (or other state law of similar effect) waiver and freely and knowingly enters into this Agreement. Employee acknowledges that Employee may later discover facts different from or in addition to those Employee now knows or believes to be true regarding the matters released or described in this Agreement, and even so, Employee agrees that the releases contained in this Agreement shall remain effective in all respects notwithstanding any later discovery of any different or additional facts.

5. No Admissions. By signing this Agreement, the Company does not admit to any wrongdoing or legal violation by the Company or the Company Releasees.

6. Cooperation. Employee hereby agrees to cooperate with and provide requested assistance to Company with respect to any claim, cause of action, litigation, or other matter involving the Company, in which: (a) Employee (i) has significant knowledge, or (ii) was intimately involved, during the course of Employee’s employment, and (b) such requested assistance and/or cooperation is reasonably necessary and appropriate. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Section 6 is intended to require Employee to provide anything but truthful and accurate information or testimony in the event Employee is asked for information or called to testify.

7. Return of Information and Property. Employee represents that as of the date of

Employee’s execution of this Agreement, Employee has returned to the Company, all Company property, equipment, confidential information, records, electronically stored data and other materials relating to Employee’s employment, including tools, documents, papers, computer software, passwords and other identification materials, ID cards, keys, credit cards, personal computers, tablets, cell phones, and/or instruction manuals. This obligation applies to all materials relating to the affairs of the Company or any of its customers, clients, vendors, employees, or agents that may be in Employee’s possession or control. All such Company property must be returned by Employee in order for Employee to commence receiving the Severance Pay and Severance Benefits provided under Section 2 hereof.

8. Compliance with Prior Restrictive Covenants. Employee hereby reaffirms Employee’s obligations under the Restrictive Covenants.

9. Breach.

Employee acknowledges that Employee’s breach of the obligations contained in this Agreement would cause the Company irreparable harm that could not be reasonably or adequately compensated in damages in an action at law. If Employee breaches or threatens to breach any of the provisions contained in this Agreement, the Company shall be entitled to an injunction, without

bond,

restraining Employee from committing such breach. The Company's right to exercise its option to obtain an injunction shall not limit its right to any other remedies for breach of any provision of this Agreement.

Employee agrees that Employee's obligations under this Agreement shall be absolute and unconditional.

The foregoing shall in no way limit the Company's rights under Section 2.4 of this Agreement:

(a) Employee acknowledges that Employee's breach of the obligations contained in this Agreement would cause the Company irreparable harm that could not be reasonably or adequately compensated in damages in an action at law. If Employee breaches or threatens to breach any of the provisions contained in this Agreement, the Company shall be entitled to an injunction, without bond, restraining Employee from committing such breach. The Company's right to exercise its option to obtain an injunction shall not limit its right to any other remedies for breach of any provision of this Agreement.

(b) Employee agrees that Employee's obligations under this Agreement shall be absolute and unconditional.

(c) The foregoing shall in no way limit the Company's rights under Section 2.4 of this Agreement.

10. Employee Representations. Employee represents and agrees that Employee (a) has suffered no injuries or damages in the course and scope of Employee's employment with the Company that Employee did not already report to the Company; (b) fully understands all terms of this Agreement and is signing it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance; and (c) is not relying and has not relied upon any representation or statement made by the Company or its agents, representatives or attorneys, with regard to the subject matter, basis or effect of this Agreement or otherwise, other than as specifically stated in this Agreement.

11. Notice. All notices or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given (a) by hand (with written confirmation of receipt), (b) by registered mail, return receipt requested, or (c) by a nationally recognized overnight delivery service (receipt requested), in each case to the appropriate address set forth below (or to such other address as a party may designate by notice given in accordance herewith).

For notices and communications to the Company, to the address of the Company's principal executive office and to the attention of the Company's General Counsel.

For notices and communications to the Executive, to the Executive's most recent address or e-mail address on file with the Company. Any party hereto may, by notice to the other, change its address for receipt of notices hereunder.

12. No Modification. No modification to any term or provision contained in this Agreement shall be binding upon any party unless made in writing and signed by both parties.

13. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, all of the remaining parts of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

14. No Assignment. Employee has not assigned any portion of the Employee's Released Claims to any third party.

15. Governing Law; Arbitration. This Release shall be subject to the provisions of Section 13.1 of the Employment Agreement.

16. Integration. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto and, except as expressly referenced herein, supersedes any and all prior agreements, arrangements, negotiations, discussions or understandings between or among the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof. No oral understanding, statements, representations, promises or inducements contrary to the terms of this Agreement exist. This Agreement cannot be changed, in whole or in part, or terminated unless in writing signed by the parties to this Agreement. Other than these exceptions noted herein and the provisions of the Employment Agreement which survive termination by their express terms (including without limitation Section 12 and the Restrictive Covenants), Employee understands that all prior agreements between Employee and the Company are terminated and that neither Employee nor the Company has any continuing rights or obligations under any such agreement(s).

17. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be considered to have the force and effect of an original. Any counterpart signature transmitted by facsimile or by sending a scanned copy by email or similar electronic transmission shall be deemed an original signature.

18. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall bind and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of each party. With respect to Employee, this Agreement shall also bind and inure to the benefit of Employee's heirs and assigns.

19. Delivery by Facsimile or Email. This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, to the extent signed and delivered by means of a facsimile machine or email with scan or facsimile attachment or electronic signature tool such as DocuSign, shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original agreement or instrument and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. At the request of any party hereto, each other party hereto shall re-execute original forms thereof and deliver them to all other parties (with any costs associated with such request and delivery to be assumed by the requesting party). No party hereto shall raise the use of a facsimile machine or email or electronic signature tool such as DocuSign to deliver a signature or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through the use of a facsimile machine or email or electronic signature tool such as DocuSign as a defense to the formation or enforceability of a contract, and each such party forever waives any such defense.

20. ADEA Provisions and Notification. In compliance with the requirements of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), as amended by the Older Workers' Benefit Protection Act of 1990, Employee acknowledges by Employee's signature below that, with respect to the rights and claims waived and released herein under the ADEA, Employee has read and understands this Agreement and specifically understands the following:

20.1 That Employee is advised to consult with an attorney before signing this Agreement;

20.2 That Employee is releasing the Company Releasees from, among other things, any claims which Employee might have against any of them pursuant to the ADEA as amended;

20.3 That the releases contained in this Agreement do not cover any rights or claims that may arise after the date on which Employee executed this Agreement;

20.4 That Employee has been given a period of twenty-one (21) days in which to consider this Agreement but if Employee elects to forego any portion of the twenty-one day period Employee understands and agrees that Employee does so voluntarily and is waiving the balance

of the twenty-one day period; and

20.5 That Employee may revoke this Agreement during the seven (7) day period following the date of Employee's execution of this Agreement by giving written notice of said revocation in accordance with the notice provision of this Agreement, and that this Agreement will not become binding and effective until the seven (7) day revocation period has expired.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_      By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Jack Pestello

Advantage Solutions Inc.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_      By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Executive Employment Agreement (the "Agreement"), dated as of October 18, 2017 (the "Effective Date"), is by and between Daymon Worldwide Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and MICHAEL TAYLOR (the "Executive").

WHEREAS, the Company desires to employ the Executive as the PRESIDENT, BRAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP, of the Company; and

WHEREAS, the Company and the Executive desire to enter into this Agreement to formalize the terms of the Executive's employment terms, severance benefits and compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the promises, representations, and mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Executive agree as follows:

1. Employment. The Executive's employment with the Company shall be at will. Nothing in this Agreement interferes with or limits in any way the Company's or the Executive's right to terminate his employment at any time, for any reason or no reason, with or without notice, and nothing in this Agreement confers on the Executive any right or obligation to continue in the Company's employ. The Executive shall devote his full business time and attention to the business and affairs of the Company and its affiliates.
  2. Annual Compensation.
    - (a) Salary. The Company shall pay the Executive a base salary at the annual rate of \$421,000.00, subject to annual review and recommendation by the Company (the "Board") for possible increases as determined by the Board (said amount, together with any increases hereunder, the "Base Salary"). The Executive's Base Salary may not be decreased below an annual rate of \$421,000. Any Base Salary payable hereunder shall be paid in regular intervals in accordance with the Company's usual and customary payroll practices for its employees.
    - (b) Bonus. The Executive shall participate in the Company's annual bonus plan for senior executives (the "AIP") and shall be eligible to receive an annual discretionary bonus determined by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Committee") and based on the Company's performance compared to pre-established financial goals established by the Committee and individual performance (a "Bonus"). The Executive's target Bonus (the "Target Bonus") shall be 100% of his base salary. The Bonus, if any, will be paid, no later than March 15 of the year following the year with respect to which it is earned, subject to the Executive's continued employment on the payment date.
    - (c) Equity. The Executive shall be eligible to participate in the equity incentive plan adopted by the Company or its affiliates, the terms of which will be detailed and
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summarized in a separate document. The level of the Executive's participation in such plan shall be determined by the Committee.

3. Employee Benefits.

- (a) During the term of employment, the Executive shall be eligible to participate in the medical and health plans or other employee welfare benefit plans, fringe benefit and pension and/or profit sharing plans that may be provided by the Company for its senior executive officers in accordance with the provisions and eligibility requirements of any such plans, as the same may be in effect and amended from time to time, except to the extent such plans are duplicative of the benefits otherwise provided hereunder. The Executive's participation will be subject to the terms of the applicable plan documents and generally applicable Company policies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may modify or terminate any employee benefit plan at any time.
- (b) During the term of employment, the Executive shall be, upon presentation of reasonable substantiation and documentation, entitled to reimbursement for all reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket business expenses incurred by the Executive in the performance of his duties in accordance with the Company's expense reimbursement policies as may be in effect and amended from time to time.

4. Confidentiality Agreement; Non-Disparagement.

- (a) The Executive acknowledges and agrees that the previously executed the Non- Competition, Non-Solicitation, Confidentiality and Intellectual Property Agreement (the "Confidentiality Agreement"), is incorporated in its entirety into this Agreement by reference.
  - (b) During his employment with the Company and its affiliates and at any time thereafter, (i) the Executive agrees not to make negative comments or otherwise disparage or encourage or induce others to disparage the Company, its affiliates or any of their respective past and present, officers, directors, employees, products or services (the "Company Parties") and (ii) the Company agrees it shall instruct the members of the Board and its executive officers not to disparage or encourage or induce others to disparage the Executive while such Board members and executive officers are employed by, or providing services to, the Company. For purposes of this Section 4(b), the term "disparage" includes, without limitation, comments or statements to the press, to the Company's or any affiliate's employees or to any individual or entity with whom the Company or any affiliate has a business relationship (including, without limitation, any vendor, supplier, customer or distributor), or any public statement, that in each case is intended to, or can be reasonably expected to, materially damage any of the Company Parties or the Executive. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section 4(b) shall prevent the members of the Board, the Company's executive officers or the Executive from making any truthful statement to the extent (i) necessary with respect to any litigation, arbitration or mediation involving this Agreement,
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including, but not limited to, the enforcement of this Agreement, in the forum in which such litigation, arbitration or mediation properly takes place, (ii) required by law, legal process or by any court, arbitrator, mediator or administrative or legislative body (including any committee thereof) with apparent jurisdiction over the Executive or the Company, or (iii) as necessary or appropriate to discharge their duties to their Company.

5. Termination.

- (a) Accrued Benefits. Except with respect to the language of Section 5(b) herein, if the Executive's employment ceases for any or no reason, the Executive will be entitled to receive: (i) any unpaid Base Salary through the date of termination, (ii) any Bonus earned with respect to a completed fiscal year ending on or preceding the date of such termination but unpaid as of such date, payable at the same time as such payment would be made if the Executive had continued to be employed by the Company, (iii) accrued but unused paid time off through and including the date of termination of his employment, to be paid in accordance with the Company's regular payroll practices and with applicable law but no later than the next regularly scheduled pay period, (iv) unreimbursed expenses accrued through the termination date, and (v) any vested amounts or benefits to which he is then entitled under the terms of the benefit plans sponsored by the Company in which he participated as of the date of termination (collectively, the "Accrued Benefits").
  - (b) Termination Without Cause or With Good Reason. If the Company terminates the Executive's employment without Cause (defined below) or the Executive terminates employment with Good Reason, subject to the Executive's compliance with the restrictive covenants set forth in Section 4, in addition to the Accrued Benefits, the Executive shall be entitled to receive:
    - (i) Salary Continuation for a period of nine (9) months following such termination payable in accordance with the Company's payroll practices; provided that to the extent that the payment of any amount constitutes "nonqualified deferred compensation" for purposes of Code Section 409A (as defined in Section 18 hereof), any such payment scheduled to occur during the first sixty (60) days following the termination of employment shall not be paid until the first regularly scheduled pay period following the sixtieth (60<sup>th</sup>) day following such termination and shall include payment of any amount that was otherwise scheduled to be paid prior thereto. For the purposed of this Agreement, "Salary Continuation" includes the Executive's base salary plus the Executive's full Annual Incentive Plan target at 100% of his base salary ("AIP");
    - (ii) Prorated AIP for the current performance year based on actual results for such year (determined by multiplying the amount of such bonus which would be due for the full fiscal year by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days during the fiscal year of termination that the Executive is employed by the Company and the denominator of which is 365) payable
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at the same time bonuses for such year are paid to other senior executives of the Company (the “Pro Rata Bonus”);

- (iii) Outplacement assistance, per the Company’s policy in effect on the date of termination; and
- (iv) Subject to: (A) the Executive’s timely election of continuation coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended (“COBRA”), (B) the Executive’s continued copayment of premiums at the same level and cost to the Executive as if the Executive were an employee of the Company (excluding, for purposes of calculating cost, an employee’s ability to pay premiums with pre-tax dollars), and (C) the Executive’s continued compliance with the restrictive covenant obligations in Section 4 hereof, continued participation in the Company’s group health plan (to the extent permitted under applicable law and the terms of such plan) which covers the Executive (and the Executive’s eligible dependents) for a period of nine (9) months, provided that the Executive is eligible and remains eligible for COBRA coverage; provided, further, that the Company may modify the continuation coverage contemplated by this Section 5(b)(iv) to the extent reasonably necessary to avoid the imposition of any excise taxes on the Company for failure to comply with the nondiscrimination requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended, and/or the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, as amended (collectively, the “ACA”) (to the extent applicable) or any other applicable law; and provided, further, that in the event that the Executive obtains other employment that offers group health benefits, such continuation of coverage by the Company under this Section 5(b)(iv) shall immediately cease.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the payments and benefits described in Section 5(b) shall immediately terminate, and the Company shall have no further obligations to the Executive with respect thereto, in the event that the Executive breaches any of the restrictive covenants set forth in Section 4.

- (c) Termination for Cause, death or Disability; Voluntary Resignation Without Good Reason. If the Company terminates the Executive’s employment for Cause, due to the Executive’s death or Disability, or if the Executive resigns from his employment other than for Good Reason, the Executive will be entitled to the Accrued Benefits (excluding, on a termination by the Company for Cause or a termination by the Executive without Good Reason, clause (ii) of Section 5(a)), unless applicable law otherwise requires payment. In addition, if the Company terminates the Executive’s employment due to death or Disability, the Executive shall be eligible to receive a Pro Rata Bonus, payable in accordance with Section 5(b)(ii) hereof. The Executive will have no further right to receive any other compensation or benefits after such termination, resignation or non-renewal of employment.
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- (d) Change in Control. In the event of a Change in Control, if, within twelve (12) months of the Change in Control, the Company or successor company terminates the Executive's employment without Cause or the Executive terminates employment with Good Reason, subject to the Executive's compliance with the restrictive covenants set forth in Section 4, in addition to the Accrued Benefits, the Executive shall be entitled to receive:
- (i) Salary Continuation for a period of twelve (12) months following such termination payable in accordance with the Company's payroll practices; provided that to the extent that the payment of any amount constitutes "nonqualified deferred compensation" for purposes of Code Section 409A (as defined in Section 18 hereof), any such payment scheduled to occur during the first sixty (60) days following the termination of employment shall not be paid until the first regularly scheduled pay period following the sixtieth (60<sup>th</sup>) day following such termination and shall include payment of any amount that was otherwise scheduled to be paid prior thereto;
  - (ii) the Pro Rata Bonus;
  - (iii) Outplacement assistance, per the Company's policy in effect on the date of termination; and
  - (iv) Subject to (A) the Executive's timely election of continuation coverage under COBRA, (B) the Executive's continued copayment of premiums at the same level and cost to the Executive as if the Executive were an employee of the Company (excluding, for purposes of calculating cost, an employee's ability to pay premiums with pre-tax dollars), and (C) the Executive's continued compliance with the restrictive covenant obligations in Section 4 hereof, continued participation in the Company's group health plan (to the extent permitted under applicable law and the terms of such plan) which covers the Executive (and the Executive's eligible dependents) for a period of twelve (12) months, provided that the Executive is eligible and remains eligible for COBRA coverage; provided, further, that the Company may modify the continuation coverage contemplated by this Section 5(b)(iv) to the extent reasonably necessary to avoid the imposition of any excise taxes on the Company for failure to comply with the nondiscrimination requirements of ACA (to the extent applicable) or any other applicable law; and provided, further, that in the event that the Executive obtains other employment that offers group health benefits, such continuation of coverage by the Company under this Section 5(b)(iv) shall immediately cease.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the payments and benefits described in Section 5(b) shall immediately terminate, and the Company shall have no further obligations to the Executive with respect thereto, in the event that the Executive breaches any of the restrictive covenants set forth in Section 4.

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- (e) Release. Any compensation or benefits due to the Executive under Section 5 (other than the Accrued Benefits), shall only be paid if the Executive delivers to the Company an executed general release of claims in a form satisfactory to the Company, which release must become irrevocable within sixty (60) days following the date of the Executive's termination of employment. Compensation and benefits under Section 5 will be paid or commence to be paid on the first regularly scheduled payroll date following the sixtieth (60th) day after the Executive's termination of employment and shall include payment of any amounts that would otherwise be due prior thereto, subject to any delays required pursuant to Section 18. In addition, continued receipt of the compensation and benefits provided pursuant to Section 5 is conditioned on the Executive's continued compliance with the restrictive covenant obligations set forth in Section 4 hereof.
- (f) Definitions.
- (i) For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" means any of the following: the Executive's (A) failure to substantially perform the Executive's duties or to follow the lawful directives of the Committee or the Board (other than as a result of death or Disability) that continues after written notice from the Company requesting such performance; (B) misconduct or gross negligence by the Executive in the performance of his duties; (C) indictment for, conviction of, or plea of guilty or no contest to, (i) a felony or (ii) a crime or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude that, in each case, in the sole discretion of the Board has an adverse effect on the Executive's qualifications, ability to perform his duties or the reputation of the Company; (D) the Executive's performance of any act of theft, embezzlement, fraud, malfeasance, dishonesty or misappropriation of the Company's property; (E) the Executive's failure to cooperate in any audit or investigation of the business or financial practices of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or (F) breach of the Confidentiality Agreement, Section 4 hereof or a violation of the Company's code of conduct or other material written Company policy.
- (ii) For purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" means the Executive has become physically or mentally incapacitated so as to render him incapable of performing his usual and customary duties, with or without a reasonable accommodation, for one hundred eighty (180) or more days, whether or not consecutive, during any twelve (12) month period. The Executive is also Disabled if he is found to be disabled within the meaning of the Company's long-term disability insurance coverage as then in effect (or would be so found if he applied for the coverage or benefits).
- (iii) For purposes of this Agreement, "Good Reason" means, the occurrence, without the Executive's prior written consent, of any of the following events: (A) any material adverse change in the Executive's authority, duties or responsibilities with the Company (other than temporarily while physically or mentally incapacitated or as required by applicable law); (B)
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any reduction in the Executive's (I) Base Salary below \$421,000.00 per annum, or (II) Target Bonus below 100% of Base Salary; (C) relocation of the Executive's primary office location more than fifty (50) miles from its location on the Effective Date, if such relocation results in a material increase in commute for the Executive; or (D) any material breach of a material provision of this Agreement by the Company. No resignation will be treated as resignation for Good Reason unless (x) the Executive has given written notice to the Company of his intention to terminate his employment for Good Reason, describing the grounds for such action, no later than ninety (90) days after the first occurrence of such circumstances, (y) the Executive has provided the Company with at least thirty (30) days in which to cure the circumstances, and (z) if the Company is not successful in curing the circumstance alleged to constitute Good Reason, the Executive actually terminates his employment within thirty (30) days following the cure period in (y).

- (iv) For purposes of this Agreement, a "Change in Control" means (i) any transaction or series of related transactions that result in any Person (as defined below) or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) acquiring equity securities of Daymon Eagle Holdings, L.P. ("Partnership") that represent more than fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power of the Partnership, or (ii) a sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis other than to an entity with respect to which, following such sale or other disposition, at least fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such entity is then beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by all or substantially all of the individuals and entities (or affiliates of such individuals and entities) who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the equity securities immediately prior to such sale or other disposition; provided that, in the case of clause (i) above, such transaction shall only constitute a Change in Control if it results in the Sponsors (as defined below) ceasing to have the power (whether by ownership of voting securities, contractual right, or otherwise) collectively to elect a majority of the board of directors of the Company (or a successor thereto). For the avoidance of doubt, a Change in Control will not include either (A) the occurrence of an initial public offering pursuant to which or following which the Sponsors, individually or in the aggregate, cease to own or control at least fifty percent (50%) of the Partnership or (B) any Sponsor acquiring or increasing its control of the Partnership. For the purposes of this definition, "Sponsors" means, collectively: (a) BC Eagle Holding, L.P., and its affiliates, successors and assignees; and (b) Yonghui Investment Limited, and its affiliates, successors and assignees, "Person" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a limited liability company, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, a joint venture, an unincorporated organization and a governmental entity or any department, agency or political subdivision thereof.
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- (g) No Other Severance. The Executive hereby acknowledges and agrees that, other than the severance payments and benefits described in this Agreement, upon termination of employment the Executive shall not be entitled to any other severance payments or benefits under any Company benefit plan or severance policy generally available to the Company's employees or otherwise. provided, however, that the Executive shall be entitled to any applicable accelerated vesting, payments or other benefits provided for in the equity incentive plan adopted by the Company or any award agreement entered into under such equity incentive plan.
6. Non-Assignability. Neither this Agreement nor any right or interest hereunder shall be assignable by the Executive or his beneficiaries or legal representatives without the Company's prior written consent; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 6 shall preclude the Executive from designating a beneficiary to receive any benefit payable hereunder upon his death or incapacity. Neither this Agreement nor any right or interest hereunder shall be assignable by the Company or its successors without the Executive's prior written consent, provided however, that the Company may assign this Agreement (i) to an affiliate of the Company, provided that no such assignment shall relieve the Company of its obligations hereunder, or (ii) in the event of a Change of Control, in each case without the Executive's consent, and such an assignment will not terminate the Executive's employment for purposes of triggering the Executive's entitlement to severance. The Executive specifically agrees that any assignment by the Company that is permitted under this Section 6 may include rights under the Confidentiality Agreement without requiring the Executive's consent.
7. Binding Effect. Without limiting or diminishing the effect of the provisions affecting assignment of this Agreement, this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns.
8. Notices. All notices that are required or may be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be sufficient in all respects if given in writing and  
(i) delivered personally, (ii) mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, (iii) sent via a nationally recognized overnight courier or (iv) sent via facsimile confirmed in writing to the recipient, if to the Company at the Company's principal place of business, and if to the Executive, at his home address most recently filed with the Company, or to such other address or addresses as either party shall have designated in writing to the other party hereto; provided, however, that any notice sent by certified or registered mail shall be deemed delivered on the date of delivery as evidenced by the return receipt.
9. Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial.
- (a) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions thereof. In
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the event that any dispute shall occur between the parties arising out of or resulting from the construction, interpretation, enforcement or any other aspect of this Agreement, the parties hereby agree to accept the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the State of Delaware.

(b) EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

10. Severability. The Executive agrees that in the event that any court of competent jurisdiction shall finally hold that any provision of the Confidentiality Agreement is void, is excessive in duration or scope or constitutes an unreasonable restriction against the Executive, such provisions of the Confidentiality Agreement shall not be rendered void but shall apply with respect to such extent as such court may judicially determine constitutes a reasonable restriction under the circumstances. If any part of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or incapable of being enforced in whole or in part by reason of any rule of law or public policy, such part shall be deemed to be severed from the remainder of this Agreement for the purpose only of the particular legal proceedings in question and all other covenants and provisions of this Agreement shall in every other respect continue in full force and effect and no covenant or provision shall be deemed dependent upon any other covenant or provision. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement in any jurisdiction shall not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement in such jurisdiction or the validity, legality or enforceability of any provision of this Agreement in any other jurisdiction, it being intended that all rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.
  11. Waiver. Failure to insist upon strict compliance with any of the terms, covenants or conditions hereof shall not be deemed a waiver of such term, covenant or condition, nor shall any waiver or relinquishment of any right or power hereunder at any one or more times be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of such right or power at any other time or times.
  12. Arbitration. With the exception of any dispute regarding the Executive's compliance with the provisions of the Confidentiality Agreement as noted by reference in Section 4(a) hereof, any dispute relating to or arising out of the provisions of this Agreement shall be decided by arbitration in the New York metropolitan area, in accordance with the Expedited Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association then obtaining, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise in a writing signed by both parties. This undertaking to arbitrate shall be specifically enforceable. The decision rendered by the arbitrator will be final and judgment may be entered upon it in accordance with appropriate laws in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Each of the parties shall pay its own legal fees associated with such arbitration; provided, however, if the Executive materially prevails in any arbitration the Company shall reimburse the Executive for all reasonable legal fees and expenses incurred in connection with such arbitration.
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13. Entire Agreement; Modifications. This Agreement, together with the Confidentiality Agreement, constitute the entire and final expression of the agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements, oral and written, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, including, without limitation, the Prior Agreements. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by an instrument in writing signed by both parties hereto.
  14. Survival of Provisions. The obligations contained in Section 4 hereof shall survive the termination of the Executive's employment with the Company and shall be fully enforceable thereafter.
  15. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
  16. Whistleblower Protection. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted so as to impede the Executive (or any other individual) from reporting possible violations of federal law or regulation to any governmental agency or entity, including but not limited to the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Congress, and any agency Inspector General, or making other disclosures under the whistleblower provisions of federal law or regulation. The Executive does not need the prior authorization of the Company to make any such reports or disclosures and the Executive shall not be not required to notify the Company that such reports or disclosures have been made.
  17. Trade Secrets. 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) provides: "An individual shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that (A) is made (x) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and (y) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal." Accordingly, the parties to this Agreement have the right to disclose in confidence trade secrets to Federal, State, and local government officials, or to an attorney, for the sole purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law. The parties also have the right to disclose trade secrets in a document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, but only if the filing is made under seal and protected from public disclosure. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to conflict with 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) or create liability for disclosures of trade secrets that are expressly allowed by 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b).
  18. Effect of Section 409A of the Code.
    - (a) If and to the extent any portion of any payment, compensation or other benefit provided to the Executive in connection with his employment termination is determined to constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, "Section 409A") and he is a specified employee as defined in Section 409A(a)(2)(B), as determined by the
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Company in accordance with its procedures, by which determination he hereby agrees that he is bound, such portion of the payment, compensation or other benefit shall not be paid before the earlier of (i) the expiration of the six month period measured from the date of his "separation from service" (as determined under Section 409A) or (ii) the date of his death (the "New Payment Date"). The aggregate of any payments that otherwise would have been paid to him during the period between the date of separation from service and the New Payment Date shall be paid to him in a lump sum in the first payroll period beginning after such New Payment Date, and any remaining payments will be paid on their original schedule.

- (b) This Agreement is intended to comply with the provisions of Section 409A and this Agreement shall, to the extent practicable, be construed in accordance therewith. Terms defined in this Agreement will have the meanings given such terms under Section 409A if and to the extent required to comply with Section 409A. To the extent that any provision hereof is modified in order to comply with Section 409A, such modification shall be made in good faith and shall, to the maximum extent reasonably possible, maintain the original intent and economic benefit to the Executive and the Company of the applicable provision without violating the provisions of Section 409A. In no event whatsoever will the Company be liable for any additional tax, interest or penalties that may be imposed on the Executive under Section 409A or any damages for failing to comply with Section 409A.
  - (c) A termination of employment shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of any provision of this Agreement providing for the payment of any amounts or benefits considered "nonqualified deferred compensation" under Section 409A upon or following a termination of employment unless such termination is also a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A and, for purposes of any such provision of this Agreement, references to a "termination," "termination of employment" or like terms shall mean "separation from service."
  - (d) To the extent that reimbursements or other in-kind benefits under this Agreement constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" for purposes of Code Section 409A, (i) all expenses or other reimbursements hereunder shall be made on or prior to the last day of the taxable year following the taxable year in which such expenses were incurred by the Executive, (ii) any right to reimbursement or in-kind benefits shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit, and (iii) no such reimbursement, expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits provided in any taxable year shall in any way affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits to be provided, in any other taxable year.
  - (e) For purposes of Section 409A, the Executive's right to receive any installment payments pursuant to this Agreement shall be treated as a right to receive a series of separate and distinct payments. Whenever a payment under this Agreement specifies a payment period with reference to a number of days (e.g., "payment shall be made within thirty (30) days following the date of termination"), the actual date
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of payment within the specified period shall be within the sole discretion of the Company.

19. Withholding. The Company shall be entitled to withhold from any amounts to be paid or benefits provided to the Executive hereunder any federal, state, local or foreign withholding, FICA contributions, or other taxes, charges or deductions which it is from time to time required to withhold. The Company shall be entitled to rely on an opinion of counsel if any question as to the amount or requirement of any such withholding shall arise.
20. Compliance with Dodd-Frank. All payments under this Agreement, if and to the extent subject to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, shall be subject to any incentive compensation policy established from time to time by the Company to comply with such Act.
21. Section Headings. The headings of the sections and subsections of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute a part thereof, affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement or of any term or provision hereof. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and any form, award, plan or policy of the Company, the terms of this Agreement shall govern and control.
22. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the Confidentiality Agreement and any exhibits attached hereto, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties hereto regarding the employment of the Executive and terminates and supersedes any and all prior agreements, understandings and representations, whether written or oral, by or between the parties hereto or their Affiliates which may have related to the subject matter hereof in any way, including, without limitation, any other existing employment agreement or change of control agreement, which is hereby terminated and cancelled and of no further force or effect as of the date hereof, without the payment of any additional consideration by or to either of the parties hereto.
23. Counterparts; Facsimiles and Faxes. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Facsimiles and electronic scans containing original signatures shall be deemed for all purposes to be originally signed copies of the documents which are the subject of such facsimiles or scans.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company and the Executive have duly executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date or dates indicated below.

AGREED AND  
ACCEPTED:

DAYMON WORLDWIDE  
INC.

/s/ Michael Taylor

Name: Michael Taylor

Date: 10/25/2017

/s/ James Holbrook

Name: James Holbrook

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 10/26/2017

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**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.  
2020 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN**

**STOCK OPTION GRANT NOTICE**

Advantage Solutions Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), pursuant to its 2020 Incentive Award Plan, as amended from time to time (the "Plan"), hereby grants to the holder listed below ("Participant") an option to purchase the number of Shares set forth below (the "Option"). The Option is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Stock Option Grant Notice (the "Grant Notice"), the Stock Option Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A, together with any Annexes thereto (the "Agreement"), and the Plan, each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Unless otherwise defined herein, the terms defined in the Plan shall have the same defined meanings in the Grant Notice and the Agreement.

**Participant:**

**Grant Date:**

**Number of Shares subject to  
Option:**

**Exercise Price Per Share:**

**Type of Shares Issuable:** Class A Common Stock

**Expiration Date:** [ ] from the Grant Date, unless otherwise terminated, expired or cancelled prior thereto in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Agreement

**Type of Option:**  Incentive Stock Option  Non-Qualified Stock Option

**Vesting Dates:** Subject to the terms of the Plan and the Agreement, [ ] (each such date, a "Vesting Date").

By Participant's signature below, Participant agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice. Participant has carefully reviewed the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice in their entirety, has had an opportunity to obtain the advice of counsel prior to executing the Grant Notice and fully understands all provisions of the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice. Participant understands and acknowledges that Participant is responsible for all taxes due with respect to the Option. Participant hereby agrees to accept as binding, conclusive and final all decisions and interpretations of the Administrator arising under the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice.

**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.**

**PARTICIPANT**

Print Name:  
Title:  
Date:

Print Name:  
Date:

**EXHIBIT A**  
**TO STOCK OPTION GRANT NOTICE**  
**STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to the Grant Notice to which this Agreement is attached, the Company has granted to Participant an Option to purchase the number of Shares set forth in the Grant Notice.

**ARTICLE I.**  
**GENERAL**

Section 1.1 Defined Terms. Capitalized terms not specifically defined herein shall have the meanings specified in the Plan or the Grant Notice. For purposes of this Agreement,

(a) “Cause” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in any relevant employment agreement between Participant and a Company Group Member; provided that, in the absence of such agreement containing such definition, “Cause” shall mean (i) Participant performing Participant’s duties, in the good faith opinion of the Company, in a grossly negligent or reckless manner or with willful malfeasance, (ii) Participant exhibiting habitual drunkenness or engaging in substance abuse on Company property or at a function where Participant is working on behalf of a Company Group Member, (iii) Participant committing any material violation of any state or federal law relating to the workplace environment (including, without limitation, laws relating to sexual harassment or age, sex or other prohibited discrimination) or any material violation of any Company Group policy, (iv) Participant willfully failing or refusing to perform in the usual manner at the usual time those duties which Participant regularly and routinely performs in connection with the business of the Company Group or such other duties reasonably related to the capacity in which Participant is employed which may be assigned to Participant by the Company or otherwise reasonably expected or understood to be within the scope of Participant’s position within the Company Group, (v) Participant performing any material action when specifically and reasonably instructed not to do so by the Chairman or the Board, or, in the case of a non-executive officer, the Chief Executive Officer, (vi) Participant materially breaching this Agreement or any other confidentiality, non-compete or non-solicitation covenant with a Company Group Member, (vii) Participant committing any fraud or using or appropriating for Participant’s personal use or benefit any funds, properties or opportunities of the Company Group not authorized by the Company to be so used or appropriated; or (viii) Participant being convicted of any felony or any other crime related to Participant’s employment or involving moral turpitude.

(b) “CIC Qualifying Termination” shall mean Termination of Service of Participant by the Company without Cause during the twelve (12) month period immediately following a Change in Control.

(c) “Change in Control” shall mean a Change in Control (as defined under the Plan) that constitutes a “change in control event” as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5).

(d) “Company Group” shall mean the Company and its Affiliates.

(e) “Company Group Member” shall mean each member of the Company Group.

(f) “Disability” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in any relevant employment agreement between Participant and a Company Group Member; *provided* that, in the absence of such agreement containing such definition, “Disability” shall mean permanent disability or incapacity as determined in accordance with the Company’s disability insurance policy, if such a policy is then in effect, or if no such policy is then in effect, such permanent disability or incapacity shall be determined by the

Company in its good faith judgment based upon inability to perform the essential functions of Participant's position, with reasonable accommodation by the Company, for a period in excess of 180 days during any period of 365 calendar days.

Section 1.2 Incorporation of Terms of Plan. The Option and the Shares are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference. In the event of any inconsistency between the Plan and this Agreement, the terms of the Plan shall control.

**ARTICLE II.  
AWARD OF OPTION**

Section 2.1 Award of Option. In consideration of Participant's past and continued employment with or service to a Company Group Member and for other good and valuable consideration, effective as of the Grant Date set forth in the Grant Notice, the Company has granted to Participant the number of Shares subject to the Option set forth in the Grant Notice, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant Notice, the Plan and this Agreement, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 12.2 of the Plan. Unless and until the Option has vested and been exercised, Participant will have no right to the receipt of any Shares subject thereto. Prior to the actual delivery of any Shares, the Option will represent an unsecured obligation of the Company, payable only from the general assets of the Company.

Section 2.2 Exercise Price. The exercise price per Share of the Shares subject to the Option (the "Exercise Price") shall be as set forth in the Grant Notice.

Section 2.3 Vesting; Exercisability.

(a) Subject to Participant's continued employment with or service to a Company Group Member through the applicable Vesting Date, and subject to the terms of the Plan and this Agreement, the Option shall vest and become exercisable on the Vesting Dates as set forth in the Grant Notice. No portion of the Option shall be exercisable unless it is vested, and all vested portions of the Option shall be and remain exercisable until the Option expires in accordance with Section 2.4.

(b) In the event Participant incurs a Termination of Service prior to the applicable Vesting Date, except as may be otherwise provided herein or by the Administrator or as set forth in a written agreement between Participant and the Company, Participant shall immediately forfeit any and all then-unvested portion of the Option granted under this Agreement, and Participant's rights in any such then-unvested portion of the Option shall lapse and expire.

(c) Notwithstanding the Grant Notice or the provisions of Section 2.3(a) and Section 2.3(b), in the event Participant incurs a Termination of Service due to death or Disability prior to the final Vesting Date (including following a Change in Control if the Option is assumed by the surviving company in such Change in Control), the portion of the Option that is then unvested shall become vested and exercisable in full on the date of such Termination of Service. The date of the Termination of Service shall be the "Vesting Date" for the purposes of this Agreement if this Section 2.3(c) is applicable.

(d) Notwithstanding the Grant Notice or the provisions of Section 2.3(a) and Section 2.3(b), in the event of a Change in Control prior to the final Vesting Date, the portion of the Option that is then unvested shall become vested and exercisable as follows: (i) if the Option is not assumed by the surviving company in such Change in Control, the date of the Change in Control, subject to Participant's continued employment with or service to a Company Group Member from the Grant Date until as of the date of the Change in Control, or (ii) if the Option is assumed by the surviving company in such Change in Control, the earlier of (x) the applicable Vesting Date as set forth in the Grant Notice and (y) the date Participant incurs a CIC Qualifying Termination (the date of vesting in accordance with this Section 2.3(d)).

shall be the “Vesting Date” for the purposes of this Agreement if this Section 2.3(d) is applicable).

Section 2.4 Expiration of Option. The Option will expire and no longer be exercisable by anyone, and shall be cancelled for no consideration, upon the expiration date set forth in the Grant Notice; provided, however, that the Option shall expire earlier on the first to occur of the following events, except as the Administrator may otherwise approve:

- (a) the date that is nine (9) months from the date of Participant’s Termination of Service due to death or Disability;
- (b) immediately upon Participant’s Termination of Service for Cause; and
- (c) the date that is ninety (90) days from the date of Participant’s Termination of Service for any other reason.

Section 2.5 Person Eligible to Exercise. During the lifetime of Participant, only Participant may exercise the Option or any portion thereof. After the death of Participant, any exercisable portion of the Option may, prior to the time when the Option expires, be exercised by Participant’s personal representative or by any person empowered to do so under the deceased Participant’s will or under the then Applicable Laws of descent and distribution.

Section 2.6 Partial Exercise; Whole Shares. Any exercisable portion of the Option or the entire Option, if then wholly exercisable, may be exercised in whole or in part at any time prior to the time when the Option or portion thereof expires; provided, however, that the Option may only be exercised for whole Shares and in no case may a fraction of a Share be purchased.

Section 2.7 Conditions to Issuance of Certificates. The Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificate or certificates for any Shares or to cause any Shares to be held in book-entry form prior to the fulfillment of all of the following conditions: (a) the admission of the Shares to listing on all stock exchanges on which such Shares are then listed, (b) the completion of any registration or other qualification of the Shares under any state or federal law or under rulings or regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission or other governmental regulatory body, which the Administrator shall, in its absolute discretion, deem necessary or advisable, (c) the obtaining of any approval or other clearance from any state or federal governmental agency that the Administrator shall, in its absolute discretion, determine to be necessary or advisable, (d) the receipt by the Company of full payment for such Shares in accordance with Section 2.8, and (e) the receipt of full payment of any applicable withholding tax in accordance with Section 2.9 by the Company Group with respect to which the applicable withholding obligation arises. Further, Participant hereby agrees to sign any and all documents required by any Applicable Law or reasonably required by the Administrator upon the issuance of Shares following exercise of the Option, and Participant agrees that in the event that the Company and its counsel deem it necessary or advisable, in their sole discretion, the issuance of Shares may be conditioned upon representations, warranties and acknowledgements by Participant.

Section 2.8 Exercise Price Payment. Subject to Section 10.1 of the Plan and the proviso at the end of this Section 2.8, full payment for the Shares with respect to which the Option or portion thereof is exercised may be made by any of the following, or a combination thereof, as determined by the Company:

- (a) Cash or check; or
- (b) With the consent of the Administrator, Shares (including Shares issuable pursuant to the exercise of the Award) or Shares held for such minimum period of time as may be established by the

Administrator, in each case, having a fair market value on the date of delivery equal to the aggregate payments required; or

(c) Delivery of a written or electronic notice that Participant has placed a market sell order with a broker acceptable to the Company with respect to Shares then issuable upon exercise or vesting of an Award, and that the broker has been directed to pay a sufficient portion of the net proceeds of the sale to the Company in satisfaction of the aggregate payments required; provided that payment of such proceeds is then made to the Company upon settlement of such sale; or

(d) With the consent of the Administrator, any other form of payment permitted under Section 10.1 of the Plan.

provided, however, that unless the Company Group otherwise determines to require Participant to pay the exercise price by some other means in accordance with this Section 2.8, the Company shall withhold Shares issuable pursuant to the exercise of the Award having a fair market value on the date of delivery equal to the aggregate exercise price required to be paid pursuant to clause (b) above.

Section 2.9 Tax Withholding. Subject to Sections 10.1 and 10.2 of the Plan:

(a) The Company shall have the authority and the right to deduct or withhold (except to the extent this Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option and any such action would disqualify such treatment as an Incentive Stock Option), or to require Participant to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy payment of all applicable federal, state and local taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to any taxable event arising in connection with the Option (the "Tax Withholding Obligation"). The Tax Withholding Obligation may be paid by Participant in any manner specified in Section Plan 2.8 above (provided that, except as provided in Section 2.9(b) below, a payment by Participant pursuant to clause (b) of Section 2.8 shall require the consent of the Administrator). The Company shall not be obligated to deliver any certificate representing Shares issuable with respect to the Option to, or to cause any such Shares to be held in book-entry form by, Participant or Participant's legal representative unless and until Participant or Participant's legal representative shall have paid or otherwise satisfied in full the amount of all Tax Withholding Obligations resulting from the vesting or exercise of the Option or any other taxable event related to the Option.

(b) Unless the Company Group otherwise determines to require Participant to satisfy the Tax Withholding Obligation by some other means in accordance with Section 2.8 above, the Company Group will, with respect to the Tax Withholding Obligation arising as a result of the vesting or exercise of the Option or any other taxable event related to the Option, withhold a net number of vested Shares otherwise issuable pursuant to the Option having a then-current fair market value not exceeding the amount necessary to satisfy the Tax Withholding Obligation of any Company Group Member with respect to the vesting or exercise of the Option or any other taxable event related to the Option based on the applicable statutory withholding rates (or such other rate as may be determined by the Company Group after consideration any accounting consequences or costs). In the absence of a contrary determination by the Company Group (or, if Participant is subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, a contrary determination by the Administrator), all tax withholding obligations will be calculated based on the minimum applicable statutory withholding rates. The number of Shares surrendered by Participant or withheld by the Company to satisfy the Tax Withholding Obligation with respect to the Option shall be rounded down to the nearest whole Share.

(c) Participant is ultimately liable and responsible for all taxes owed in connection with the Option, regardless of any action the Company or any other Company Group Member takes with respect to any tax withholding obligations that arise in connection with the Option. No Company Group

Member makes any representation or undertaking regarding the treatment of any tax withholding in connection with the awarding, vesting or exercise of the Option or the subsequent sale of Shares. The Company Group Members do not commit and are under no obligation to structure the Option to reduce or eliminate Participant's tax liability.

Section 2.10 Rights as Stockholder. Neither Participant nor any Person claiming under or through Participant will have any of the rights or privileges of a stockholder of the Company in respect of any Shares deliverable hereunder unless and until certificates representing such Shares (which may be in book-entry form) will have been issued and recorded on the records of the Company or its transfer agents or registrars and delivered to Participant (including through electronic delivery to a brokerage account). Except as otherwise provided herein, after such issuance, recordation and delivery, Participant will have all the rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to such Shares, including, without limitation, the right to receipt of dividends and distributions on such Shares.

Section 2.11 Restrictive Covenants. Participant agrees to comply with the restrictive covenants set forth on Annex A, and Participant acknowledges and agrees that the grant of the Option shall be in material part in consideration of Participant's affirmation of Participant's agreement to comply with the covenants set forth therein. In the event the Company determines Participant has breached any such restrictive covenants, Participant shall immediately forfeit the Option granted under this Agreement in full, whether or not vested, and Participant's rights in any such Option shall lapse and expire.

### **ARTICLE III. OTHER PROVISIONS**

Section 3.1 Administration. The Administrator shall have the power to interpret the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement and to adopt such rules for the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement as are consistent therewith and to interpret, amend or revoke any such rules. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Administrator will be final and binding upon Participant, the Company and all other interested Persons. To the extent allowable pursuant to Applicable Law, no member of the Committee or the Board will be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation made with respect to the Plan, the Grant Notice or this Agreement.

Section 3.2 Option Not Transferable. The Option may not be sold, pledged, assigned or transferred in any manner other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, unless and until the Shares subject to the Option have been issued upon exercise, and all restrictions applicable to such Shares have lapsed. No Option or any interest or right therein or part thereof shall be liable for the debts, contracts or engagements of Participant or Participant's successors in interest or shall be subject to disposition by transfer, alienation, anticipation, pledge, encumbrance, assignment or any other means whether such disposition be voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law by judgment, levy, attachment, garnishment or any other legal or equitable proceedings (including bankruptcy), and any attempted disposition thereof shall be null and void and of no effect, except to the extent that such disposition is permitted by the preceding sentence. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with the consent of the Administrator, the Option may be transferred to Permitted Transferees, pursuant to such conditions and procedures the Administrator may require.

Section 3.3 Adjustments. The Administrator may accelerate the vesting or exercisability of all or a portion of the Option in such circumstances as it, in its sole discretion, may determine. Participant acknowledges that the Option and the Shares subject to the Option are subject to adjustment, modification and termination in certain events as provided in this Agreement and the Plan, including Section 12.2 of the Plan.

Section 3.4 Notices. Any notice to be given under the terms of this Agreement to the Company shall be addressed to the Company in care of the Secretary of the Company at the Company's principal office, and any notice to be given to Participant shall be addressed to Participant at Participant's last address reflected on the Company's records. By a notice given pursuant to this Section 3.4, either party may hereafter designate a different address for notices to be given to that party. Any notice shall be deemed duly given when sent via email or when sent by certified mail (return receipt requested) and deposited (with postage prepaid) in a post office or branch post office regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service or similar foreign entity.

Section 3.5 Titles. Titles are provided herein for convenience only and are not to serve as a basis for interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

Section 3.6 Governing Law. The laws of the State of Delaware shall govern the interpretation, validity, administration, enforcement and performance of the terms of this Agreement regardless of the law that might be applied under principles of conflicts of laws.

Section 3.7 Conformity to Securities Laws. Participant acknowledges that the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement, are intended to conform to the extent necessary with all Applicable Laws, including, without limitation, the provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, and any and all regulations and rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and state securities laws and regulations. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Plan shall be administered, and the Option is granted and may be exercised, only in such a manner as to conform to Applicable Law. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement, shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to Applicable Law.

Section 3.8 Amendment, Suspension and Termination. To the extent permitted by the Plan, this Agreement may be wholly or partially amended or otherwise modified, suspended or terminated at any time or from time to time by the Administrator or the Board, provided that, except as may otherwise be provided by the Plan, no amendment, modification, suspension or termination of this Agreement shall adversely affect the Option in any material way without the prior written consent of Participant.

Section 3.9 Successors and Assigns. The Company may assign any of its rights under this Agreement to single or multiple assignees, and this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company. Subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in Section 3.2 and the Plan, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, legatees, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

Section 3.10 Limitations Applicable to Section 16 Persons. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or this Agreement, if Participant is subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, the Plan, the Option, the Grant Notice and this Agreement shall be subject to any additional limitations set forth in any applicable exemptive rule under Section 16 of the Exchange Act (including any amendment to Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act) that are requirements for the application of such exemptive rule. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, this Agreement shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such applicable exemptive rule.

Section 3.11 Not a Contract of Employment. Nothing in this Agreement or in the Plan shall confer upon Participant any right to continue to serve as an employee or other service provider of any Company Group Member or shall interfere with or restrict in any way the rights of any Company Group Member, which rights are hereby expressly reserved, to discharge or terminate the services of Participant at any time for any reason whatsoever, with or without Cause, except to the extent (i) expressly provided otherwise in a written agreement between a Company Group Member and Participant or (ii) where such

provisions are not consistent with applicable foreign or local laws, in which case such applicable foreign or local laws shall control.

Section 3.12Entire Agreement. The Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement (including any exhibit hereto) constitute the entire agreement of the parties and supersede in their entirety all prior undertakings and agreements of the Company and Participant with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Section 3.13No Obligation to Exercise the Option. The grant and acceptance of the Option imposes no obligation on Participant to exercise the Option.

Section 3.14Section 409A. The intent of the parties is that the payments and benefits under this Agreement comply with or be exempt from Section 409A and, accordingly, to the maximum extent permitted, this Agreement shall be interpreted to be in compliance therewith. The Company makes no warranties regarding the treatment of this award under Section 409A, and the Participant is entirely responsible for any penalties arising with respect to Section 409A.

Section 3.15Agreement Severable. In the event that any provision of the Grant Notice or this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, such provision will be severable from, and such invalidity or unenforceability will not be construed to have any effect on, the remaining provisions of the Grant Notice or this Agreement.

Section 3.16Limitation on Participant's Rights. Participation in the Plan confers no rights or interests other than as herein provided. This Agreement creates only a contractual obligation on the part of the Company as to amounts payable and shall not be construed as creating a trust. Neither the Plan nor any underlying program, in and of itself, has any assets. Participant shall have only the rights of a general unsecured creditor of the Company with respect to amounts credited and benefits payable, if any, with respect to the Option. The value of the Option is an extraordinary item of compensation outside the scope of Participant's normal compensation rights, if any. As such, for avoidance of doubt, the Option is not part of normal or expected compensation for purposes of calculating any payments due to severance, resignation, redundancy, end of service, bonuses, long-service awards, pensions or retirement benefits or similar payments. The grant of the Option under the Plan is a one-time benefit and does not create any contractual or other right to receive any other grant of the Option or other Awards under the Plan in the future.

Section 3.17Counterparts; Headings. The Grant Notice may be executed in one or more counterparts, including by way of any electronic signature, subject to Applicable Law, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument. The headings of sections and subsections are included solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 3.18Electronic Delivery and Acceptance. The Company may, in its sole discretion, deliver any documents related to current or future participation in the Plan by electronic means. By accepting this Agreement, Participant consents to receive such documents by electronic delivery and to participate in the Plan through an on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Company or a third party designated by the Company. Participant must electronically accept the grant documents via the Fidelity Stock Plan Services NetBenefits online grant acceptance process in order for the grant to become effective. No other form of grant acceptance is valid.

Section 3.19Forfeiture and Recoupment Provisions. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Option (including any proceeds, gains or other economic benefit actually or constructively received with respect thereto) shall, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator or required by Applicable Law, be subject to the provisions of any recoupment policy implemented by the

Company or otherwise required by Applicable Law, whether or not such recoupment policy was in place at the Grant Date and whether or not the Option is vested or has been exercised.

Section 3.20 Incentive Stock Options. Participant acknowledges that to the extent the aggregate Fair Market Value of Shares (determined as of the time the option with respect to the Shares is granted) with respect to which Incentive Stock Options, including this Option (if applicable), are exercisable for the first time by Participant during any calendar year exceeds \$100,000 or if for any other reason such Incentive Stock Options do not qualify or cease to qualify for treatment as “incentive stock options” under Section 422 of the Code, such Incentive Stock Options shall be treated as Non-Qualified Stock Options. Participant further acknowledges that the rule set forth in the preceding sentence shall be applied by taking the Option and other stock options into account in the order in which they were granted, as determined under Section 422(d) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. Participant also acknowledges that an Incentive Stock Option exercised more than three months after Participant’s Termination of Service, other than by reason of death or disability, will be taxed as a Non-Qualified Stock Option.

Section 3.21 Notification of Disposition. If this Option is designated as an Incentive Stock Option, Participant shall give prompt written notice to the Company of any disposition or other transfer of any Shares acquired upon exercise of the Option if such disposition or transfer is made (a) within two years from the Grant Date or (b) within one year after the transfer of such Shares to Participant. Such notice shall specify the date of such disposition or other transfer and the amount realized, in cash, other property, assumption of indebtedness or other consideration, by Participant in such disposition or other transfer.

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**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.  
2020 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN**

**RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT GRANT NOTICE**

Advantage Solutions Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), pursuant to its 2020 Incentive Award Plan, as amended from time to time (the “Plan”), hereby grants to the holder listed below (“Participant”) the number of Restricted Stock Units set forth below (the “RSUs”). The RSUs are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice (the “Grant Notice”), the Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A, together with any Annexes thereto (the “Agreement”) and the Plan, each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Unless otherwise defined herein, the terms defined in the Plan shall have the same defined meanings in the Grant Notice and the Agreement.

**Participant:**

**Grant Date:**

**Number of RSUs:**

**Type of Shares Issuable:** Class A Common Stock

**Vesting Dates:** Subject to the terms of the Plan and the Agreement, [                    ] (each such date, a “Vesting Date”).

By Participant’s signature below, Participant agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice. Participant has carefully reviewed the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice in their entirety, has had an opportunity to obtain the advice of counsel prior to executing the Grant Notice and fully understands all provisions of the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice. Participant understands and acknowledges that Participant is responsible for all taxes due with respect to the RSUs. Participant hereby agrees to accept as binding, conclusive and final all decisions and interpretations of the Administrator arising under the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice.

**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.**

**PARTICIPANT**

Print Name:  
Title:  
Date:

Print Name:  
Date:

**EXHIBIT A**  
**TO RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT GRANT NOTICE**  
**RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to the Grant Notice to which this Agreement is attached, the Company has granted to Participant the number of RSUs set forth in the Grant Notice.

**ARTICLE I.**  
**GENERAL**

Section 1.1 Defined Terms. Capitalized terms not specifically defined herein shall have the meanings specified in the Plan or the Grant Notice. For purposes of this Agreement,

(a) “Cause” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in any relevant employment agreement between Participant and a Company Group Member; *provided* that, in the absence of such agreement containing such definition, “Cause” shall mean (i) Participant performing Participant’s duties, in the good faith opinion of the Company, in a grossly negligent or reckless manner or with willful malfeasance, (ii) Participant exhibiting habitual drunkenness or engaging in substance abuse on Company property or at a function where Participant is working on behalf of a Company Group Member, (iii) Participant committing any material violation of any state or federal law relating to the workplace environment (including, without limitation, laws relating to sexual harassment or age, sex or other prohibited discrimination) or any material violation of any Company Group policy, (iv) Participant willfully failing or refusing to perform in the usual manner at the usual time those duties which Participant regularly and routinely performs in connection with the business of the Company Group or such other duties reasonably related to the capacity in which Participant is employed which may be assigned to Participant by the Company or otherwise reasonably expected or understood to be within the scope of Participant’s position within the Company Group, (v) Participant performing any material action when specifically and reasonably instructed not to do so by the Chairman or the Board, or, in the case of a non-executive officer, the Chief Executive Officer, (vi) Participant materially breaching this Agreement or any other confidentiality, non-compete or non-solicitation covenant with a Company Group Member, (vii) Participant committing any fraud or using or appropriating for Participant’s personal use or benefit any funds, properties or opportunities of the Company Group not authorized by the Company to be so used or appropriated; or (viii) Participant being convicted of any felony or any other crime related to Participant’s employment or involving moral turpitude.

(b) “CIC Qualifying Termination” shall mean Termination of Service of Participant by the Company without Cause during the twelve (12) month period immediately following a Change in Control.

(c) “Change in Control” shall mean a Change in Control (as defined under the Plan) that constitutes a “change in control event” as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5).

(d) “Company Group” shall mean the Company and its Affiliates.

(e) “Company Group Member” shall mean each member of the Company Group.

(f) “Disability” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in any relevant employment agreement between Participant and a Company Group Member; *provided* that, in the absence of such agreement containing such definition, “Disability” shall mean permanent disability or incapacity as determined in accordance with the Company’s disability insurance policy, if such a policy is then in effect, or if no such policy is then in effect, such permanent disability or incapacity shall be determined by the

Company in its good faith judgment based upon inability to perform the essential functions of Participant's position, with reasonable accommodation by the Company, for a period in excess of 180 days during any period of 365 calendar days.

Section 1.2 Incorporation of Terms of Plan. The RSUs and the Shares are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference. In the event of any inconsistency between the Plan and this Agreement, the terms of the Plan shall control.

**ARTICLE II.  
AWARD OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS**

Section 2.1 Award of RSUs.

(a) In consideration of Participant's past and continued employment with or service to a Company Group Member and for other good and valuable consideration, effective as of the Grant Date set forth in the Grant Notice, the Company has granted to Participant the number of RSUs set forth in the Grant Notice, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant Notice, the Plan and this Agreement, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 12.2 of the Plan. Each RSU represents the right to receive one Share at the times and subject to the conditions set forth herein. However, unless and until the RSUs have vested, Participant will have no right to the payment of any Shares subject thereto. Prior to the actual delivery of any Shares, the RSUs will represent an unsecured obligation of the Company, payable only from the general assets of the Company.

(b) If, after the Grant Date set forth in the Grant Notice and prior to the distribution or payment in settlement of the RSUs, dividends with respect to the Shares are declared or paid by the Company, Participant shall be entitled to receive Dividend Equivalents in an amount, without interest, equal to the cumulative dividends declared or paid on a Share, if any, during such period multiplied by the number of RSUs to the extent such RSUs vest. Dividend Equivalents will be subject to the same terms and conditions of the Grant Notice and the Agreement applicable the RSUs. The Dividend Equivalents will be paid on the applicable date of distribution or payment in settlement of the underlying RSUs in cash or Shares, as determined by the Administrator in its discretion. If the underlying RSUs are forfeited or cancelled prior to the applicable date of distribution or payment in settlement of the underlying RSUs for any reason, any accrued and unpaid Dividend Equivalents related to forfeited or cancelled RSUs shall be forfeited and cancelled. Dividend Equivalents and any amounts that may become distributable in respect thereof shall be treated separately from the RSUs and the rights arising in connection therewith for purposes of the designation of time and form of payments required by Section 409A of the Code.

Section 2.2 Vesting of RSUs.

(a) Subject to Participant's continued employment with or service to a Company Group Member through the applicable Vesting Date, and subject to the terms of the Plan and this Agreement, the RSUs shall vest on the Vesting Dates as set forth in the Grant Notice.

(b) In the event Participant incurs a Termination of Service prior to the applicable Vesting Date, except as may be otherwise provided herein or by the Administrator or as set forth in a written agreement between Participant and the Company, Participant shall immediately forfeit any and all then-unvested RSUs granted under this Agreement, and Participant's rights in any such then-unvested RSUs shall lapse and expire.

(c) Notwithstanding the Grant Notice or the provisions of Section 2.2(a) and Section 2.2(b), in the event Participant incurs a Termination of Service due to death or Disability prior to the final Vesting Date (including following a Change in Control if the RSUs are assumed by the surviving company

in such Change in Control), the RSUs that are then unvested shall become vested in full on the date of such Termination of Service. The date of the Termination of Service shall be the "Vesting Date" for the purposes of this Agreement if this Section 2.2(c) is applicable.

(d) Notwithstanding the Grant Notice or the provisions of Section 2.2(a) and Section 2.2(b), in the event of a Change in Control prior to the final Vesting Date, the RSUs that are then unvested shall become vested as follows: (i) if the RSUs are not assumed by the surviving company in such Change in Control, the date of the Change in Control, subject to Participant's continued employment with or service to a Company Group Member from the Grant Date until as of the date of the Change in Control, or (ii) if the RSUs are assumed by the surviving company in such Change in Control, the earlier of (x) the applicable Vesting Date as set forth in the Grant Notice and (y) the date Participant incurs a CIC Qualifying Termination (the date of vesting in accordance with this Section 2.2(d)) shall be the "Vesting Date" for the purposes of this Agreement if this Section 2.2(d) is applicable).

#### Section 2.3 Distribution or Payment of RSUs.

(a) Participant's RSUs to the extent vested shall be distributed in Shares (either in book-entry form or otherwise) promptly following the applicable Vesting Date, but in all events prior to March 15 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the applicable Vesting Date occurs; *provided, however*, that in the event of a Change in Control where the RSUs are not assumed by the surviving company in such Change in Control, the RSUs may be cancelled in exchange for the right to receive a cash payment equal to the number of RSUs vested in accordance with Section 2.2 multiplied by the value of a Share as of such Change in Control as determined by the Administrator.

(b) All distributions of Shares shall be made by the Company in the form of whole Shares, and any fractional share shall be distributed in cash in an amount equal to the value of such fractional share determined based on the Fair Market Value as of the date immediately preceding the date of such distribution.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may delay a distribution or payment in settlement of RSUs if it reasonably determines that such payment or distribution will violate federal securities laws or any other Applicable Law, *provided* that such distribution or payment shall be made at the earliest date at which the Company reasonably determines that the making of such distribution or payment will not cause such violation, as required by Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(7)(ii), and *provided further* that no payment or distribution shall be delayed under this Section 2.3(a) if such delay will result in a violation of Section 409A.

Section 2.4 Conditions to Issuance of Certificates. The Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificate or certificates for any Shares or to cause any Shares to be held in book-entry form prior to the fulfillment of all of the following conditions: (a) the admission of the Shares to listing on all stock exchanges on which such Shares are then listed, (b) the completion of any registration or other qualification of the Shares under any state or federal law or under rulings or regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission or other governmental regulatory body, which the Administrator shall, in its absolute discretion, deem necessary or advisable, (c) the obtaining of any approval or other clearance from any state or federal governmental agency that the Administrator shall, in its absolute discretion, determine to be necessary or advisable, and (d) the receipt of full payment of any applicable withholding tax in accordance with Section 2.5 by the Company Group with respect to which the applicable withholding obligation arises.

Section 2.5 Tax Withholding. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement:

(a) As set forth in Section 10.2 of the Plan, the Company shall have the authority and the right to deduct or withhold, or to require Participant to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy all applicable federal, state and local taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to any taxable event arising in connection with the RSUs (the “Tax Withholding Obligation”). The Company shall not be obligated to deliver any certificate representing Shares issuable with respect to the RSUs to, or to cause any such Shares to be held in book-entry form by, Participant or Participant’s legal representative unless and until Participant or Participant’s legal representative shall have paid or otherwise satisfied in full the amount of all Tax Withholding Obligations resulting from the vesting or settlement of the RSUs or any other taxable event related to the RSUs.

(b) Unless, prior to the date on which the Tax Withholding Obligation arises as a result of the vesting or settlement of the RSUs or any other taxable event related to the RSUs, the Administrator has determined in writing that the Tax Withholding Obligation will be satisfied by the method set forth in Section 2.5(c) below, then, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Plan, the Tax Withholding Obligation shall automatically, and without further action by Participant or the Company, be satisfied by having the Company withhold taxes from the proceeds of the sale of the Shares through a mandatory sale arranged by the Company on Participant’s behalf, in the manner set forth in this Section 2.5(b):

(i) In the event Participant’s Tax Withholding Obligation will be satisfied under this Section 2.5(b), then the Company shall instruct any brokerage firm determined acceptable to the Company for such purpose to sell on Participant’s behalf a whole number of Shares, at the then-prevailing market price, from those Shares issuable to Participant upon settlement of the RSUs as is required to generate cash proceeds sufficient to satisfy Participant’s Tax Withholding Obligation (with such Tax Withholding Obligation to be calculated based on the minimum statutory withholding rates for federal, state, local and foreign income tax and payroll tax purposes as of the date of delivery). Such sale shall occur on the date on which Participant first becomes subject to the Tax Withholding Obligation (or as soon as practicable thereafter), and proceeds from each such sale will be made to the Company as soon as reasonably practicable upon settlement thereof. Participant hereby acknowledges that the broker is under no obligation to arrange for such sale at any particular price, and the proceeds of any such sale pursuant to this provision may not be sufficient to satisfy the Tax Withholding Obligation. Participant hereby appoints the Company as Participant’s agent and attorney-in-fact to cooperate and communicate with the broker and to instruct the broker with respect to the number of Shares to be sold under this provision. Participant acknowledges that it may not be possible to sell Shares pursuant to this provision due to (A) a legal or contractual restriction applicable to Participant or to the broker, (B) a market disruption, (C) rules governing order execution priority on the stock exchange on which the Shares are traded, (D) a sale effected pursuant to this provision that fails to comply (or in the reasonable opinion of the broker’s counsel is likely not to comply) with Rule 144 under the Securities Act or would result in a short-swing profit under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or (E) the Company’s determination that sales may not be effected under this provision. In the event of the broker’s inability to sell Shares, Participant will continue to be responsible for the timely payment to the Company and/or its affiliates of the Tax Withholding Obligation.

(ii) Participant represents that (A) Participant shall have full responsibility for compliance with (1) any reporting requirements under Rule 144 of the Securities Act and Section 13 or 16 of the Exchange Act, (2) the short-swing profit recovery provisions under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and (3) any federal, state or foreign securities laws or regulations concerning trading while aware of material nonpublic information; and (B) Participant is not subject to any legal, regulatory or contractual restriction or undertaking that would prevent the broker from conducting the sales pursuant to this provision and shall immediately notify the Company if he or she becomes subject to a legal, regulatory or contractual restriction

or undertaking that would prevent the broker from making such sales pursuant to this provision.

(iii) Participant acknowledges that: (A) Participant will be responsible for all broker's fees and other costs of sales pursuant to this Section 2.5(b), and Participant agrees to indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any losses, costs, damages, or expenses relating to any such sales or for any failure to perform or for any delay in performance that results from a cause or circumstance that is beyond the broker's or the Company's reasonable control; (B) sales pursuant to this Section 2.5(b) will be made as part of a block trade with other participants of the Plan in which all participants receive an average price; and (C) if the proceeds of a sale pursuant to this Section 2.5(b) exceed the amount owed, the Company will pay such excess in cash to Participant as soon as reasonably practicable. Participant hereby agrees to execute and deliver to the broker any other agreements or documents as the broker reasonably deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and intent of this Section 2.5(b).

(c) If determined by the Administrator in writing prior to the date on which the Tax Withholding Obligation arises as a result of the vesting or settlement of the RSUs or any other taxable event resulted to the RSUs that this Section 2.5(c) shall apply to Participant, unless Participant elects to satisfy the Tax Withholding Obligation by delivery of payment by cash or check made payable to the Company or by the Company withholding from any compensation otherwise payable to Participant by any Company Group Member, the Company Group shall satisfy the Tax Withholding Obligation by withholding a net number of vested Shares otherwise issuable pursuant to the RSUs having a then-current fair market value equal to the Tax Withholding Obligation. The number of Shares that may be so withheld or surrendered shall be no greater than the number of Shares that have a fair market value on the date of withholding or repurchase equal to the aggregate amount of such liabilities based on the Participant's Applicable Tax Withholding Rate.

(d) The Participant's "Applicable Tax Withholding Rate" for purposes of Section 2.5(c) only shall mean the greater of (i) the minimum applicable statutory withholding rates for federal, state, local and foreign income tax and payroll tax purposes, or (ii) with Participant's consent, a greater withholding rate designated by the Participant in writing prior to the date on which the Tax Withholding Obligation arises, but in no event greater than the maximum individual statutory tax rate for federal, state, local and foreign income tax and payroll tax purposes in the applicable jurisdiction at the time of such withholding; *provided, however*, that in no event shall the Applicable Tax Withholding Rate exceed the maximum individual statutory tax rate in the applicable jurisdiction at the time of such withholding (or such other rate as may be required to avoid the liability classification of the RSUs under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America); *provided, further*, that the number of Shares surrendered by Participant or withheld by the Company to satisfy the Tax Withholding Obligation with respect to the RSUs shall be rounded down to the nearest whole Share; *provided, further*, that, the Applicable Tax Withholding Rate shall be subject to any limitation on such withholding that may be contained in the Plan.

(e) Participant is ultimately liable and responsible for all taxes owed in connection with the RSUs, regardless of any action the Company or any other Company Group Member takes with respect to any tax withholding obligations that arise in connection with the RSUs. No Company Group Member makes any representation or undertaking regarding the treatment of any tax withholding in connection with the awarding, vesting or payment of the RSUs or the subsequent sale of Shares. The Company Group Members do not commit and are under no obligation to structure the RSUs to reduce or eliminate Participant's tax liability.

Section 2.6 Rights as Stockholder. Neither Participant nor any Person claiming under or through Participant will have any of the rights or privileges of a stockholder of the Company in respect of any Shares deliverable hereunder unless and until certificates representing such Shares (which may be in

book-entry form) will have been issued and recorded on the records of the Company or its transfer agents or registrars and delivered to Participant (including through electronic delivery to a brokerage account). Except as otherwise provided herein, after such issuance, recordation and delivery, Participant will have all the rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to such Shares, including, without limitation, the right to receipt of dividends and distributions on such Shares.

**Section 2.7 Restrictive Covenants.** Participant agrees to comply with the restrictive covenants set forth on Annex A, and Participant acknowledges and agrees that the grant of the RSUs shall be in material part in consideration of Participant's affirmation of Participant's agreement to comply with the covenants set forth therein. In the event the Company determines Participant has breached any such restrictive covenants, Participant shall immediately forfeit any and all RSUs granted under this Agreement, whether or not vested, and Participant's rights in any such RSUs shall lapse and expire.

### ARTICLE III.

#### OTHER PROVISIONS

**Section 3.1 Administration.** The Administrator shall have the power to interpret the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement and to adopt such rules for the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement as are consistent therewith and to interpret, amend or revoke any such rules. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Administrator will be final and binding upon Participant, the Company and all other interested Persons. To the extent allowable pursuant to Applicable Law, no member of the Committee or the Board will be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation made with respect to the Plan, the Grant Notice or this Agreement.

**Section 3.2 RSUs Not Transferable.** The RSUs may not be sold, pledged, assigned or transferred in any manner other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, unless and until the Shares underlying the RSUs have been issued, and all restrictions applicable to such Shares have lapsed. No RSUs or any interest or right therein or part thereof shall be liable for the debts, contracts or engagements of Participant or Participant's successors in interest or shall be subject to disposition by transfer, alienation, anticipation, pledge, encumbrance, assignment or any other means whether such disposition be voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law by judgment, levy, attachment, garnishment or any other legal or equitable proceedings (including bankruptcy), and any attempted disposition thereof shall be null and void and of no effect, except to the extent that such disposition is permitted by the preceding sentence. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with the consent of the Administrator, the RSUs may be transferred to Permitted Transferees, pursuant to such conditions and procedures the Administrator may require.

**Section 3.3 Adjustments.** The Administrator may accelerate the vesting of all or a portion of the RSUs in such circumstances as it, in its sole discretion, may determine. Participant acknowledges that the RSUs and the Shares subject to the RSUs are subject to adjustment, modification and termination in certain events as provided in this Agreement and the Plan, including Section 12.2 of the Plan.

**Section 3.4 Notices.** Any notice to be given under the terms of this Agreement to the Company shall be addressed to the Company in care of the Secretary of the Company at the Company's principal office, and any notice to be given to Participant shall be addressed to Participant at Participant's last address reflected on the Company's records. By a notice given pursuant to this **Section 3.4**, either party may hereafter designate a different address for notices to be given to that party. Any notice shall be deemed duly given when sent via email or when sent by certified mail (return receipt requested) and deposited (with postage prepaid) in a post office or branch post office regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service or similar foreign entity.

Section 3.5Titles. Titles are provided herein for convenience only and are not to serve as a basis for interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

Section 3.6Governing Law. The laws of the State of Delaware shall govern the interpretation, validity, administration, enforcement and performance of the terms of this Agreement regardless of the law that might be applied under principles of conflicts of laws.

Section 3.7Conformity to Securities Laws. Participant acknowledges that the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement, are intended to conform to the extent necessary with all Applicable Laws, including, without limitation, the provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, and any and all regulations and rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and state securities laws and regulations. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Plan shall be administered, and the RSUs are granted, only in such a manner as to conform to Applicable Law. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement, shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to Applicable Law.

Section 3.8Amendment, Suspension and Termination. To the extent permitted by the Plan, this Agreement may be wholly or partially amended or otherwise modified, suspended or terminated at any time or from time to time by the Administrator or the Board, *provided* that, except as may otherwise be provided by the Plan, no amendment, modification, suspension or termination of this Agreement shall adversely affect the RSUs in any material way without the prior written consent of Participant.

Section 3.9Successors and Assigns. The Company may assign any of its rights under this Agreement to single or multiple assignees, and this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company. Subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in Section 3.2 and the Plan, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, legatees, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

Section 3.10Limitations Applicable to Section 16 Persons. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or this Agreement, if Participant is subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, the Plan, the RSUs, the Grant Notice and this Agreement shall be subject to any additional limitations set forth in any applicable exemptive rule under Section 16 of the Exchange Act (including any amendment to Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act) that are requirements for the application of such exemptive rule. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, this Agreement shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such applicable exemptive rule.

Section 3.11Not a Contract of Employment. Nothing in this Agreement or in the Plan shall confer upon Participant any right to continue to serve as an employee or other service provider of any Company Group Member or shall interfere with or restrict in any way the rights of any Company Group Member, which rights are hereby expressly reserved, to discharge or terminate the services of Participant at any time for any reason whatsoever, with or without Cause, except to the extent (i) expressly provided otherwise in a written agreement between a Company Group Member and Participant or (ii) where such provisions are not consistent with applicable foreign or local laws, in which case such applicable foreign or local laws shall control.

Section 3.12Entire Agreement. The Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement (including any exhibit hereto) constitute the entire agreement of the parties and supersede in their entirety all prior undertakings and agreements of the Company and Participant with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Section 3.13Section 409A.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, this Agreement or the Grant

Notice, the Plan, this Agreement and the Grant Notice shall be interpreted in accordance with, and incorporate the terms and conditions required by, Section 409A of the Code (together with any Treasury Regulations and other interpretive guidance issued thereunder, including without limitation any such regulations or other guidance that may be issued after the Grant Date, “Section 409A”). The Administrator may, in its discretion, adopt such amendments to the Plan, this Agreement or the Grant Notice or adopt other policies and procedures (including amendments, policies and procedures with retroactive effect), or take any other actions, as the Administrator determines are necessary or appropriate to comply with the requirements of Section 409A.

(b) This Agreement is not intended to provide for any deferral of compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code, and, accordingly, the Shares issuable pursuant to the RSUs and the cash issuable upon settlement of the Dividend Equivalents corresponding thereto shall be distributed to Participant no later than the later of: (i) the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the third month following Participant’s first taxable year in which such RSUs are no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, and (ii) the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the third month following first taxable year of the Company in which such RSUs are no longer subject to substantial risk of forfeiture, as determined in accordance with Section 409A and any Treasury Regulations and other guidance issued thereunder.

(c) For purposes of Section 409A of the Code (including, without limitation, for purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2)(iii)), each payment that Participant may be eligible to receive under this Agreement shall be treated as a separate and distinct payment.

(d) If any portion of the RSUs constitutes a deferral of compensation and is subject to Section 409A of the Code, a Change in Control must also constitute a “change in control event,” as defined in Treasury Regulation §1.409A-3(i)(5) to the extent required by Section 409A of the Code.

(e) If Participant’s Termination of Service constitutes a payment event with respect to any portion of the RSUs which constitute a deferral of compensation and is subject to Section 409A of the Code, Participant’s Termination of Service must also constitute a “separation from service” (as defined in Section 1.409A-1(h) of the Treasury Regulations) (“Separation from Service”), and, further, if Participant is a “specified employee” (as determined in accordance with Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(i)) on the date of his or her Separation from Service, the delivery of any Shares to be delivered to Participant upon and as a result of such Separation from Service shall be delayed to the extent necessary to avoid a prohibited distribution under Section 409A(2)(B)(i) of the Code, and such Shares or cash payment in respect of Shares, as applicable, shall be distributed or paid to Participant on the earlier of (i) the expiration of the six-month period measured from the date of Participant’s Separation from Service or (ii) the date of Participant’s death, or (iii) such earlier date as is permitted under Section 409A of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder).

Section 3.14 Agreement Severable. In the event that any provision of the Grant Notice or this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, such provision will be severable from, and such invalidity or unenforceability will not be construed to have any effect on, the remaining provisions of the Grant Notice or this Agreement.

Section 3.15 Limitation on Participant’s Rights. Participation in the Plan confers no rights or interests other than as herein provided. This Agreement creates only a contractual obligation on the part of the Company as to amounts payable and shall not be construed as creating a trust. Neither the Plan nor any underlying program, in and of itself, has any assets. Participant shall have only the rights of a general unsecured creditor of the Company with respect to amounts credited and benefits payable, if any, with respect to the RSUs. The value of the RSUs is an extraordinary item of compensation outside the scope of Participant’s normal compensation rights, if any. As such, for avoidance of doubt, the RSUs are not part of

normal or expected compensation for purposes of calculating any payments due to severance, resignation, redundancy, end of service, bonuses, long-service awards, pensions or retirement benefits or similar payments. The grant of the RSUs under the Plan is a one-time benefit and does not create any contractual or other right to receive any other grant of RSUs or other Awards under the Plan in the future.

Section 3.16 Counterparts; Headings. The Grant Notice may be executed in one or more counterparts, including by way of any electronic signature, subject to Applicable Law, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument. The headings of sections and subsections are included solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 3.17 Electronic Delivery and Acceptance. The Company may, in its sole discretion, deliver any documents related to current or future participation in the Plan by electronic means. By accepting this Agreement, Participant consents to receive such documents by electronic delivery and to participate in the Plan through an on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Company or a third party designated by the Company. Participant must electronically accept the grant documents via the Fidelity Stock Plan Services NetBenefits online grant acceptance process in order for the grant to become effective. No other form of grant acceptance is valid.

Section 3.18 Forfeiture and Recoupment Provisions. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, all RSUs (including any proceeds, gains or other economic benefit actually or constructively received with respect thereto) shall, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator or required by Applicable Law, be subject to the provisions of any recoupment policy implemented by the Company or otherwise required by Applicable Law, whether or not such recoupment policy was in place at the Grant Date and whether or not the RSUs are vested.

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**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.  
2020 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN**

**PERFORMANCE RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT GRANT NOTICE**

Advantage Solutions Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), pursuant to its 2020 Incentive Award Plan, as amended from time to time (the “Plan”), hereby grants to the holder listed below (“Participant”) the target number of Performance Restricted Stock Units set forth below (the “PSUs”). The PSUs are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Performance Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice (the “Grant Notice”), the Performance Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A, the Vesting Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B, the restrictive covenants attached hereto as Exhibit C, together with any Annexes thereto (the “Agreement”), and the Plan, each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Unless otherwise defined herein, the terms defined in the Plan shall have the same defined meanings in the Grant Notice and the Agreement.

**Participant:**

**Grant Date:**

**Number of PSUs (Target):**

**Number of PSUs (Maximum):**

**Type of Shares Issuable:** Class A Common Stock

**Vesting Criteria:** The PSUs shall vest as set forth on Exhibit B.

By Participant’s signature below, Participant agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice. Participant has carefully reviewed the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice in their entirety, has had an opportunity to obtain the advice of counsel prior to executing the Grant Notice and fully understands all provisions of the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice. Participant understands and acknowledges that Participant is responsible for all taxes due with respect to the PSUs. Participant hereby agrees to accept as binding, conclusive and final all decisions and interpretations of the Administrator arising under the Plan, the Agreement and the Grant Notice.

**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.**

**PARTICIPANT**

Print Name:  
Title:  
Date:

Print Name:  
Date:

**EXHIBIT A**  
**TO PERFORMANCE RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT GRANT NOTICE**  
**PERFORMANCE RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to the Grant Notice to which this Agreement is attached, the Company has granted to Participant the target number of PSUs set forth in the Grant Notice.

**ARTICLE I.**  
**GENERAL**

**Section 1.1 Defined Terms.** Capitalized terms not specifically defined herein shall have the meanings specified in the Plan or the Grant Notice. For purposes of this Agreement,

(a) “Cause” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in any relevant employment agreement between Participant and a Company Group Member; *provided* that, in the absence of such agreement containing such definition, “Cause” shall mean (i) Participant performing Participant’s duties, in the good faith opinion of the Company, in a grossly negligent or reckless manner or with willful malfeasance, (ii) Participant exhibiting habitual drunkenness or engaging in substance abuse on Company property or at a function where Participant is working on behalf of a Company Group Member, (iii) Participant committing any material violation of any state or federal law relating to the workplace environment (including, without limitation, laws relating to sexual harassment or age, sex or other prohibited discrimination) or any material violation of any Company Group policy, (iv) Participant willfully failing or refusing to perform in the usual manner at the usual time those duties which Participant regularly and routinely performs in connection with the business of the Company Group or such other duties reasonably related to the capacity in which Participant is employed which may be assigned to Participant by the Company or otherwise reasonably expected or understood to be within the scope of Participant’s position within the Company Group, (v) Participant performing any material action when specifically and reasonably instructed not to do so by the Chairman or the Board, or, in the case of a non-executive officer, the Chief Executive Officer, (vi) Participant materially breaching this Agreement or any other confidentiality, non-compete or non-solicitation covenant with a Company Group Member, (vii) Participant committing any fraud or using or appropriating for Participant’s personal use or benefit any funds, properties or opportunities of the Company Group not authorized by the Company to be so used or appropriated; or (viii) Participant being convicted of any felony or any other crime related to Participant’s employment or involving moral turpitude.

(b) “CIC Qualifying Termination” shall mean Termination of Service of Participant by the Company without Cause during the twelve (12) month period immediately following a Change in Control.

(c) “Change in Control” shall mean a Change in Control (as defined under the Plan) that constitutes a “change in control event” as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5).

(d) “Company Group” shall mean the Company and its Affiliates.

(e) “Company Group Member” shall mean each member of the Company Group.

(f) “Disability” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in any relevant employment agreement between Participant and a Company Group Member; *provided* that, in the absence of such agreement containing such definition, “Disability” shall mean permanent disability or incapacity as determined in accordance with the Company’s disability insurance policy, if such a policy is then in effect,

or if no such policy is then in effect, such permanent disability or incapacity shall be determined by the Company in its good faith judgment based upon inability to perform the essential functions of Participant's position, with reasonable accommodation by the Company, for a period in excess of 180 days during any period of 365 calendar days.

Section 1.1 Incorporation of Terms of Plan. The PSUs and the Shares are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference. In the event of any inconsistency between the Plan and this Agreement, the terms of the Plan shall control.

## **ARTICLE II. AWARD OF PERFORMANCE RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS**

### Section 2.1 Award of PSUs.

(a) In consideration of Participant's past and continued employment with or service to a Company Group Member and for other good and valuable consideration, effective as of the Grant Date set forth in the Grant Notice, the Company has granted to Participant the target number of PSUs set forth in the Grant Notice, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant Notice, the Plan and this Agreement, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 12.2 of the Plan. Each PSU represents the right to receive one Share at the times and subject to the conditions set forth herein. However, unless and until the PSUs have vested, Participant will have no right to the payment of any Shares subject thereto. Prior to the actual delivery of any Shares, the PSUs will represent an unsecured obligation of the Company, payable only from the general assets of the Company.

### Section 2.2 Vesting of PSUs.

(a) The PSUs awarded by this Agreement will vest in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth in Exhibit B of the Grant Notice, subject to Participant continuing to be a Service Provider through the applicable vesting date (except as otherwise provided in Exhibit B).

### Section 2.3 Distribution or Payment of PSUs.

(a) Participant's RSUs to the extent vested shall be distributed in Shares (either in book-entry form or otherwise) promptly following the date on which such PSUs vest, but in all events prior to March 15 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the applicable vesting date occurs; *provided, however*, that in the event of a Change in Control where the RSUs are not assumed by the surviving company in such Change in Control, the RSUs may be cancelled in exchange for the right to receive a cash payment equal to the number of PSUs vested in accordance with Exhibit B multiplied by the value of a Share as of such Change in Control as determined by the Administrator, which amounts shall be payable as and when the Shares would otherwise have been distributed to Participant pursuant to this Section 2.3.

(b) All distributions of Shares shall be made by the Company in the form of whole Shares (either book entry or otherwise), and any fractional share shall be distributed in cash in an amount equal to the value of such fractional share determined based on the Fair Market Value as of the date immediately preceding the date of such distribution.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may delay a distribution or payment in settlement of PSUs if it reasonably determines that such payment or distribution will violate federal securities laws or any other Applicable Law, *provided* that such distribution or payment shall be made at the earliest date at which the Company reasonably determines that the making of such distribution or payment will not cause such violation, as required by Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(7)(ii), and

*provided further* that no payment or distribution shall be delayed under this Section 2.3(a) if such delay will result in a violation of Section 409A.

Section 2.4 Conditions to Issuance of Certificates. The Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificate or certificates for any Shares or to cause any Shares to be held in book-entry form prior to the fulfillment of all of the following conditions: (a) the admission of the Shares to listing on all stock exchanges on which such Shares are then listed, (b) the completion of any registration or other qualification of the Shares under any state or federal law or under rulings or regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission or other governmental regulatory body, which the Administrator shall, in its absolute discretion, deem necessary or advisable, (c) the obtaining of any approval or other clearance from any state or federal governmental agency that the Administrator shall, in its absolute discretion, determine to be necessary or advisable, and (d) the receipt of full payment of any applicable withholding tax in accordance with Section 2.5 by the Company Group with respect to which the applicable withholding obligation arises.

Section 2.5 Tax Withholding. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement:

(a) As set forth in Section 10.2 of the Plan, the Company shall have the authority and the right to deduct or withhold, or to require Participant to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy all applicable federal, state and local taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to any taxable event arising in connection with the PSUs (the "Tax Withholding Obligation"). The Company shall not be obligated to deliver any certificate representing Shares issuable with respect to the PSUs to, or to cause any such Shares to be held in book-entry form by, Participant or Participant's legal representative unless and until Participant or Participant's legal representative shall have paid or otherwise satisfied in full the amount of all Tax Withholding Obligations resulting from the vesting or settlement of the PSUs or any other taxable event related to the PSUs.

(b) Unless, prior to the date on which the Tax Withholding Obligation arises as a result of the vesting or settlement of the PSUs or any other taxable event resulted to the PSUs, the Administrator has determined in writing that the Tax Withholding Obligation will be satisfied by the method set forth in Section 2.5(c) below, then, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Plan, the Tax Withholding Obligation shall automatically, and without further action by Participant or the Company, be satisfied by having the Company withhold taxes from the proceeds of the sale of the Shares through a mandatory sale arranged by the Company on Participant's behalf, in the manner set forth in this Section 2.5(b):

(i) In the event Participant's Tax Withholding Obligation will be satisfied under this Section 2.5(b), then the Company shall instruct any brokerage firm determined acceptable to the Company for such purpose to sell on Participant's behalf a whole number of Shares, at the then-prevailing market price, from those Shares issuable to Participant upon settlement of the PSUs as is required to generate cash proceeds sufficient to satisfy Participant's Tax Withholding Obligation (with such Tax Withholding Obligation to be calculated based on the minimum statutory withholding rates for federal, state, local and foreign income tax and payroll tax purposes as of the date of delivery). Such sale shall occur on the date on which Participant first becomes subject to the Tax Withholding Obligation (or as soon as practicable thereafter), and proceeds from each such sale will be made to the Company as soon as reasonably practicable upon settlement thereof. Participant hereby acknowledges that the broker is under no obligation to arrange for such sale at any particular price, and the proceeds of any such sale pursuant to this provision may not be sufficient to satisfy the Tax Withholding Obligation. Participant hereby appoints the Company as Participant's agent and attorney-in-fact to cooperate and communicate with the broker and to instruct the broker with respect to the number of Shares to be sold under this provision. Participant acknowledges that it may not be possible to sell Shares pursuant to this provision due to (A) a legal or

contractual restriction applicable to Participant or to the broker, (B) a market disruption, (C) rules governing order execution priority on the stock exchange on which the Shares are traded, (D) a sale effected pursuant to this provision that fails to comply (or in the reasonable opinion of the broker's counsel is likely not to comply) with Rule 144 under the Securities Act or would result in a short-swing profit under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or (E) the Company's determination that sales may not be effected under this provision. In the event of the broker's inability to sell Shares, Participant will continue to be responsible for the timely payment to the Company and/or its affiliates of the Tax Withholding Obligation.

(ii) Participant represents that (A) Participant shall have full responsibility for compliance with (1) any reporting requirements under Rule 144 of the Securities Act and Section 13 or 16 of the Exchange Act, (2) the short-swing profit recovery provisions under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and (3) any federal, state or foreign securities laws or regulations concerning trading while aware of material nonpublic information; and (B) Participant is not subject to any legal, regulatory or contractual restriction or undertaking that would prevent the broker from conducting the sales pursuant to this provision and shall immediately notify the Company if he or she becomes subject to a legal, regulatory or contractual restriction or undertaking that would prevent the broker from making such sales pursuant to this provision.

(iii) Participant acknowledges that: (A) Participant will be responsible for all broker's fees and other costs of sales pursuant to this Section 2.5(b), and Participant agrees to indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any losses, costs, damages, or expenses relating to any such sales or for any failure to perform or for any delay in performance that results from a cause or circumstance that is beyond the broker's or the Company's reasonable control; (B) sales pursuant to this Section 2.5(b) will be made as part of a block trade with other participants of the Plan in which all participants receive an average price; and (C) if the proceeds of a sale pursuant to this Section 2.5(b) exceed the amount owed, the Company will pay such excess in cash to Participant as soon as reasonably practicable. Participant hereby agrees to execute and deliver to the broker any other agreements or documents as the broker reasonably deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and intent of this Section 2.5(b).

(c) If determined by the Administrator in writing prior to the date on which the Tax Withholding Obligation arises as a result of the vesting or settlement of the PSUs or any other taxable event resulted to the PSUs that this Section 2.5(c) shall apply to Participant, unless Participant elects to satisfy the Tax Withholding Obligation by delivery of payment by cash or check made payable to the Company or by the Company withholding from any compensation otherwise payable to Participant by any Company Group Member, the Company Group shall satisfy the Tax Withholding Obligation by withholding a net number of vested Shares otherwise issuable pursuant to the PSUs having a then-current fair market value equal to the Tax Withholding Obligation. The number of Shares that may be so withheld or surrendered shall be no greater than the number of Shares that have a fair market value on the date of withholding or repurchase equal to the aggregate amount of such liabilities based on the Participant's Applicable Tax Withholding Rate.

(d) The Participant's "Applicable Tax Withholding Rate" for purposes of Section 2.5(c) only shall mean the greater of (i) the minimum applicable statutory withholding rates for federal, state, local and foreign income tax and payroll tax purposes, or (ii) with Participant's consent, a greater withholding rate designated by the Participant in writing prior to the date on which the Tax Withholding Obligation arises, but in no event greater than the maximum individual statutory tax rate for federal, state, local and foreign income tax and payroll tax purposes in the applicable jurisdiction at the time of such withholding; *provided, however*, that in no event shall the Applicable Tax Withholding Rate exceed the maximum individual statutory tax rate in the applicable jurisdiction at the time of such withholding (or such other rate as may be required to avoid the liability classification of the PSUs under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America); *provided, further*, that the number of Shares surrendered by Participant or withheld by the Company to satisfy the Tax Withholding Obligation with

respect to the PSUs shall be rounded down to the nearest whole Share; *provided, further*, that, the Applicable Tax Withholding Rate shall be subject to any limitation on such withholding that may be contained in the Plan.

(e) Participant is ultimately liable and responsible for all taxes owed in connection with the PSUs, regardless of any action the Company or any other Company Group Member takes with respect to any tax withholding obligations that arise in connection with the PSUs. No Company Group Member makes any representation or undertaking regarding the treatment of any tax withholding in connection with the awarding, vesting or payment of the PSUs or the subsequent sale of Shares. The Company Group Members do not commit and are under no obligation to structure the PSUs to reduce or eliminate Participant's tax liability.

Section 2.6 Rights as Stockholder. Neither Participant nor any Person claiming under or through Participant will have any of the rights or privileges of a stockholder of the Company in respect of any Shares deliverable hereunder unless and until certificates representing such Shares (which may be in book-entry form) will have been issued and recorded on the records of the Company or its transfer agents or registrars and delivered to Participant (including through electronic delivery to a brokerage account). Except as otherwise provided herein, after such issuance, recordation and delivery, Participant will have all the rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to such Shares, including, without limitation, the right to receipt of dividends and distributions on such Shares.

Section 2.7 Restrictive Covenants. Participant agrees to comply with the restrictive covenants set forth on Exhibit C, and Participant acknowledges and agrees that the grant of the PSUs shall be in material part in consideration of Participant's affirmation of Participant's agreement to comply with the covenants set forth therein. In the event the Company determines Participant has breached any such restrictive covenants, Participant shall immediately forfeit any and all PSUs granted under this Agreement, whether or not vested and whether or not the PSUs have vested, and Participant's rights in any such PSUs shall lapse and expire.

### ARTICLE III. OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 3.1 Administration. The Administrator shall have the power to interpret the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement and to adopt such rules for the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement as are consistent therewith and to interpret, amend or revoke any such rules. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Administrator will be final and binding upon Participant, the Company and all other interested Persons. To the extent allowable pursuant to Applicable Law, no member of the Committee or the Board will be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation made with respect to the Plan, the Grant Notice or this Agreement.

Section 3.2 PSUs Not Transferable. The PSUs may not be sold, pledged, assigned or transferred in any manner other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, unless and until the Shares underlying the PSUs have been issued, and all restrictions applicable to such Shares have lapsed. No PSUs or any interest or right therein or part thereof shall be liable for the debts, contracts or engagements of Participant or Participant's successors in interest or shall be subject to disposition by transfer, alienation, anticipation, pledge, encumbrance, assignment or any other means whether such disposition be voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law by judgment, levy, attachment, garnishment or any other legal or equitable proceedings (including bankruptcy), and any attempted disposition thereof shall be null and void and of no effect, except to the extent that such disposition is permitted by the preceding sentence. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with the consent of the Administrator, the PSUs may be transferred to Permitted Transferees, pursuant to such conditions and procedures the Administrator may require.

Section 3.3 Adjustments. The Administrator may accelerate the vesting of all or a portion of the PSUs in such circumstances as it, in its sole discretion, may determine. Participant acknowledges that the PSUs and the Shares subject to the PSUs are subject to adjustment, modification and termination in certain events as provided in this Agreement and the Plan, including Section 12.2 of the Plan.

Section 3.4 Notices. Any notice to be given under the terms of this Agreement to the Company shall be addressed to the Company in care of the Secretary of the Company at the Company's principal office, and any notice to be given to Participant shall be addressed to Participant at Participant's last address reflected on the Company's records. By a notice given pursuant to this Section 3.4, either party may hereafter designate a different address for notices to be given to that party. Any notice shall be deemed duly given when sent via email or when sent by certified mail (return receipt requested) and deposited (with postage prepaid) in a post office or branch post office regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service or similar foreign entity.

Section 3.5 Titles. Titles are provided herein for convenience only and are not to serve as a basis for interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

Section 3.6 Governing Law. The laws of the State of Delaware shall govern the interpretation, validity, administration, enforcement and performance of the terms of this Agreement regardless of the law that might be applied under principles of conflicts of laws.

Section 3.7 Conformity to Securities Laws. Participant acknowledges that the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement, are intended to conform to the extent necessary with all Applicable Laws, including, without limitation, the provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, and any and all regulations and rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and state securities laws and regulations. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Plan shall be administered, and the PSUs are granted, only in such a manner as to conform to Applicable Law. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement, shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to Applicable Law.

Section 3.8 Amendment, Suspension and Termination. To the extent permitted by the Plan, this Agreement may be wholly or partially amended or otherwise modified, suspended or terminated at any time or from time to time by the Administrator or the Board, *provided* that, except as may otherwise be provided by the Plan, no amendment, modification, suspension or termination of this Agreement shall adversely affect the PSUs in any material way without the prior written consent of Participant.

Section 3.9 Successors and Assigns. The Company may assign any of its rights under this Agreement to single or multiple assignees, and this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company. Subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in Section 3.2 and the Plan, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, legatees, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

Section 3.10 Limitations Applicable to Section 16 Persons. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or this Agreement, if Participant is subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, the Plan, the PSUs, the Grant Notice and this Agreement shall be subject to any additional limitations set forth in any applicable exemptive rule under Section 16 of the Exchange Act (including any amendment to Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act) that are requirements for the application of such exemptive rule. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, this Agreement shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such applicable exemptive rule.

Section 3.11 Not a Contract of Employment. Nothing in this Agreement or in the Plan shall confer upon Participant any right to continue to serve as an employee or other service provider of any

Company Group Member or shall interfere with or restrict in any way the rights of any Company Group Member, which rights are hereby expressly reserved, to discharge or terminate the services of Participant at any time for any reason whatsoever, with or without Cause, except to the extent (i) expressly provided otherwise in a written agreement between a Company Group Member and Participant or (ii) where such provisions are not consistent with applicable foreign or local laws, in which case such applicable foreign or local laws shall control.

Section 3.12Entire Agreement. The Plan, the Grant Notice and this Agreement (including any exhibit hereto) constitute the entire agreement of the parties and supersede in their entirety all prior undertakings and agreements of the Company and Participant with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Section 3.13Section 409A.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, this Agreement or the Grant Notice, the Plan, this Agreement and the Grant Notice shall be interpreted in accordance with, and incorporate the terms and conditions required by, Section 409A of the Code (together with any Treasury Regulations and other interpretive guidance issued thereunder, including without limitation any such regulations or other guidance that may be issued after the Grant Date, "Section 409A"). The Administrator may, in its discretion, adopt such amendments to the Plan, this Agreement or the Grant Notice or adopt other policies and procedures (including amendments, policies and procedures with retroactive effect), or take any other actions, as the Administrator determines are necessary or appropriate to comply with the requirements of Section 409A.

(b) This Agreement is not intended to provide for any deferral of compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code, and, accordingly, the Shares issuable pursuant to the PSUs shall be distributed to Participant no later than the later of: (i) the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the third month following Participant's first taxable year in which such PSUs are no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, and (ii) the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the third month following first taxable year of the Company in which such RSUs are no longer subject to substantial risk of forfeiture, as determined in accordance with Section 409A and any Treasury Regulations and other guidance issued thereunder.

(c) For purposes of Section 409A of the Code (including, without limitation, for purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2)(iii)), each payment that Participant may be eligible to receive under this Agreement shall be treated as a separate and distinct payment.

(d) If any portion of the PSUs constitutes a deferral of compensation and is subject to Section 409A of the Code, a Change in Control must also constitute a "change in control event," as defined in Treasury Regulation §1.409A-3(i)(5) to the extent required by Section 409A of the Code.

(e) If Participant's Termination of Service constitutes a payment event with respect to any portion of the PSUs which constitute a deferral of compensation and is subject to Section 409A of the Code, Participant's Termination of Service must also constitute a "separation from service" (as defined in Section 1.409A-1(h) of the Treasury Regulations) ("Separation from Service"), and, further, if Participant is a "specified employee" (as determined in accordance with Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(i)) on the date of his or her Separation from Service, the delivery of any Shares to be delivered to Participant upon and as a result of such Separation from Service shall be delayed to the extent necessary to avoid a prohibited distribution under Section 409A(2)(B)(i) of the Code, and such Shares or cash payment in respect of Shares, as applicable, shall be distributed or paid to Participant on the earlier of (i) the expiration of the six-month period measured from the date of Participant's Separation from Service or (ii) the date of Participant's death, or (iii) such earlier date as is permitted under Section 409A of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder).

Section 3.14 Agreement Severable. In the event that any provision of the Grant Notice or this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, such provision will be severable from, and such invalidity or unenforceability will not be construed to have any effect on, the remaining provisions of the Grant Notice or this Agreement.

Section 3.15 Limitation on Participant's Rights. Participation in the Plan confers no rights or interests other than as herein provided. This Agreement creates only a contractual obligation on the part of the Company as to amounts payable and shall not be construed as creating a trust. Neither the Plan nor any underlying program, in and of itself, has any assets. Participant shall have only the rights of a general unsecured creditor of the Company with respect to amounts credited and benefits payable, if any, with respect to the PSUs. The value of the PSUs is an extraordinary item of compensation outside the scope of Participant's normal compensation rights, if any. As such, for avoidance of doubt, the PSUs are not part of normal or expected compensation for purposes of calculating any payments due to severance, resignation, redundancy, end of service, bonuses, long-service awards, pensions or retirement benefits or similar payments. The grant of the PSUs under the Plan is a one-time benefit and does not create any contractual or other right to receive any other grant of PSUs or other Awards under the Plan in the future.

Section 3.16 Counterparts; Headings. The Grant Notice may be executed in one or more counterparts, including by way of any electronic signature, subject to Applicable Law, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument. The headings of sections and subsections are included solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 3.17 Electronic Delivery and Acceptance. The Company may, in its sole discretion, deliver any documents related to current or future participation in the Plan by electronic means. By accepting this Agreement, Participant consents to receive such documents by electronic delivery and to participate in the Plan through an on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Company or a third party designated by the Company. Participant must electronically accept the grant documents via the Fidelity Stock Plan Services NetBenefits online grant acceptance process in order for the grant to become effective. No other form of grant acceptance is valid.

Section 3.18 Forfeiture and Recoupment Provisions. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, all PSUs (including any proceeds, gains or other economic benefit actually or constructively received with respect thereto) shall, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator or required by Applicable Law, be subject to the provisions of any recoupment policy implemented by the Company or otherwise required by Applicable Law, whether or not such recoupment policy was in place at the Grant Date and whether or not the PSUs are vested.

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ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.  
NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION POLICY FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Non-employee members of the board of directors (the “*Board*”) of Advantage Solutions Inc. (the “*Company*”), other than those members listed on Exhibit A, shall be eligible to receive cash and equity compensation as set forth in this Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy, as amended by the Board from time to time (this “*Policy*”). The cash and equity compensation described in this Policy shall be paid or be made, as applicable, automatically and without further action of the Board, to each member of the Board who is not an employee of the Company or any parent or subsidiary of the Company (unless such member is listed on Exhibit A) (each, a “*Non-Employee Director*”) who may be eligible to receive such cash or equity compensation, unless such Non-Employee Director declines the receipt of such cash or equity compensation by written notice to the Company. This Policy, including any amendment hereto shall become effective on the date (the “*Effective Date*”) of its adoption or amendment by the Board and shall remain in effect until it is revised or rescinded by further action of the Board. This Policy, including without limitation Exhibit A, may be amended, modified or terminated by the Board at any time in its sole discretion. The terms and conditions of this Policy shall supersede any prior cash and/or equity compensation arrangements for service as a member of the Board between the Company and any of its Non-Employee Directors and between any subsidiary of the Company and any of its non-employee directors.

1. Cash Compensation.

(a) Annual Retainers. Each Non-Employee Director shall receive an annual retainer of \$100,000 for service on the Board.

(b) Additional Annual Retainers. In addition, a Non-Employee Director shall receive the following annual retainers:

(i) Audit Committee. A Non-Employee Director serving as Chairperson of the Audit Committee shall receive an additional annual retainer of \$20,000 for such service.

(ii) Compensation Committee. A Non-Employee Director serving as Chairperson of the Compensation Committee shall receive an additional annual retainer of \$17,500 for such service.

(iii) Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. A Non-Employee Director serving as Chairperson of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall receive an additional annual retainer of \$17,500 for such service.

(c) Payment of Retainers. The annual retainers described in Sections 1(a) and 1(b) shall be earned on a quarterly basis based on a calendar quarter and shall be paid by the Company in arrears not later than the fifteenth day following the end of each calendar quarter. In the event a Non-Employee Director does not serve as a Non-Employee Director, or in the applicable positions described in Section 1(b), for an entire calendar quarter, such Non-Employee Director shall receive a prorated portion of the retainer(s) otherwise payable to such Non-Employee Director for such calendar quarter pursuant to Sections 1(a) and 1(b), with such prorated portion determined by multiplying such otherwise payable retainer(s) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days during which the Non-Employee Director serves as a Non-Employee Director or in the applicable positions described in Section 1(b) during the applicable calendar quarter and the denominator of which is the number of days in the applicable calendar quarter.

2. Equity Compensation. Non-Employee Directors shall be granted the equity awards described below. The awards described below shall be granted under and shall be subject to the terms and provisions of the Company’s 2020 Incentive Award Plan or any other applicable Company equity incentive

plan then-maintained by the Company (such plan, as may be amended from time to time, the “*Equity Plan*”) and shall be granted subject to the execution and delivery of award agreements, including attached exhibits, in substantially the forms previously approved by the Board. All applicable terms of the Equity Plan apply to this Policy as if fully set forth herein, and all equity grants hereunder are subject in all respects to the terms of the Equity Plan.

(a) Annual Awards. Each Non-Employee Director who (i) serves on the Board as of the date of any annual meeting of the Company’s stockholders (an “*Annual Meeting*”) after the Effective Date and (ii) will continue to serve as a Non-Employee Director immediately following such Annual Meeting shall be automatically granted, on the date of such Annual Meeting, an award of restricted stock units that have an aggregate fair value on the date of grant of \$175,000 (as determined in accordance with ASC 718 and subject to adjustment as provided in the Equity Plan). The awards described in this Section 2(a) shall be referred to as the “*Annual Awards*.” For the avoidance of doubt, a Non-Employee Director elected for the first time to the Board at an Annual Meeting shall receive only an Annual Award in connection with such election, and shall not receive any Initial Award on the date of such Annual Meeting as well.

(b) Initial Awards. Except as otherwise determined by the Board or as waived by a member, each Non-Employee Director who is initially elected or appointed to the Board on or after October 28, 2020 or on any date other than the date of an Annual Meeting shall be automatically granted, on the date of such Non-Employee Director’s initial election or appointment (such Non-Employee Director’s “*Start Date*”), an award of restricted stock units that have an aggregate fair value on such Non-Employee Director’s Start Date equal to the product of (i) \$175,000 (as determined in accordance with ASC 718) and

(ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is (x) 365 minus (y) the number of days in the period beginning on the date of the Annual Meeting immediately preceding such Non-Employee Director's Start Date (or, in the case of the initial grant occurring in the months immediately following October 28, 2020 the number of days shall equal 216 (representing the period from October 28 to June 1 in a calendar year)) and ending on such Non-Employee Director's Start Date and the denominator of which is 365 (with the number of shares of common stock underlying each such award subject to adjustment as provided in the Equity Plan). The awards described in this Section 2(b) shall be referred to as "**Initial Awards**." For the avoidance of doubt, no Non-Employee Director shall be granted more than one Initial Award.

(c) Termination of Employment of Employee Directors. Members of the Board who are employees of the Company or any parent or subsidiary of the Company who subsequently terminate their employment with the Company and any parent or subsidiary of the Company and remain on the Board will not receive an Initial Award pursuant to Section 2(b) above, but to the extent that they are otherwise eligible, will be eligible to receive, after termination from employment with the Company and any parent or subsidiary of the Company, Annual Awards as described in Section 2(a) above.

(d) Vesting of Awards Granted to Non-Employee Directors. Each Annual Award and Initial Award shall vest on the earlier of (i) the day immediately preceding the date of the first Annual Meeting following the date of grant and (ii) the first anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the Non-Employee Director continuing in service on the Board through the applicable vesting date. No portion of an Annual Award or Initial Award that is unvested at the time of a Non-Employee Director's termination of service on the Board shall become vested thereafter. All of a Non-Employee Director's Annual Awards and Initial Awards shall vest in full immediately prior to the occurrence of a Change in Control (as defined in the Equity Plan), to the extent outstanding at such time.



# **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

**Adopted November 6, 2024**

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## STATEMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To our valued associates:

This Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (“Code”) provides guidelines for your daily business conduct as an associate of Advantage Solutions Inc. (the “Company”).<sup>1</sup> It also tells how to obtain assistance if you have questions or concerns about this Code.

The Company operates in a highly competitive industry, and our success depends upon our ability to compete in this environment. At the same time, it is essential that each one of us recognize that it is not just getting the job done that counts, but also how we achieve our results. The Company’s reputation, as well as our individual reputations, requires us not only to do the job, but to do it in the right way. As much as ever, doing the right thing goes beyond simply complying with the laws that govern our business. It really means conducting ourselves with integrity, respect, and professionalism in everything we do. The Company is committed to conducting all of our affairs and activities in accordance with the highest standards of ethical conduct.

Every associate has a role to play in upholding this Code, and the Company depends on the sense of honesty, fairness and integrity of all associates. This Code contains standards that are like road signs. Some standards, such as honesty in record keeping, clearly involve the daily activities of virtually all associates of the Company. Other standards, such as compliance with competition laws, may appear to involve only some associates but in fact affect us all. Some standards involve affirmative ethical obligations directly, and the standards outline types of conduct both acceptable and unacceptable. Other standards involve safeguards put in place to avoid either the fact or appearance of misconduct.

The Company’s obligation goes beyond simply stating that you should always conduct yourself professionally and ethically. This Code formalizes the values that have made us the Company we are today and that will carry us forward into the future; it describes the fundamental ethics policies that govern all of the work we do, and the duties and obligations of all our associates under those policies. Each associate is required to read this Code carefully and to remain thoroughly familiar with its contents. We encourage you to seek assistance when a question or concern arises about which there appears to be no immediate answer.

Thank you for your contribution to the success of the Company, and for your commitment to the integrity and professionalism that have made us the Company we are today, and will continue to shape the future of our Company. We share your pride in our Company’s accomplishments and look forward to a strong future.

Sincerely,  
David Peacock, Chief Executive  
Officer

<sup>1</sup> References to the “Company” herein collectively refer to Advantage Solutions Inc. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, affiliated entities and divisions (except to the extent any such entity issues and maintains its own code of conduct). Employment is only with one specific legal entity of the Company, and not with all of the legal entities that constitute the Company; and any reference to the “Company” as an employer are intended to refer to the employing entity.

## INTRODUCTION

The Company is committed to conducting its business with the highest ethical standards. This commitment is reflected in our principle that *"We act with integrity in all of our business dealings."* This principle serves as a guide for how we should act on a daily basis, wherever we are and in whatever we do. In many situations, however more specific guidance on the Company's expectations may be helpful.

The Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics describes ethical standards applicable to all employees ("Associates"), directors, and officers of the Company as well as third parties who contract with and/or perform services for or on behalf of the Company (including without limitation consultants, suppliers, independent contractors and other third-party representatives) ("Third Parties"). For the purpose of clarification, Third Parties should consider any provisions in the Code which apply to Associates to apply to Third Parties as well.<sup>2</sup> Associates are expected to be familiar with the Code; to adhere to the principles and procedures set forth below and to conduct themselves accordingly, exhibiting the highest standard of business and professional integrity, and seeking to avoid even the appearance of improper behavior.

This Code is not a comprehensive document intended to address all laws or policies nor every ethical issue that may confront Associates in the workplace. Rather, it is a guide and a resource that is intended to alert Associates to significant legal and ethical issues that could arise. The Code was designed to encourage:

- Honest and ethical conduct, including fair dealings and the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest;
- Full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure;
- Compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations;
- Prompt internal reporting of any violations of policy, law or the Code;
- Accountability for adherence to the Code, including a fair process by which to determine violations;
- Consistent enforcement of the Code, including clear and objective standards for compliance;
- Protection for Associates reporting in good faith any suspected violations of the Code or questionable behavior;
- The protection of the Company's legitimate business interests, including its assets and corporate opportunities; and
- Confidentiality of information entrusted to Associates by the Company and its clients and customers.

Our industry and likewise our Company undergo significant changes on an ongoing basis. As a whole, these changes make the ways in which we do business more complex. Because of the continuing need

<sup>2</sup> Nothing set forth herein or elsewhere in the Code is intended to, nor shall it, constitute an offer of employment with the Company or create an employment relationship or a contract of employment between the Company and any Third Party.

to reassess and clarify our practices and procedures, the contents of this Code are subject to review and change at any time with or without notice.

No set of guidelines can anticipate all potential circumstances. If you have any questions about interpreting or applying this Code, it is your responsibility to consult your supervisor/next level managers, division leader, your Human Resources contact, or the Chief Legal Officer as provided in this Code.

## OUR COMMITMENTS

The Company has six key relationships in its business. These relationships involve clients, trade customers, suppliers, fellow Associates, our investors and the community in which we operate. All Associates participate in one way or another in these key relationships. The following commitments serve as broad ideals for shaping these relationships:

- To our clients, we will be attentive and strive to maximize the quality and value of our services while maintaining the highest of ethical standards.
- To our trade customers, we will deal fairly and with honesty and integrity.
- To our suppliers, we will emphasize both fair competition and long-lasting relationships.
- To each other, as Associates, we will treat one another with dignity and respect.
- To our investors, we will pursue our growth and earnings objectives while always keeping ethical standards at the forefront of our activities.
- To our community, and to society as a whole, we will act as responsible corporate citizens in a moral and ethical manner.

The above commitments should not be viewed as an exhaustive list but rather guidelines. In keeping with the spirit of these ideals, the Company expects integrity, respect, professional and sound business judgment, and ethics to govern all who conduct themselves with or on behalf of the Company.

## **ADMINISTERING THE CODE**

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, the Board of Directors of Advantage Solutions Inc. has adopted this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

This Code is a statement of certain fundamental principles, policies and procedures that govern the Company's Associates in the conduct of the Company's business. It is not intended to and does not create any rights in any Associate, customer, client, visitor, supplier, competitor, stockholder or any other person or entity. It is the Company's belief that the Code is robust and covers most conceivable situations. This Code is not a contract. It does not convey any specific employment rights or guarantee employment for any specific period of time.

The Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Board of Directors of the Company and the parent entity of the Company, as the case may be, has authorized the Company's Chief Legal Officer to review and maintain this Code, to assist management in implementing the ethical standards reflected in this Code, and to monitor the effectiveness of this Code. The Company's Chief Legal Officer and/or its designee is responsible for applying this Code to specific situations in which questions may arise, and has the authority to interpret this Code in any particular situation. The Audit Committee may also oversee the determination of appropriate disciplinary action (if any) for violations of this Code. Such disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, reprimand, termination with cause, and possible civil and criminal prosecution.

Any questions relating to how this Code should be interpreted or applied should be addressed to the Company's Chief Legal Officer or the Audit Committee.

## **COMPLIANCE STANDARDS; DUTY TO REPORT VIOLATIONS**

Every Associate is required at all times to comply fully with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and with this Code. Any failure to adhere to this standard may result in disciplinary action, up to and including reprimand, termination of employment for cause, and possible civil and criminal prosecution.

Any Associate who becomes aware of any existing or potential violation of applicable laws, rules or regulations, of this Code, or any other unethical behavior by any director, officer, employee or anyone purporting to be acting on the Company's behalf is required to report such concerns promptly. Reports may be made anonymously. If requested, confidentiality will be maintained, subject to applicable law, regulations and legal proceedings as provided in the "Reporting; Anonymous Hotline" section below. Failure to do so is itself a violation of this Code. To encourage Associates to report any violations, the Company will not allow retaliation for reports made in good faith.

The Company recognizes that it is important to establish and maintain open channels of communication for all Associates. The Company has designated personnel to assist Associates in resolving questions involving ethics and conduct. Associates with a need for help or information regarding this Code is encouraged to discuss that need with their immediate supervisor. If there is reason why discussion with an immediate supervisor is inappropriate, Associates should seek the help of a member of their management team or their Human Resources contact or the Company's Ethics Line. Inquiries will be treated with courtesy and discretion. To encourage employees to report any and all violations, the Company will not tolerate threats or acts of retaliation or retribution against Associates for using the suggested communication channels identified by the Company's Open Door Policy. The Company's Open Door Policy may be found in the Associate Handbook.

## REPORTING; ANONYMOUS HOTLINE

The Company prides itself on maintaining a strong open door policy, as described in the Company's policies and procedures and further clarified in the Associate Handbook, on the Company's specific Ethics Line homepage, our internal website as well as the main website for service provider for ethics complaints [www.ethicspoint.com](http://www.ethicspoint.com). Associates may report workplace concerns through the suggested "Reporting Channels" of the Company's Open Door Policy identified below. While Associates may use any of the following Reporting Channels to report a concern, including those that involve conduct which potentially conflicts with ethical or legal obligations or Company policy (including the Code), Associates are encouraged to start with the first Reporting Channel identified below (as a first-line supervisor and/or next level manager may be in the best position to assist and support an Associate with the Associates' concerns; and better suited to effectively and swiftly address certain types of concerns). Associates may use or escalate their concerns through the other channels if they are not comfortable using a particular Reporting Channel or believe their concerns have not been adequately addressed after having raised the issue through a prior Reporting Channel. Reporting Channels:

- Talk directly with your supervisor/next level managers
- Contact your division leader
- Contact your Human Resources contact
- Contact the Chief Legal Officer at:  
[officeofclo@youradv.com](mailto:officeofclo@youradv.com) 949-794-2204
- Report the concerns to the Company's Ethics Line:  
[www.ethicspoint.com](http://www.ethicspoint.com) 1-888-325-7882

The Ethics Line is the Company's ethics and compliance reporting hotline, which may be used anonymously. It is operated by an independent third-party provider and can be accessed worldwide 24/7, 365 days a year through a website or a toll-free telephone number. Reports will be investigated by a subject matter expert within or external to the Company working at the direction of the Chief Human Resources Officer and/or the Chief Legal Officer depending upon the subject matter of the Report (but, for clarification, not by the third-party which operates the hotline), except if the Chief Human Resources Officer or Chief Legal Officer is the subject of the allegation, in which case the report will be investigated by another appropriate member of Company management or an outside third party. The policies and procedures for receiving and investigating such reports are overseen by the Audit Committee. Depending the materiality and nature of an such investigation, the Audit Committee may then also oversee the determination of appropriate disciplinary action (if any). Such disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, reprimand, termination with cause, and possible civil and criminal prosecution.

Information will only be disclosed as needed for legitimate business purposes and is kept confidential to the extent possible. Associates who choose to report anonymously when using the Ethics Line will be given a password or other anonymous identifier, and will be asked to access their reports

periodically using the confidential identifier to answer follow-up questions and to assist the Company in reviewing and addressing (as appropriate) the reported issue. The advantage of direct, interactive communications is that they make it possible for the Company to gather additional relevant information that may be valuable in resolving the situation. As to concerns reported to the Company through any of the Reporting Channels, if requested, the Company will take reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality and anonymity of the Associate to the fullest extent possible. However, recognizing the Company's obligation to investigate and implement remedial actions, it cannot guarantee confidentiality.

The Company will not retaliate or permit any retaliation against an Associate who reports any matter to the Company in good faith, even if the report does not lead to the discovery of a violation or other actionable problem. However, Associates who knowingly report inaccurate or dishonest information; fail to cooperate in an investigation; or threaten or intimidate others in an effort to influence their participation in an investigation may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Cooperation includes the expectation that Associates; (i) promptly respond to investigations conducted by or on behalf of the Company and (ii) provide honest and complete information in response to questions/request for information. For avoidance of doubt, Associates are only expected to provide truthful and accurate information during any such inquiry or investigation.

## **ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL PRACTICES; ACCOUNTING COMPLAINTS**

The Audit Committee has adopted the following specific policies and procedures to govern the Company's accounting, internal control, auditing and other financial practices.

### **Policies**

All financial books, records and accounts must accurately reflect transactions and events, and conform both to generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and to the Company's system of internal controls. Accurate and reliable corporate accounts and records shall be maintained at all times. All payments of money, transfers of property, furnishing of services and other transactions must be reflected in full detail in the appropriate accounting and other business records of the Company. With the exception of disbursements from petty cash funds, no Company payments shall be made in currency, nor shall cash payments be accepted from any client, customer or supplier.

No entry may be made that intentionally hides or disguises the true nature of any transaction. Associates have an obligation to comply not only with our Company's policies, but also with the laws rules and regulations that govern our financial accounting and reporting.

No unrecorded fund, reserve, asset or special account shall be established or maintained for any purpose. No false or fictitious entries shall be made in books, records, accounts or in Company communications for any reason. No payment or transfer of funds or assets (such as tangible or intangible premiums) shall be made for any purpose other than that described by the supporting documents, and specifically as authorized by the Company and the client. No shredding or other destruction or erasure of Company documents or records is allowed except in accordance with the Company's Records Retention Policy.

Business expenses properly incurred in performing Company business must be documented promptly with accuracy and completeness on expense reports. In the filing of expense reports, Associates must distinguish between personal and business travel expenses, business conference expenses and business entertainment expenses.

Associates should therefore attempt to be as clear, concise, truthful and accurate as possible when recording any information. Associates shall make full disclosure of all relevant information and otherwise fully cooperate with internal or external auditors, the Company's outside counsel or the Chief Legal Officer, in the course of compliance audits or investigations. Any incidence of fraud, whether or not material, relating to accounting or financial reporting responsibilities in connection with financial disclosures or reports must be immediately reported to the Audit Committee or the Chief Legal Officer. These matters will be reported to the Audit Committee in accordance with Company policies, procedures, legal requirements and stock exchange listing standards.

## **Accounting Complaints**

It is the policy of the Company to treat complaints about accounting, internal accounting controls, auditing matters, or questionable financial practices (“Accounting Complaints”) seriously and expeditiously. Associates have the opportunity, as described in the “Reporting; Anonymous Hotline” section below, to submit for review by the Audit Committee confidential and anonymous Accounting Complaints, including but not limited to the following:

- Fraud against investors, securities fraud, mail or wire fraud, bank fraud, or fraudulent statements to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), other government agencies, the investing public or others outside the Company;
- Violations of SEC rules and regulations or any other laws applicable to the Company and related to financial accounting, maintenance of financial books and records, internal accounting controls and financial statement reviews or auditing matters;
- Intentional error or fraud in the preparation, evaluation, review or audit of any financial statement of the Company (including all parent and subsidiary entities); and
- Significant deficiencies in or intentional noncompliance with the Company’s internal accounting controls;
- Misrepresentations or false statements regarding a matter contained in the financial records, financial reports or audit reports of the Company; and
- Deviation from the full and fair reporting of the Company’s financial results or condition.

## **Reporting of Accounting Complaints**

Associates are encouraged to submit Accounting Complaints and any other concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters directly to the Chief Legal Officer or the Company’s Ethics Line:

- Contact the Chief Legal Officer at:  
GeneralCounsel@youradv.net    949-794-2204
- Report the concerns to the Company’s Ethics Line:  
www.ethicspoint.com    1-888-325-7882

The Chief Legal Officer and the Chief Human Resources Officer will review all complaints made to the Company’s Ethics Line to determine if the complaint constitutes an Accounting Complaint (except if the subject of the complaint is the Chief Legal Officer or the Chief Human Resources Officer, in which case the report will be reviewed by another appropriate member of Company management or

an outside third party). The Chief Legal Officer, under the supervision of the Audit Committee, may create a policy or internal guidance to further define and distinguish Accounting Complaints from other complaints that may be received by the Company. The Chief Legal Officer (or, if the Chief Legal Officer is recused, another appropriate member of Company management) will promptly forward to the Chairman of the Audit Committee, or member of the Audit Committee designated for that purpose, any Accounting Complaints received. The Chief Legal Officer (or, if the Chief Legal Officer is recused, another appropriate member of Company management) will also forward the complaint to the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Human Resources Officer unless the complaint involves one of such officers. If requested by the Associate, the Company will protect the confidentiality and anonymity of an Associate submitting an Accounting Complaint to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate review and investigation.

Associates submitting Accounting Complaints need not provide their name or other personal identifying information. As described in the "Reporting; Anonymous Hotline" section, the Company has contracted with an independent third party provider to provide a means for Associates to submit anonymous and confidential Accounting Complaints. However, Associates are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible to help further a comprehensive and effective investigation.

All Associates are required to forward to the Chairman of the Audit Committee and/or the Chief Legal Officer any complaint received from a third-party regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters. Clients, customers, vendors and other Third Parties external to the Company also have the opportunity to submit Accounting Complaints directly. The Company is not obligated to keep Accounting Complaints from non-Associates confidential nor to maintain their anonymity. As with any reporting under this Code or any other exercise of rights under applicable law or Company policy, the Company prohibits and will not tolerate any retaliation against Associates who submit Accounting Complaints in good faith.

#### **Treatment of Accounting Complaints**

The Audit Committee establishes, reviews and oversees the maintenance of the procedures regarding Accounting Complaints, and may direct the Chief Legal Officer or such other persons as the Audit Committee determines to be appropriate to assist with such review, oversight and maintenance. The Audit Committee may designate the Chief Legal Officer or other legal counsel to review and/or investigate any Accounting Complaint and report to the Audit Committee (with the assistance or such other Associates, outside counsel, advisors, experts or other third-party service providers as may be appropriate or necessary). The Audit Committee or its designee will determine whether members of management, or external auditors, legal counsel, or other third parties, may participate in such review.

If the Audit Committee determines it to be necessary, the Company shall provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, to obtain and pay for additional resources that may be necessary to conduct an investigation, including but not limited to outside counsel, accountants or investigators.

The Audit Committee shall report to the full Board of Directors all substantiated violations of applicable accounting or financial policies, and all other material issues and concerns regarding the

Company's accounting and financial practices, uncovered as a result of an Accounting Complaint, together with any disciplinary or corrective action that the Audit Committee has recommended or directed to be taken.

The Audit Committee shall on an on-going basis evaluate the effectiveness of the Company's procedures for receiving, analyzing and investigating Accounting Complaints, and shall make any improvements and modifications to such procedures as the Audit Committee may deem necessary or appropriate.

All reports and records associated with Accounting Complaints are to be treated as confidential information of the Company. Access to such materials will be restricted to members of the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors, the Company's legal counsel, and others involved in reviewing and investigating Accounting Complaints as contemplated by these procedures, except that the Audit Committee may grant access to such materials to third parties (such as the Company's external auditors) at its discretion, and except that such materials will not be shared with any member of management who is a subject of the report. Accounting Complaints and any resulting investigations, reports and remedial actions will generally not be disclosed to the public except as required by applicable law or regulation. All documents and materials related to any Accounting Complaint shall be retained by the Company in accordance with the Company's Records Retention Policy.

## **RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND RETENTION**

The Legal Department has Company-wide responsibility for developing, administering and coordinating the Company's Record Management and Retention program, and issuing retention guidelines for specific types of documents. All records, including but not limited to accounting and financial records, must be maintained in compliance with applicable statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements, as well as prudent business practices. For specific information on record retention Associates can find the policy located on the Legal Department's intranet home page.

## **PUBLIC DISCLOSURES**

The information in the Company's public communications, including in all reports and documents filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission, must be full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable.

To ensure the Company meets this standard, all Associates (to the extent they are involved in the Company's disclosure process) are required to maintain familiarity with the disclosure requirements, processes and procedures applicable to the Company commensurate with their duties. Associates are prohibited from knowingly misrepresenting, omitting or causing others to misrepresent or omit, material facts about the Company to others, including the Company's independent auditors, governmental regulators and self-regulatory organizations.

## INSIDER TRADING

Associates in possession of material non-public information about the Company or companies with whom it does business must abstain from trading or advising others to trade in the respective company's securities from the time that they obtain such inside information until adequate public disclosure of the information. Material information is information of such importance that it can be expected to affect the judgment of investors as to whether or not to buy, sell, or hold the securities in question. Examples of material, non-public information include, without limitation:

- unannounced mergers or acquisitions;
- pending or threatened litigation;
- advance notice of changes in senior management;
- non-public financial results;
- an unannounced stock split; and
- development of significant new business or loss of significant existing business.

Using non-public information for personal financial benefit or to "tip" others, including, without limitation, family members or friends, who might make an investment decision based on this information is not only unethical but also illegal. Insider trading and tipping are not only violations of our Code and Company policy, but also serious violations of U.S. securities laws. Any such violations will expose any individuals involved to immediate termination of employment (or termination of engagement if a Third Party not employed by the Company), as well as potential civil and criminal prosecution.

## **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS; PROHIBITION ON BRIBERY**

The Company is obligated to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in the jurisdictions where the Company does business. It is the personal responsibility of each Associate to adhere to the standards and restrictions imposed by these laws, rules and regulations in the performance of the Associate's respective duties for the Company. In the event a local law, custom or practice conflicts with our Code or a Company policy, contact the Chief Legal Officer. In such circumstances, Associates must always adhere to the law, custom or practice that is most stringent.

### **Anti-Bribery Laws**

Anti-bribery laws apply to all the Company's business activities around the world. Associates must comply with laws, regulations, rules and regulatory orders of the United States, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"), and UK Bribery Act of 2010. These laws makes bribery of government officials and others a crime and apply to wherever the Company conducts business.

The FCPA strictly prohibits the giving of anything of value, directly, indirectly to officials of foreign governments or foreign political candidates in order to obtain or retain business. It is strictly prohibited to make illegal payments to government officials of any country. In addition, the promise, offer or delivery to an official or employee of the U.S. government of a gift, favor or other gratuity in violation of this rule would not only violate Company policy but could also be a criminal offense. State and local governments, as well as foreign governments have similar anti-bribery regulations.

The U.K. Bribery Act of 2010 also prohibits commercially bribery among members of the private sector. As such, commercial bribes are strictly prohibited both to or from governmental officials or private persons.

To ensure compliance with anti-bribery laws, you must not provide, or ask others to provide, payments, meals, gifts or entertainment to any government official without first reading, understanding and complying with all applicable local laws and this Code.

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Company relies on the good faith of its Associates in the exercise of their responsibilities to the Company. All business judgments on behalf of the Company should be made by Associates on the basis of such reliance and in the Company's best interests. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to help Associates avoid situations in their personal activities which are, or appear to be, in conflict with their responsibilities to the Company or the interests of the Company as a whole.

For example, a conflict of interest can arise when an Associate takes actions or has personal interests that may make it difficult to perform the Associate's respective Company duties objectively and effectively. A conflict of interest may also arise when an Associate, or a member of such Associate's immediate family, receives improper personal benefits as a result of the Associate's position at the Company.

Conflicts of interest can also occur indirectly. For example, a conflict of interest may arise when an Associate or an immediate family member<sup>3</sup> of an Associate is also an executive officer, a major stockholder or has a material interest in a company or organization doing business with the Company or that competes with the Company or receives improper personal benefits as a result of his or her position at the Company.

Each Associate has an obligation to conduct the Company's business in an honest and ethical manner, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships.

While this Code does not attempt to describe all possible conflicts of interest that could develop, examples of common conflicts from which Associates must refrain are set out below:

- Associates may not engage in any conduct or activities that are inconsistent with the Company's best interests or that disrupt or impair the Company's relationship with any person or entity with which the Company has or proposes to enter into a business or contractual relationship.
- Associates may not accept compensation, in any form, for services performed for the Company from any source other than the Company.
- No Associate may take up any management or other full-time employment position with, or have any material interest in, any firm or company that is in direct or indirect competition with the Company.
- Any situation that involves, or may reasonably be expected to involve, a conflict of interest with the Company, should be disclosed promptly to the Company's Chief Legal Officer.

Associates who wish to perform part-time, non-managerial level work for any business or entity with which the Company does business or which competes with the Company must obtain approval for any such work relationship from their division leader prior to accepting the outside employment.

<sup>3</sup> Item 404(a) of SEC Regulation S-K defines “immediate family member” as a person’s child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, or any person (other than a tenant or employee) sharing the person’s household.

## **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

In carrying out the Company's business, Associates may learn confidential or proprietary information about the Company, its clients, customers, distributors, suppliers or joint venture partners. Confidential or proprietary information includes all non-public information relating to the Company, or other companies, that would be harmful to the relevant company or useful or helpful to competitors if disclosed, including financial results or prospects, information provided by a third party, trade secrets, new product or marketing plans, research and development ideas, manufacturing processes, potential acquisitions or investments, or information of use to our competitors, or information harmful to us or our customers if disclosed.

All material and information obtained or developed by an Associate as part of the Associate's work assignment, either alone or in concert with other Associates, is considered the property of the Company and is subject to the requirements of this Code and other legal and contractual restrictions.

Associates must maintain the confidentiality of all information so entrusted to them, except when disclosure is authorized or legally mandated. Associates must safeguard confidential information by keeping it secure, limiting access to those who have a need to know in order to do their job, and avoiding discussion of confidential information in public areas such as planes, elevators, and restaurants and on mobile phones.

This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, inquiries made by the press, analysts, investors or others. Associates also may not use such information for personal gain. As detailed in the confidentiality agreement signed by every Associate, the obligation to preserve the Company's confidential information continues even after employment with the Company ends.

Nothing in this Code prohibits a non-supervisory Associate from engaging in conduct protected by the National Labor Relations Act, such as taking action with or on behalf of other Associates to improve the terms and conditions of employment. Also, nothing in this Code prohibits an individual from making a report in good faith to, cooperating with, or disclosing lawfully obtained confidential information to a governmental authority or the Associate's attorney, or testifying in a legal proceeding, regarding a suspected violation of law; or making any other disclosure protected or required by law.

## PROTECTION OF ASSETS

The ability of the Company to meet our commitments to clients, customers, suppliers, Associates, investors and the community depends on efficient use of resources and assets – including technology, data (i.e., information), buildings, land, equipment, money and the time and talent of Associates. No Associate shall participate or assist in, or condone by inaction, the misuse of Company assets.

The backbone of the Company as a competitive business is our ability to represent our clients. As part of our representation, our clients (and sometimes our customers) entrust us with funds, information and other assets of their own. Therefore, all standards, which relate to the protection of Company assets apply equally to assets entrusted to us by others.

Client funds are an example that requires special note. All client funds and other property shall be used solely for the benefit of that client. All disbursements must be lawful and consistent with instructions provided by the client and with the Company's accounting policies and procedures. Transactions concerning the funds or account of a client, including the purchase and distribution of premiums, must be clearly authorized and properly and promptly recorded.

Diverting client products is also a form of misappropriation of client assets. Diversion occurs when products sold by the Company are distributed into markets or sold to customers other than as originally intended in violation of a contract, law or regulation. The Company forbids knowingly engaging in transactions that facilitate or result in unlawful diversion. Any questions or concerns an Associate may have about product diversion should be directed to their immediate supervisor, management team member, Human Resources contact, the Chief Legal Officer or the Company's Ethics Line.

Also essential to our success as a Company is our ability to develop and increasingly use state-of-the art technology in day-to-day operations. Failure to maintain control of our technological edge could cause us irreparable harm. As Associates, we are all responsible for guarding our technology against unauthorized disclosure. This applies to technology developed or purchased by us or entrusted to us by clients, customers or suppliers.

People often don't think of intangibles – such as information – when they think about property which has to be protected. However, failure to protect information can have disastrous consequences. Strictly prohibited is the unauthorized possession, use, alteration, destruction or disclosure of confidential information (such as business strategies, unannounced new products, marketing strategies, research results, financial projections, customer lists, or Associate information), whether Company information or information of a client, customer or supplier that has been entrusted to us. Confidential information may not be given or released, without proper authority, to anyone not employed by the Company or to an Associate who has no need for such information. It may also not be used for the personal profit of the

Associate or of anyone as a result of association with the Associate (for example, such information may not be used in connection with the buying or selling of stock or other securities in any company). These restrictions apply whether the information is in written or electronic form or is simply known by us as Associates.

The unintentional disclosure of confidential information can be just as harmful as intentional disclosure. Do not discuss confidential information even with other Associates if you are in the presence of others who are not authorized – for example, at a trade show reception, or in a public area such as an airplane. This also applies to discussions with family members or with friends, who might innocently or inadvertently pass the information on to someone else.

Other examples of prohibited use of assets include unauthorized use, and misrepresentation of logos, name brands, and proprietary information or materials of the Company or its clients, customers or other business partners. In addition, the appropriation, possession or personal use of technology, software, computer, communications and copying equipment or office supplies must be in accordance with the Company's policies and procedures.

## COMPETITION AND OTHER LAWS

The purpose of competition laws, which may also be known as antitrust, monopoly, fair trade or cartel laws, is to prevent interference with the functioning of a competitive market system.

Under these laws, companies may not enter into agreements or arrangements with other companies, however informal, that unlawfully restrict the functioning of the competitive system. A good example of such a prohibited agreement is one between competitors to charge the same price for their products or to boycott customers.

Companies may also violate competition laws without acting jointly with other companies, for example by taking actions which unlawfully restrict the competitive process – especially in the area of pricing. In this context “pricing” covers all relevant terms of sale, including advertising, promotions, product displays and other forms of allowances, services or facilities extended directly or indirectly to customers. Generally, all such terms must be extended to all competing customers (whether direct or indirect through distributors) on proportionally equal terms. All Associates whose responsibilities are such that they are involved in pricing and other customer-related decisions are expected to maintain a basic familiarity with the principles and purposes of competition laws, and to refrain from any activity that might give rise to possible violation.

A company can also run afoul of the law by engaging in competitive intelligence. While collecting data on our competitors, we should utilize all legitimate resources, but avoid those actions which are illegal, unethical or which could cause embarrassment to the Company. Proprietary information of others shall not be accepted from any source, either directly or indirectly, in circumstances where there is reason to suspect that the release, use or disclosure of such information is unauthorized.

The provisions of the competition laws apply to both formal and informal activities and communications. Associates involved in trade association activities or in other situations allowing for less formal communication among competitors, clients, customers or suppliers must be especially alert to the requirements of the law.

The laws regulating competition are extremely complex, and frequently may be unclear in their application to any particular action. To avoid violations, companies must take into account the purpose of the particular action, its effect on competitors and competition, its business justification, and other factors to ensure that the action is not unlawfully affecting competition. This complexity can obviously make it very difficult to determine the scope of legally acceptable activity. Therefore, any questions or concerns an Associate may have about competitive activity must be discussed and resolved with the Company’s Legal Department.

The Company is also subject to many other laws, rules and regulations, many of which are discussed in the Company's policies and procedures. These include but are not limited to laws regarding consumer protection and advertising, employment discrimination and reasonable accommodation, immigration, import-export control, sexual and other unlawful harassment, wage and hour laws, infringement of intellectual property rights, product safety and recalls, privacy and identity theft, workplace safety and security, and others. The Company's Associates are required to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in all activities they undertake on behalf of the Company or in connection with their employment with the Company. Any suspected failure to comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations is a violation of this Code and must be reported as provided herein.

## **POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Associates may participate in the political process as individuals on their own time. However, Associates must make every effort to ensure that they do not create the impression that they speak or act on behalf of the Company with respect to political matters.

Associates may not make any contribution of Company or client funds or services to any political party or committee, or to any candidate for or holder of any office of any government, unless such contribution is expressly permitted by law and has been pre-approved in writing by the appropriate, authorized representative of the client and the Company's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Legal Officer. This prohibition covers not only direct contributions but also indirect assistance or support of candidates or political parties through the purchase of tickets to special dinners or other fund-raising events, and the furnishing of any other goods, services or equipment to political parties or committees.

If an Associate's position in the Company requires him or her to have personal contact with governmental entities and officials on behalf of the Company, the Associate should be aware of and understand all relevant regulatory provisions applicable to such contacts. Contact with government entities and officials may, at times, be considered as lobbying activities. Such activities are regulated at both the state and federal level.

No direct or indirect pressure in any form is to be directed toward Associates to make any political contribution or participate in the support of a political party or the political candidacy of any individual.

## **SAFE AND PROFESSIONAL WORK ENVIRONMENT; NO HARASSMENT**

Associates of the Company must all work to maintain a safe and healthy work environment. This means Associates are required to follow all safety rules and procedures, observe posted safety-related signs and use prescribed safety equipment. Associates should immediately report any unsafe conditions or activities. The Company is an equal opportunity employer and will not tolerate illegal discrimination or harassment of any kind. All Associates of the Company should be able to work in a discrimination-free and harassment-free environment. To that end, the Company is committed to providing a work environment that is free from all forms of discrimination and harassment based on legally protected categories (including, without limitation, race, gender, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, veteran status, genetic information and disability) and legally protected activities (included by not limited to reporting unlawful conduct and exercising one's legal rights); and all Associates are held accountable for complying with these requirements. In keeping with this commitment, not only must our personnel actions (which includes recruiting, hiring, compensation, evaluations, transfers, promotions, corrective actions, discipline, terminations and staff reductions) be made in a fashion that complies with non-discrimination requirements found in the laws and policies that govern our workplace; but we must also encourage Associates to safely raise any concerns of non-compliance with these expectations.

The Company expects all Associates to treat one another, as well as the Company's clients, customers, and other business partners with dignity and respect; likewise, we hold our business partners to the same expectations as it relates to the treatment of our Associates. Concerns of any such mistreatment should be freely raised through the appropriate Reporting Channels identified elsewhere in this Code.

Please refer to the Company's policies and procedures, including the Associate Handbook, for additional guidance on maintaining a safe, productive, and professional work environment.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

The Company is committed to managing and operating its assets in a manner that is protective of human health and safety and the environment. It is our policy to comply with both the letter and the spirit of applicable health, safety and environmental laws and regulations and to attempt to develop a cooperative attitude with government inspection and enforcement officials. The Company encourages conservation, recycling and energy use programs that promote clean air and water, reduce landfills and replenish the planet's natural resources. Associates are encouraged to report conditions that they perceive to be unsafe, unhealthy or hazardous to the environment.

## **WAIVING AND AMENDING THE CODE**

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for approving and issuing the Code. The Code is reviewed periodically by the Chief Legal Officer and the Audit Committee and submitted to the Board of Directors, which must approve any substantive changes to the Code.

Before an Associate, or an immediate family member of any Associate, engages in any activity that would be otherwise prohibited by the Code, he or she is strongly encouraged to obtain a written waiver from the Chief Legal Officer or Audit Committee.

Before a director or executive officer, or an immediate family member of a director or executive officer, engages in any activity that would be otherwise prohibited by the Code, he or she must obtain a written waiver from the disinterested directors on the Board of Directors. Such waiver must then be disclosed to the Company's stockholders, along with the reasons for granting the waiver.

**Advantage Solutions Inc.**  
**Insider Trading Compliance Policy and Procedures**

Federal and state laws prohibit trading in the securities of a company while in possession of material nonpublic information and in breach of a duty of trust or confidence. These laws also prohibit anyone who is aware of material nonpublic information from providing this information to others who may trade. Violating such laws can undermine investor trust, harm the reputation and integrity of Advantage Solutions Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, the “Company”), and result in dismissal from the Company or even serious criminal and civil charges against the individual and the Company. The Company reserves the right to take whatever disciplinary or other measure(s) it determines in its sole discretion to be appropriate in any particular situation, including disclosure of wrongdoing to governmental authorities.

**Persons Covered and Administration of Policy**

This Insider Trading Compliance Policy and Procedures (this “Policy”) applies to all officers, directors and employees of the Company. For purposes of this Policy, “officers” refer to those individuals who meet the definition of “officer” under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended, the “Exchange Act”). Individuals subject to this Policy are responsible for ensuring that members of their household comply with this Policy. This Policy also applies to any entities controlled by individuals subject to the Policy, including any corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships or trusts, and transactions by these entities should be treated for the purposes of this Policy as if they were for the individual’s own account. The Company may determine that this Policy applies to additional persons with access to material nonpublic information, such as contractors or consultants. Officers, directors and employees, together with any other person designated as being subject to this Policy by a member of the Company’s legal or finance department identified on Schedule III or their designee (each, an “Authorizing Officer”), are referred to collectively as “Covered Persons.”

Questions regarding the Policy should be directed to the Authorizing Officers, who are responsible for the administration of this Policy.

**Policy Statement**

No Covered Person shall purchase or sell any type of security while in possession of material nonpublic information relating to the security or the issuer of such security in breach of a duty of trust or confidence, whether the issuer of such security is the Company or any other company. In addition, if a Covered Person is in possession of material nonpublic information about other publicly-traded companies, such as suppliers, customers, competitors or potential acquisition targets, the Covered Person may not trade in such other companies’ securities until the information becomes public or is no longer material. Further, no Covered Person shall purchase or sell any security of any other company, including another company in the Company’s industry, while in possession of material nonpublic information if such information is obtained in the course of the Covered Person’s employment or service with the Company.

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In addition, Covered Persons shall not directly or indirectly communicate material nonpublic information to anyone outside the Company (except in accordance with the Company's policies regarding confidential information) or to anyone within the Company other than on a "need-to-know" basis.

"Securities" includes stocks, bonds, notes, debentures, options, warrants, equity and other convertible securities, as well as derivative instruments.

"Purchase" and "sale" are defined broadly under the federal securities law. "Purchase" includes not only the actual purchase of a security, but also any contract to purchase or otherwise acquire a security. "Sale" includes not only the actual sale of a security, but also any contract to sell or otherwise dispose of a security. These definitions extend to a broad range of transactions, including conventional cash-for-stock transactions, conversions, the exercise of stock options, transfers, gifts, and acquisitions and exercises of warrants or puts, calls, pledging and margin loans, or other derivative securities.

The laws and regulations concerning insider trading are complex, and Covered Persons are encouraged to seek guidance from an Authorizing Officer prior to considering a transaction in Company securities.

### **Blackout Periods**

No director, officer or employee listed on Schedule I, as amended from time to time, (as well as any individual or entity covered by this Policy by virtue of their relationship to such director, officer or employee) shall purchase or sell any security of the Company during the period beginning at 12:01 a.m., Eastern time, on the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) calendar day prior to the last day of any fiscal quarter of the Company and ending after completion of the second full trading day after the public release of earnings data for such fiscal quarter or during any other trading suspension period declared by the Company, such period, a "blackout period." A "trading day" is a day on which U.S. national stock exchanges are open for trading. If, for example, the Company were to make an announcement on Monday *prior* to 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time, then the blackout period would terminate *after* the close of trading on Tuesday. If an announcement were made on Monday after 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time, then the blackout period would terminate after the close of trading on Wednesday. If you have any question as to whether information is publicly available, please direct an inquiry to an Authorizing Officer.

These prohibitions do not apply to:

- purchases of the Company's securities from the Company, or sales of the Company's securities to the Company;
  - exercises of stock options or other equity awards or the surrender of shares to the Company in payment of the exercise price or in satisfaction of any tax withholding obligations in a manner permitted by the applicable equity award agreement, or vesting of equity-based awards, in each case, that do not involve a market sale of
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the Company's securities (the "cashless exercise" of a Company stock option or other equity award through a broker does involve a market sale of the Company's securities, and therefore would not qualify under this exception);

- *bona fide* gifts of the Company's securities, unless the individual making the gift knows, or is reckless in not knowing, the recipient intends to sell the securities while the donor is in possession of material nonpublic information about the Company; or
- purchases or sales of the Company's securities made pursuant to a plan adopted to comply with the Exchange Act Rule 10b5-1 ("Rule 10b5-1").

Exceptions to the blackout period policy may be approved by an Authorizing Officer or, in the case of exceptions for directors, the Board of Directors.

An Authorizing Officer may recommend that directors, officers, employees or others suspend trading in Company securities because of developments that have not yet been disclosed to the public. Subject to the exceptions noted above, all of those individuals affected should not trade in the Company's securities while the suspension is in effect, and should not disclose to others that the Company has suspended trading.

#### **Preclearance of Trades by Directors, Officers and Employees**

All transactions in the Company's securities by directors, officers, and employees listed on Schedule II (each, a "Preclearance Person") must be precleared by an Authorizing Officer. An Authorizing Officer may not preclear his or her own transactions, and clearance from a different Authorizing Officer is required. Preclearance should not be understood to represent legal advice by the company that a proposed transaction complies with the law.

A request for preclearance must be in writing, should be made at least two business days in advance of the proposed transaction, and be submitted in the form of Pre-Clearance Request in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto. An Authorizing Officer shall have sole discretion to decide whether to clear any contemplated transaction; provided, that an Authorizing Officer may not clean any contemplated transaction for himself or herself. All trades that are precleared must be effected within five business days of receipt of the preclearance. A precleared trade (or any portion of a precleared trade) that has not been effected during the five business day period must be submitted for preclearance determination again prior to execution. Notwithstanding receipt of preclearance, if the Preclearance Person becomes aware of material nonpublic information, or becomes subject to a blackout period before the transaction is effected, the transaction may not be completed. Transactions under a previously established Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan that has been preapproved in accordance with this Policy are not subject to further preclearance.

None of the Company, an Authorizing Officer, or the Company's other employees will have any liability for any delay in reviewing, or refusal of, a request for preclearance.

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## **Material Nonpublic Information**

Information is considered “material” if there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor would consider it important in making a decision to buy, sell, or hold a security, or if the information is likely to have a significant effect on the market price of the security. Material information can be positive or negative, and can relate to virtually any aspect of a company’s business or to any type of security, debt, or equity. Also, information that something is likely to happen in the future—or even just that it may happen—could be deemed material.

Examples of material information may include (but are not limited to) information about:

- corporate earnings or earnings forecasts;
- possible mergers, acquisitions, tender offers, or dispositions;
- major new service or products or service offering or product developments;
- important business developments, such as developments regarding strategic collaborations;
- management or control changes;
- significant financing developments including pending public sales or offerings of debt or equity securities;
- defaults on borrowings;
- bankruptcies;
- cybersecurity or data security incidents; and
- significant litigation or regulatory actions.

Information is “nonpublic” if it is not available to the general public. In order for information to be considered “public,” it must be widely disseminated in a manner that makes it generally available to investors in a Regulation FD-compliant method, such as through a press release, a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) or a Regulation FD-compliant conference call. An Authorizing Officer shall have sole discretion to decide whether information is public for purposes of this Policy.

The circulation of rumors, even if accurate and reported in the media, does not constitute public dissemination. In addition, even after a public announcement, a reasonable period of time may need to lapse in order for the market to react to the information. Generally, the passage of two full trading days following release of the information to the public, is a reasonable waiting period before such information is deemed to be public.

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## **Post-Termination Transactions**

If an individual is in possession of material nonpublic information when the individual's service terminates, the individual may not trade in the Company's securities until that information has become public or is no longer material.

## **Prohibited Transactions**

The Company has determined that there is a heightened legal risk and the appearance of improper or inappropriate conduct if persons subject to this Policy engage in certain types of transactions. Therefore, Covered Persons shall comply with the following policies with respect to certain transactions in the Company's securities.

### *Short Sales*

Short sales of the Company's securities are prohibited by this Policy. Short sales of the Company's securities, or sales of shares that the insider does not own at the time of sale, or sales of shares against which the insider does not deliver the shares within 20 days after the sale, evidence an expectation on the part of the seller that the securities will decline in value, and, therefore, signal to the market that the seller has no confidence in the Company or its short-term prospects. In addition, Section 16(c) of the Exchange Act prohibits Section 16 reporting persons (i.e., directors, officers, and the Company's 10% stockholders) from making short sales of the Company's equity securities.

### *Options*

Transactions in puts, calls, or other derivative securities involving the Company's equity securities, on an exchange, on an over-the-counter market, or in any other organized market, are prohibited by this Policy. A transaction in options is, in effect, a bet on the short-term movement of the Company's stock and, therefore, creates the appearance that a Covered Person is trading based on material nonpublic information. Transactions in options, whether traded on an exchange, on an over-the-counter market, or any other organized market, also may focus a Covered Person's attention on short-term performance at the expense of the Company's long-term objectives.

### *Hedging Transactions*

Hedging transactions involving the Company's securities, such as prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars and exchange funds, or other transactions that hedge or offset, or are designed to hedge or offset, any decrease in the market value of the Company's equity securities, are prohibited by this Policy. Such transactions allow the Covered Person to continue to own the covered securities, but without the full risks and rewards of ownership. When that occurs, the Covered Person may no longer have the same objectives as the Company's other stockholders.

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### *Margin Accounts and Pledging*

Individuals are prohibited from pledging Company securities as collateral for a loan, purchasing Company securities on margin (i.e., borrowing money to purchase the securities), or placing Company securities in a margin account. This prohibition does not apply to cashless exercises of stock options under the Company's equity plans, nor to situations approved in advance by an Authorizing Officer.

### *Partnership Distributions*

Nothing in this Policy is intended to limit the ability of an investment fund, venture capital partnership or other similar entity with which a director is affiliated to distribute Company securities to its partners, members, or other similar persons. It is the responsibility of each affected director and the affiliated entity, in consultation with their own counsel (as appropriate), to determine the timing of any distributions, based on all relevant facts and circumstances, and applicable securities laws.

### **Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plans**

The trading restrictions set forth in this Policy, other than those transactions described under "Prohibited Transactions," do not apply to transactions under a previously established contract, plan or instruction to trade in the Company's securities entered into in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 (a "Trading Plan") that:

- has been submitted to and preapproved by an Authorizing Officer;
  - includes a "Cooling Off Period" for
    - o Section 16 reporting persons that extends to the later of 90 days after adoption or modification of a Trading Plan or two business days after filing the Form 10-K or Form 10-Q covering the fiscal quarter in which the Trading Plan was adopted, up to a maximum of 120 days; and
    - o employees and any other persons, other than the Company, that extends 30 days after adoption or modification of a Trading Plan;
  - for Section 16 reporting persons, includes a representation in the Trading Plan that the Section 16 reporting person is (1) not aware of any material nonpublic information about the Company or its securities; and (2) adopting the Trading Plan in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade Rule 10b-5;
  - has been entered into in good faith at a time when the individual was not in possession of material nonpublic information about the Company and not otherwise in a blackout period, and the person who entered into the Trading Plan has acted in good faith with respect to the Trading Plan;
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- either (1) specifies the amounts, prices, and dates of all transactions under the Trading Plan; or (2) provides a written formula, algorithm, or computer program for determining the amount, price, and date of the transactions, and (3) prohibits the individual from exercising any subsequent influence over the transactions; and
- complies with all other applicable requirements of Rule 10b5-1.

An Authorizing Officer may impose such other conditions on the implementation and operation of the Trading Plan as an Authorizing Officer deems necessary or advisable. Individuals may not adopt more than one Trading Plan at a time except under the limited circumstances permitted by Rule 10b5-1 and subject to preapproval by an Authorizing Officer.

An individual may only modify a Trading Plan outside of a blackout period and, in any event, when the individual does not possess material nonpublic information. Modifications to and terminations of a Trading Plan are subject to preapproval by an Authorizing Officer and modifications of a Trading Plan that change the amount, price, or timing of the purchase or sale of the securities underlying a Trading Plan will trigger a new Cooling-Off Period.

The Company reserves the right to publicly disclose, announce, or respond to inquiries from the media regarding the adoption, modification, or termination of a Trading Plan and non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangements, or the execution of transactions made under a Trading Plan. The Company also reserves the right from time to time to suspend, discontinue, or otherwise prohibit transactions under a Trading Plan if an Authorizing Officer or the Board of Directors, in its discretion, determines that such suspension, discontinuation, or other prohibition is in the best interests of the Company.

Compliance of a Trading Plan with the terms of Rule 10b5-1 and the execution of transactions pursuant to the Trading Plan are the sole responsibility of the person initiating the Trading Plan, and none of the Company, an Authorizing Officer, or the Company's other employees assumes any liability for any delay in reviewing and/or refusing to approve a Trading Plan submitted for approval, nor the legality or consequences relating to a person entering into, informing the Company of, or trading under, a Trading Plan.

#### **Interpretation, Amendment, and Implementation of this Policy**

An Authorizing Officer shall have the authority to interpret and update this Policy and all related policies and procedures. In particular, such interpretations and updates of this Policy, as authorized by an Authorizing Officer, may include amendments to or departures from the terms of this Policy, to the extent consistent with the general purpose of this Policy and applicable securities laws.

Actions taken by the Company, an Authorizing Officer, or any other Company personnel do not constitute legal advice, nor do they insulate you from the consequences of noncompliance with this Policy or with securities laws.

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**Certification of Compliance**

All directors, officers, employees and others subject to this Policy may be asked periodically to certify their compliance with the terms and provisions of this Policy.

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| <b>Subsidiaries of the Registrant</b> |   |  |
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| <b><u>Name</u></b>                    | <b><u>Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization</u></b> | <b><u>Doing business as</u></b>  |
| Advantage AMP LLC                     | Delaware  | AMP Agency   |
| Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc.      | Delaware  | ASM Inc.<br>Advantage Sales & Marketing AZ Inc.  |
| Advantage Sales & Marketing LLC       | California  | Advanced Marketing & Sales<br>Advantage CMN LLC<br>Advantage Digital Commerce<br>Advantage Fresh<br>Advantage Integrated Connections<br>Advantage Intelligence<br>Advantage Marketing Partners<br>Advantage Sabala<br>Advantage Sales<br>Advantage Sales AK<br>Advantage Sales-ASM<br>Advantage Sales IL<br>Advantage Sales IN<br>Advantage Sales KY<br>Advantage Sales ME<br>Advantage Sales MI<br>Advantage Sales NE<br>Advantage Sales OR<br>Advantage Sales RI<br>Advantage Sales VT<br>Advantage Sales WY<br>Advantage Sales & Marketing New Jersey<br>Advantage Sales & Marketing Wyoming<br>Advantage Supply Chain<br>Advantage Solutions<br>Advantage Solutions AZ<br>Advantage Solutions Georgia<br>Advantage Solutions Illinois<br>Advantage Solutions MN<br>Advantage Solutions NC<br>Advantage Solutions ND<br>Advantage Solutions Ohio<br>Advantage Solutions PA<br>Advantage Solutions TN<br>Advantage Solutions WI<br>Advantage Solutions Wyoming<br>Advantage Unified Commerce<br>AMP Agency<br>ASM Home Center/Hardware Division<br>Beekeeper Marketing<br>Blue Ocean Innovative Solutions<br>Brand Connections<br>eShopportunity<br>Fresh Solutions of Texas<br>IBC<br>IN Connected Marketing<br>IN Marketing Services<br>Integrated Marketing Services<br>Interactions<br>J.L. Buchanan |

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|   |              | PromoPoint Marketing<br>Relentless Advantage<br>Resource Marketing<br>Sage Tree<br>SmallTalk AI<br>SmallTalk Group<br>SMART<br>Storeboard Media<br>Sunflower<br>THE SMART TEAM<br>The Sunflower Group   |
| Advantage Solutions Inc.                        | Canada       | Advantage Solutions Canada Inc.<br>Advantage Sales and Marketing Canada<br>ASM Canada Sales and Logistics Solutions<br>IBC<br>IBC Confectionary<br>Integrated Marketing Services Canada<br>Sales and Logistics Solutions<br>Services Marketing Integre Canada<br>Ventes Et Marketing Avantage Canada  |
| ASI Intermediate Corp.                          | Delaware     |   |
| Daymon Eagle Holdings, LLC                      | Delaware     |   |
| Daymon Worldwide Canada Inc.                    | Delaware     | Club Demonstration Services<br>Interactions Consumer Experience Marketing   |
| Daymon Worldwide Inc.                           | Delaware     | Daymon<br>Daymon Private Brand Development<br>Daymon Private Brand Management<br>FDM Business Development<br>RIVIR  |
| Club Demonstration Services, Inc                | Connecticut  | CDS   |
| IDR Marketing Partners, LLC                     | Pennsylvania | Brandshare<br>Brand Connections   |
| Interactions Consumer Experience Marketing Inc. | Delaware     | Interactions<br>Advantage AllAccess   |
| Karman Intermediate Corp.                       | Delaware     |   |
| R Squared Solutions LLC                         | Delaware     | R2 Solutions<br>R2 Fresh Solutions<br>R Squared Solutions Delaware LLC<br>R Squared Solutions LLC Florida<br>R Squared Solutions LLC Georgia<br>R Squared Solutions Kentucky LLC<br>R Squared Solutions LLC New Jersey<br>R Squared Solutions LLC New York<br>R Squared Solutions LLC Pennsylvania<br>R Squared Solutions South Carolina LLC<br>R Squared Solutions LLC Texas<br>R Squared Solutions LLC Virginia |
| SAS Retail Services, LLC                        | Delaware     |   |

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-3 (Nos. 333-250201 and 333-254716) and Form S-8 (Nos. 333-251882 and 333-271804) of Advantage Solutions Inc. of our report dated March 7, 2025 relating to the financial statements, the financial statement schedule and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in this Form 10-K.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Irvine, California  
March 7, 2025

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## CERTIFICATIONS

I, David Peacock, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Advantage Solutions Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

March 7, 2025

By: /s/ David Peacock

David Peacock  
Chief Executive Officer  
*(Principal Executive Officer)*

## CERTIFICATIONS

I, Christopher Growe, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Advantage Solutions Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

March 7, 2025

By: /s/ Christopher Growe

Christopher Growe  
Chief Financial Officer  
*(Principal Financial Officer)*

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADDED BY  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of Advantage Solutions Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, David Peacock, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as added by §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of and for the period covered by the Report.

March 7, 2025

By: /s/ David Peacock

David Peacock  
Chief Executive Officer  
*(Principal Executive Officer)*

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In connection with the Annual Report of Advantage Solutions Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Christopher Growe, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as added by §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of and for the period covered by the Report.

March 7, 2025

By: /s/ Christopher Growe

Christopher Growe  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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**ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC.****POLICY FOR RECOVERY OF ERRONEOUSLY AWARDED COMPENSATION**

Advantage Solutions Inc. (the “*Company*”) has adopted this Policy for Recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation (the “*Policy*”), effective as of October 2, 2023 (the “*Effective Date*”). Capitalized terms used in this Policy but not otherwise defined herein are defined in Section 11.

**1. Persons Subject to Policy**

This Policy shall apply to current and former Covered Executives. Any application of this Policy to a Covered Executive that is not an Officer shall apply in the manner determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

**2. Compensation Subject to Policy**

This Policy shall apply to Incentive-Based Compensation received on or after the Effective Date. For purposes of this Policy, the date on which Incentive-Based Compensation is “received” shall be determined under the Applicable Rules, which generally provide that Incentive-Based Compensation is “received” in the Company’s fiscal period during which the relevant Financial Reporting Measure is attained or satisfied, without regard to whether the grant, vesting or payment of the Incentive-Based Compensation occurs after the end of that period.

**3. Recovery of Compensation**

In the event that the Company is required to prepare a Restatement, the Company shall recover, reasonably promptly, the portion of any Incentive-Based Compensation that is Erroneously Awarded Compensation, unless the Committee has determined that recovery would be Impracticable. Recovery shall be required in accordance with the preceding sentence regardless of whether the applicable Covered Executive engaged in misconduct or otherwise caused or contributed to the requirement for the Restatement and regardless of whether or when restated financial statements are filed by the Company. For clarity, the recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation under this Policy will not give rise to any person’s right to voluntarily terminate employment for “good reason,” or due to a “constructive termination” (or any similar term of like effect) under any plan, program or policy of or agreement with the Company or any of its affiliates.

**4. Manner of Recovery; Limitation on Duplicative Recovery**

The Committee shall, in its sole discretion, determine the manner of recovery of any Erroneously Awarded Compensation, which may include, without limitation, reduction or cancellation by the Company or an affiliate of the Company of Incentive-Based Compensation or Erroneously Awarded Compensation, reimbursement or repayment by any person subject to this Policy of the Erroneously Awarded Compensation, and, to the extent permitted by law, an offset

of the Erroneously Awarded Compensation against other compensation payable by the Company or an affiliate of the Company to such person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise prohibited by the Applicable Rules, to the extent this Policy provides for recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation already recovered by the Company pursuant to Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or Other Recovery Arrangements (including the Prior Policy (as defined below)), the amount of Erroneously Awarded Compensation already recovered by the Company from the recipient of such Erroneously Awarded Compensation may be credited to the amount of Erroneously Awarded Compensation required to be recovered pursuant to this Policy from such person.

**5. Administration**

This Policy shall be administered, interpreted and construed by the Committee, which is authorized to make all determinations necessary, appropriate or advisable for such purpose. The Board of Directors of the Company (the “*Board*”) may re-vest in itself the authority to administer, interpret and construe this Policy in accordance with applicable law, and in such event references herein to the “Committee” shall be deemed to be references to the Board. Subject to any permitted review by the applicable national securities exchange or association pursuant to the Applicable Rules, all determinations and decisions made by the Committee pursuant to the provisions of this Policy shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons, including the Company and its affiliates, equityholders and employees. The Committee may delegate administrative duties with respect to this Policy to one or more directors or employees of the Company, as permitted under applicable law, including any Applicable Rules.

**6. Interpretation**

This Policy will be interpreted and applied in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of the Applicable Rules, and to the extent this Policy is inconsistent with such Applicable Rules, it shall be deemed amended to the minimum extent necessary to ensure compliance therewith.

**7. No Indemnification; No Liability**

The Company shall not indemnify or insure any person against the loss of any Erroneously Awarded Compensation pursuant to this Policy, nor shall the Company directly or indirectly pay or reimburse any person for any premiums for third-party insurance policies that such person may elect to purchase to fund such person’s potential obligations under this Policy. None of the Company, an affiliate of the Company or any member of the Committee or the Board shall have any liability to any person as a result of actions taken under this Policy.

**8. Application; Enforceability**

Except as otherwise determined by the Committee or the Board, the adoption of this Policy does not limit, and is intended to apply in addition to, any other clawback, recoupment, forfeiture or similar policies or provisions of the Company or its affiliates, including any such policies or provisions of such effect contained in any employment agreement, bonus plan, incentive plan,

equity-based plan or award agreement thereunder or similar plan, program or agreement of the Company or an affiliate or required under applicable law (the “**Other Recovery Arrangements**”). The remedy specified in this Policy shall not be exclusive and shall be in addition to every other right or remedy at law or in equity that may be available to the Company or an affiliate of the Company.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph of this Section 8, from and after the Effective Date, this Policy shall supersede and replace the Company’s Recoupment Policy, originally adopted by the Company on February 23, 2022 (the “**Prior Policy**”) with respect to Erroneously Awarded Compensation received by a current or former Covered Executive from and after the Effective Date; provided that the Prior Policy shall continue to apply with respect to compensation received prior to the Effective Date by any Covered Executives in accordance with its terms and conditions to the extent such compensation is not Erroneously Awarded Compensation subject to this Policy. For the avoidance of doubt, the Prior Policy is hereby amended to be consistent with this paragraph.

#### **9. Severability**

The provisions in this Policy are intended to be applied to the fullest extent of the law; provided, however, to the extent that any provision of this Policy is found to be unenforceable or invalid under any applicable law, such provision will be applied to the maximum extent permitted, and shall automatically be deemed amended in a manner consistent with its objectives to the extent necessary to conform to any limitations required under applicable law.

#### **10. Amendment and Termination**

The Board or the Committee may amend, modify or terminate this Policy in whole or in part at any time and from time to time in its sole discretion. This Policy will terminate automatically when the Company does not have a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange or association.

#### **11. Definitions**

“**Applicable Rules**” means Section 10D of the Exchange Act, Rule 10D-1 promulgated thereunder, the listing rules of the national securities exchange or association on which the Company’s securities are listed, and any applicable rules, standards or other guidance adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any national securities exchange or association on which the Company’s securities are listed.

“**Committee**” means the committee of the Board responsible for executive compensation decisions comprised solely of independent directors (as determined under the Applicable Rules), or in the absence of such a committee, a majority of the independent directors serving on the Board.

“**Covered Executive**” means (i) each Officer and (ii) each other individual serving as a senior executive of the Company directly reporting to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and identified by the Committee as subject to this Policy.

**“Erroneously Awarded Compensation”** means the amount of Incentive-Based Compensation received by a current or former Covered Executive that exceeds the amount of Incentive-Based Compensation that would have been received by such current or former Covered Executive based on a restated Financial Reporting Measure, as determined on a pre-tax basis in accordance with the Applicable Rules.

**“Exchange Act”** means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**“Financial Reporting Measure”** means any measure determined and presented in accordance with the accounting principles used in preparing the Company’s financial statements, and any measures derived wholly or in part from such measures, including GAAP, IFRS and non- GAAP/IFRS financial measures, as well as stock or share price and total equityholder return.

**“GAAP”** means United States generally accepted accounting principles.

**“IFRS”** means international financial reporting standards as adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board.

**“Impracticable”** means (a) the direct costs paid to third parties to assist in enforcing recovery would exceed the Erroneously Awarded Compensation; provided that the Company has (i) made reasonable attempts to recover the Erroneously Awarded Compensation, (ii) documented such attempt(s), and (iii) provided such documentation to the relevant listing exchange or association, (b) to the extent permitted by the Applicable Rules, the recovery would violate the Company’s home country laws pursuant to an opinion of home country counsel; provided that the Company has (i) obtained an opinion of home country counsel, acceptable to the relevant listing exchange or association, that recovery would result in such violation, and (ii) provided such opinion to the relevant listing exchange or association, or (c) recovery would likely cause an otherwise tax-qualified retirement plan, under which benefits are broadly available to employees of the Company, to fail to meet the requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(13) or 26 U.S.C. 411(a) and the regulations thereunder.

**“Incentive-Based Compensation”** means, with respect to a Restatement, any compensation that is granted, earned, or vested based wholly or in part upon the attainment of one or more Financial Reporting Measures and received by a person: (a) after beginning service as a Covered Executive; (b) who served as a Covered Executive at any time during the performance period for that compensation; (c) while the Company has a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange or association; and (d) during the applicable Three-Year Period.

**“Officer”** means each person who serves as an executive officer of the Company, as defined in Rule 10D-1(d) under the Exchange Act.

**“Restatement”** means an accounting restatement to correct the Company’s material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under securities laws, including restatements that correct an error in previously issued financial statements (a) that is material to the previously issued financial statements or (b) that would result in a material misstatement if the error were corrected in the current period or left uncorrected in the current period.

***“Three-Year Period”*** means, with respect to a Restatement, the three completed fiscal years immediately preceding the date that the Board, a committee of the Board, or the officer or officers of the Company authorized to take such action if Board action is not required, concludes, or reasonably should have concluded, that the Company is required to prepare such Restatement, or, if earlier, the date on which a court, regulator or other legally authorized body directs the Company to prepare such Restatement. The “Three-Year Period” also includes any transition period (that results from a change in the Company’s fiscal year) within or immediately following the three completed fiscal years identified in the preceding sentence. However, a transition period between the last day of the Company’s previous fiscal year end and the first day of its new fiscal year that comprises a period of nine to 12 months shall be deemed a completed fiscal year.

