

HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES

SIDOTI VIRTUAL INVESTOR CONFERENCE

March 23, 2023

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Non-GAAP Financial Measures & Currency Presentation

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

To supplement the financial results presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"), Heidrick & Struggles presents certain non-GAAP financial measures. A "non-GAAP financial measure" is defined as a numerical measure of a company's financial performance that excludes or includes amounts different than the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in the statements of comprehensive income, balance sheets or statements of cash flow of the Company. Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation G, these earnings release slides contain the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure to the non-GAAP financial measure.

The non-GAAP financial measures used within these earnings release slides are adjusted operating income, adjusted operating income margin, adjusted net income, adjusted basic and diluted earnings per share, adjusted EBITDA, and adjusted EBITDA margin. These measures are presented because management uses this information to monitor and evaluate financial results and trends. Management believes this information is also useful for investors. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures with the most directly comparable measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP are provided in the appendix to these earnings release slides.

The Company evaluates its results of operations on both an as reported and a constant currency basis. The constant currency presentation is a non-GAAP financial measure, which excludes the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. The Company believes providing constant currency information provides valuable supplemental information regarding its results of operations, consistent with how it evaluates its performance. The Company calculates constant currency percentages by converting its financial results in a local currency for a period using the average exchange rate for the prior period to which it is comparing. This calculation may differ from similarly-titled measures used by other companies.

CURRENCY PRESENTATION

All currency amounts presented in millions except for earnings per share data.

APPENDIX CURRENCY PRESENTATION

All currency amounts presented in thousands except for earnings per share data.

Our Purpose & Vision

Our search expertise and organizational consulting experience empower our clients to develop high-performing leaders, teams, and organizations.

OUR PURPOSE

- We help our clients change the world, one leadership team at a time.™

OUR VISION

- We are committed to serving our clients as trusted advisors providing diversified solutions across executive search, leadership assessment & development, team and organizational effectiveness, culture shaping, and on-demand talent.

INTEGRATED SERVICES FUELED BY DATA

- Executive Search
- On-Demand Talent
- Heidrick Consulting
 - Leadership
 - Organization & Culture
 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Growth Initiatives



Grow scale and impact of On-Demand Talent and Heidrick Consulting while maintaining a prominent Executive Search business, thus delivering a premium service experience and The Heidrick Way to clients



Expand development of leadership solutions and capabilities to address new and ongoing client imperatives



Invest in new product development and strategic expansion into adjacent/complementary areas with innovative, tech-driven offerings to drive future growth and shareholder value

Growth Through Innovative Offerings



ON-DEMAND TALENT

- Acquired Atrius GmbH, one of the leading players for executive interim management in Germany adding a strategically important market for the firm and a strong springboard to scale this platform across Europe and globally
- Revenue continues to exceed pre-acquisition levels
- Continued benefit from working within the H&S network of clients with approximately 17% of revenue generated through internal referrals from Executive Search and Heidrick Consulting



EIGHTFOLD.AI

- Partnership marks another step in our journey to expand our suite of leadership solutions with innovative, tech-driven offerings and drive future growth
- Two industry leaders to bring together the best of leadership intelligence, data analytics and technology - with a digital-first approach designed to enable better leadership decisions and business outcomes



FUTURE GROWTH

- Invest in new product development and strategic expansion into adjacent and complementary areas with innovative, tech-driven offerings to drive future growth and shareholder value

Introducing Atreus

Atreus is the right partner to expand Heidrick's On-Demand Talent Platform in Europe

- Highly focused on Executive level management (C-suite to manager-level)
- Scalable sales force
- Business model that is closely aligned to BTG, helping enable integration, including possible global offerings and key globalized processes
- Cultural fit

STRATEGIC RATIONALE

- Provides platform to begin process of becoming the **#1 On-Demand Talent (ODT) provider in Europe**
- Acquisition will make an **immediate and tangible impact to the Heidrick On-Demand Talent platform**
- **Scalable business** with sales team that is not directly involved with product delivery
- Heightened opportunities for **cross-selling and business network/sales & marketing function sharing**

CURRENT BUSINESS OFFERING

- Offers **interim staffing** and **project solutions** across a **wide array of industries**, Automotive, Healthcare, Information Technology and Consumer Goods
- Areas of expertise for managers include Digitization, Infrastructure Projects, Post-Merger Integration, and Restructuring

UNRIVALLED POTENTIAL TOGETHER

- Uniquely positioned to offer solutions that **blend** Heidrick's best in class **Executive Search, ODT** and **leadership consulting** capabilities with Atreus' **leading European marketplace** for Executive ODT
- With increased company focus on speed, workforce agility and flexibility, Atreus will **enable** Heidrick to meet **all top talent needs** across **two continents**
- The executive ODT market continues to **accelerate in growth** due to the pandemic's impact on companies' openness to continue to work remotely and **increased demand for fast, flexible solutions that ODT can offer**

ATREUS

A HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES COMPANY

ATREUS AT-A-GLANCE



Market Position

Clear market leader for C-suite level interim management in Germany and leading provider in Europe



Services

Interim line management, project & program management, C-Suite level recruiting

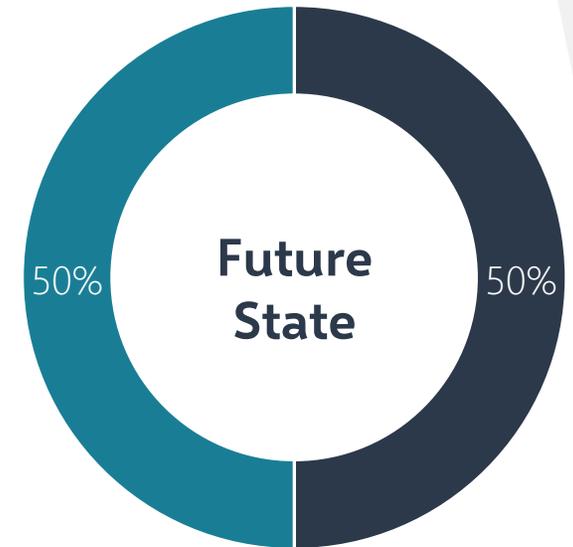
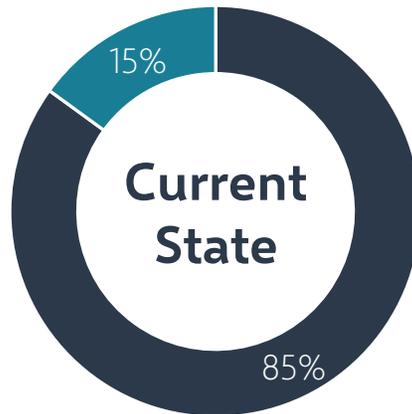
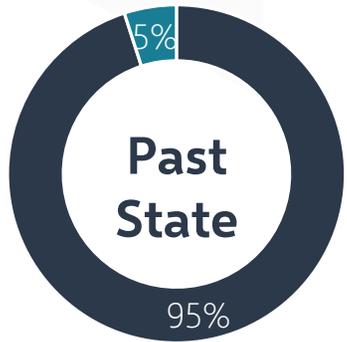


Manager Network

More than 15,000 highly qualified and carefully selected managers within our network. Of these, 4,000 form the inner circle of Atreus Managers, and we know 1,500 of them extremely well

Long-Term Objectives

PERCENT OF CONSOLIDATED NET REVENUE



- Executive Search
- Non-Executive Search
 - Heidrick Consulting

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- Non-Executive Search
 - Heidrick Consulting
 - On-Demand Talent

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 - Heidrick Consulting
 - On-Demand Talent
 - Digital Products
 - Other Adjacencies

Consolidated Financial Highlights

CONSOLIDATED NET REVENUE



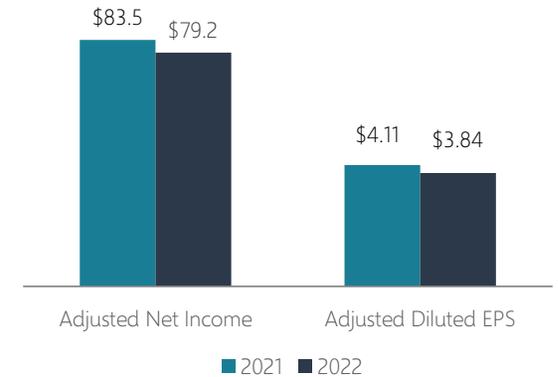
7% year-over-year growth
 10% year-over-year growth on a
 constant currency* basis

ADJUSTED EBITDA*



3% year-over-year decline

ADJUSTED NET INCOME & EPS*



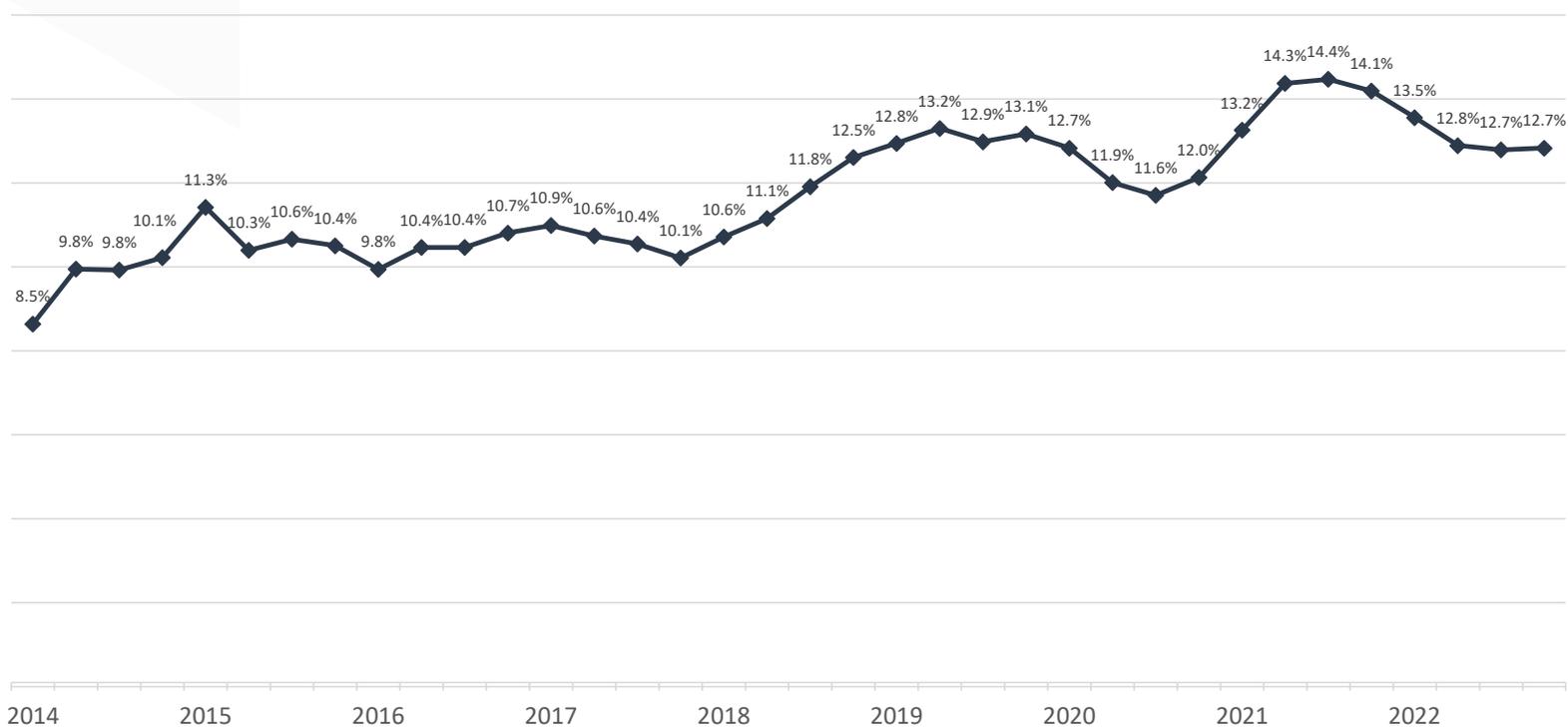
5% year-over-year decline in
 Adjusted Net Income*
 7% year-over-year decline in
 Adjusted Diluted EPS*

* Non-GAAP Financial Measure

HISTORICAL TTM

Expansion In Adjusted EBITDA Margin*

TRAILING 12-MONTH ADJUSTED EBITDA* / TRAILING 12-MONTH CONSOLIDATED NET REVENUE

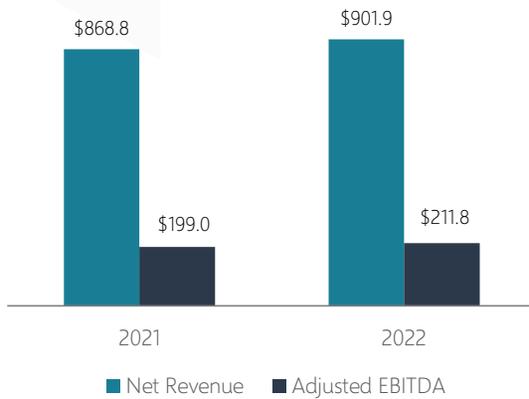


+420 bps increase
in TTM Adjusted
EBITDA Margin*
over 8 years

* Non-GAAP Financial Measure

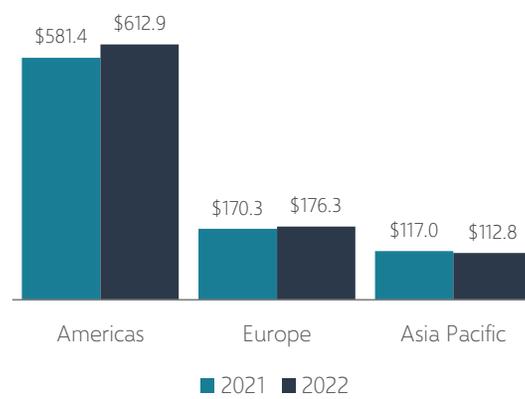
Executive Search Financial Highlights

NET REVENUE & ADJUSTED EBITDA*



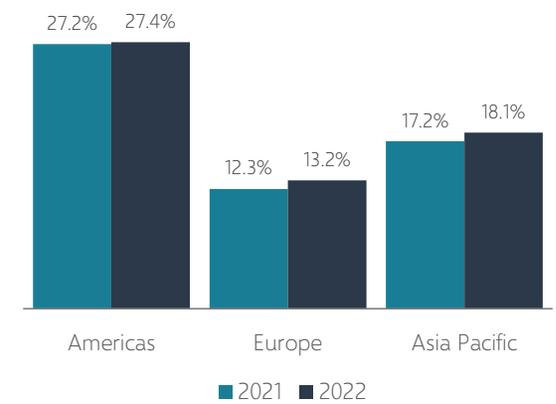
4% year-over-year growth in net revenue
6% year-over-year growth in Adjusted EBITDA*

NET REVENUE BY REGION



Americas 5% year-over-year growth
Europe 4% year-over-year growth
Asia Pacific 4% year-over-year decline

ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN*

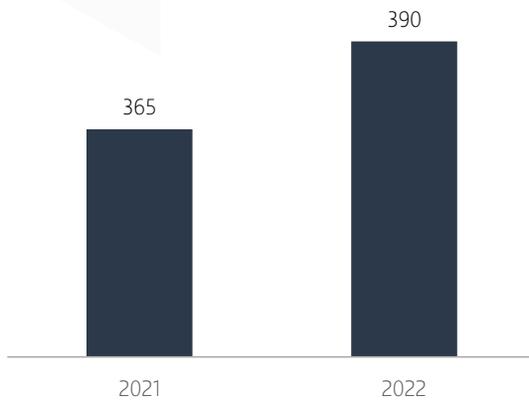


Americas 20 bps growth year-over-year
Europe 90 bps growth year-over-year
Asia Pacific 90 bps growth year-over-year

* Non-GAAP Financial Measure

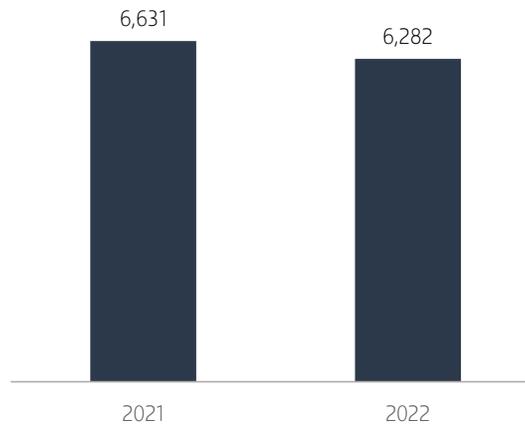
Executive Search Operational Highlights

CONSULTANT HEADCOUNT



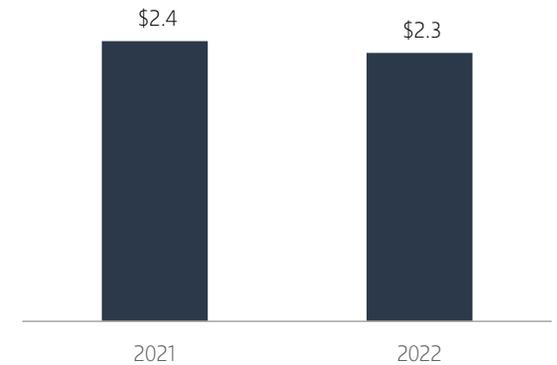
7% year-over-year consultant headcount growth

SEARCH CONFIRMATIONS



5% year-over-year decline in confirmation volume

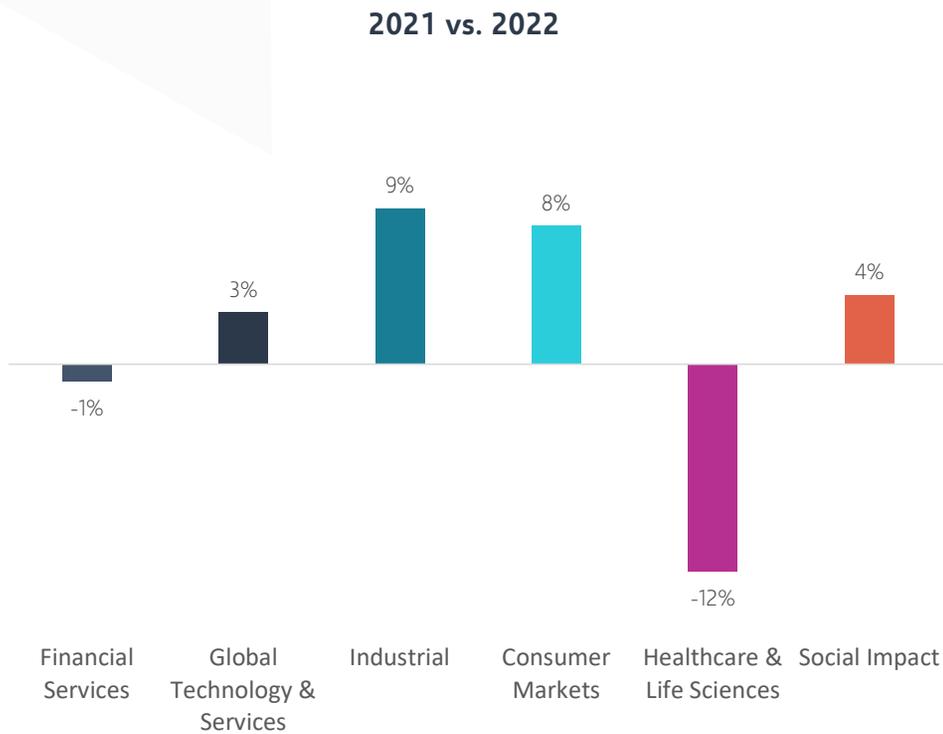
CONSULTANT PRODUCTIVITY



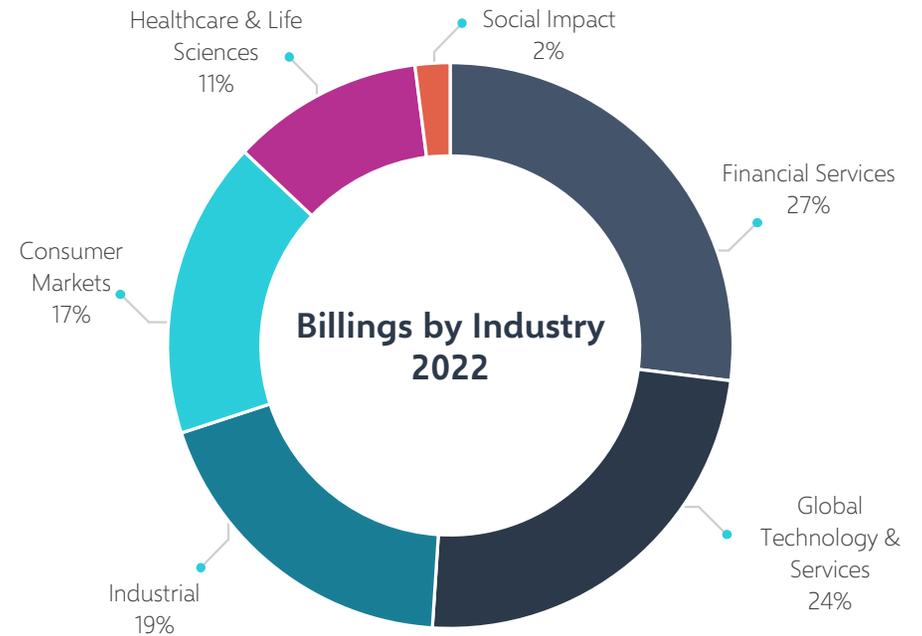
1% year-over-year decline in trailing twelve-month productivity

Diversified Mix Of Business In Executive Search

COMPARISON OF INDUSTRY BILLINGS



MIX OF INDUSTRIES



On-Demand Talent

On-Demand Talent delivers high-end independent talent on demand, including:

- **Skilled, hands-on business executives**
(C-suite to manager-level)
- **Subject matter, analytical, and situational experts**
- **Management consultants and specialized problem-solvers** trained at top firms like McKinsey, Bain, BCG, Accenture, Deloitte, and EY
- **Project and program managers** with top training and experience

INTERIM ROLES

Proven executives to quickly cover unexpected gaps or backfill critical roles

Management-level and functional leaders to augment or smooth difficult moments

C-suite through "C-minus 4" levels

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Talent specialized in moments of high change: transformations, integrations, product launches, performance improvement workstreams, IPOs, exits, or other special initiatives

Talent for innovation and expansion: to lead explorations, stand up new business lines, upgrade key functions, and more

C-suite through Director-levels

TARGETED CONSULTING

Top management consultants, subject matter experts, and project managers "unbundled" from the team structure and overhead of traditional consulting firms

Analytical specialists with data science, AI, and other hot skills

Engagement/Project Manager through Partner+ levels.

BENEFITS OF ON-DEMAND TALENT



SPEED

Access exceptional leadership within days.



CONFIDENCE

Best-in-class labor compliance, oversight, confidentiality, and more.



EASE

No retainer needed to explore.

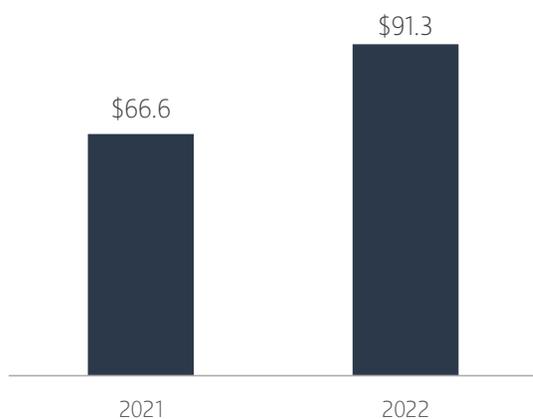


SAVINGS

Engage talent at market-based per diem pricing, for only as long as needed.

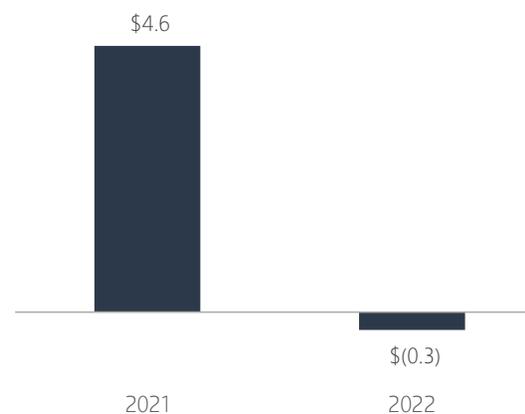
On-Demand Talent Financial Highlights

NET REVENUE



37% year-over-year increase

ADJUSTED EBITDA*



Decline due to investment to drive future growth

* Non-GAAP Financial Measure

Note: 2021 On-Demand Talent results include the nine-month post-acquisition period

Heidrick Consulting

One Heidrick Strategy: ~25% of Heidrick Consulting clients are on a multi-solution, multi-quarter journey with the firm

FUTURE READY LEADERS

- Assessment
- Development
- Coaching
- Succession Planning
- CEO Acceleration & Onboarding
- Board Effectiveness
- Team Acceleration
- Digital Dexterity



FUTURE READY CULTURES & ORGANIZATIONS

- Culture Impact
- Culture Shaping to accelerate transformation
- Org Design & Structure
- Performance Engine

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- Diverse & Inclusive leaders, teams and organizations

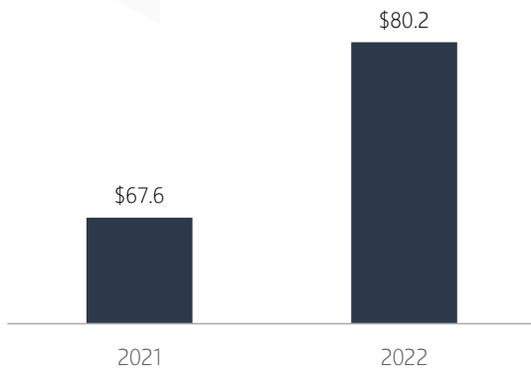
Heidrick Consulting Accelerates Client Performance

Strongly Differentiated and Value-Added Human Capital Advisory

- People-centric approach
- Methodology based research
- Tailored approach tied to a client's strategy and/or investment thesis
- Insights based on the META framework and/or industry leading culture shaping experience
- Full talent advisory capability – from leadership development through culture to search

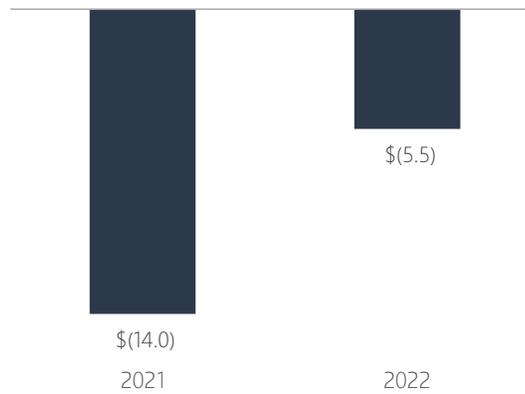
Heidrick Consulting Financial Highlights

NET REVENUE



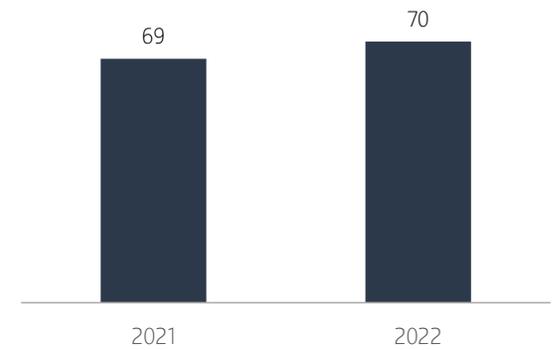
19% year-over-year growth

ADJUSTED EBITDA*



61% year-over-year growth

CONSULTANT HEADCOUNT



1% increase in consultant headcount

* Non-GAAP Financial Measure

BALANCE SHEET

Strong & Flexible Balance Sheet

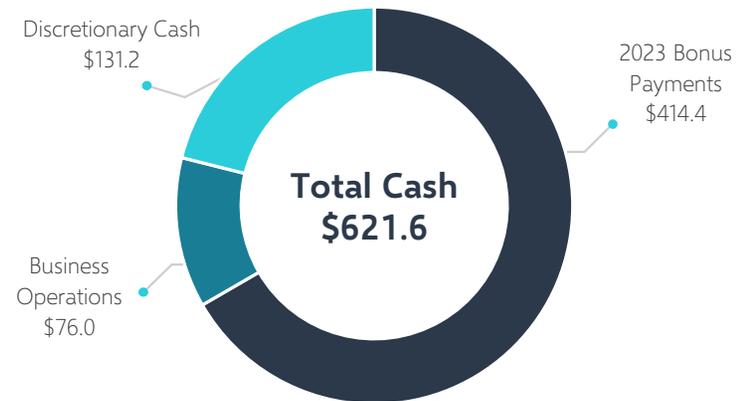
CASH & MARKETABLE SECURITIES, NET OF DEBT



CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
For the quarter ending:	\$160.3	\$206.6
For the twelve months ending:	\$119.3	\$271.4

DISCRETIONARY CASH



Appendix

Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Adjusted Operating Income by Segment

We define Adjusted Operating Income as operating income excluding earnout adjustments and restructuring charges.

	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2022								
(In \$ thousands)	Americas	Europe	Asia Pacific	Total Executive Search	On-Demand Talent	Heidrick Consulting	Research and Development	Global Operations Support	Heidrick & Struggles
Revenue before reimbursements (net revenue)	\$ 612,881	\$ 176,275	\$ 112,766	\$ 901,922	\$ 91,349	\$ 80,193	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,073,464
Operating income (loss)	164,225	19,274	18,687	202,186	(3,361)	(7,155)	(20,414)	(58,990)	112,266
Adjustments									
Earnout adjustments	-	-	-	-	(464)	-	-	-	(464)
Total adjustments	-	-	-	-	(464)	-	-	-	(464)
Adjusted operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 164,225</u>	<u>\$ 19,274</u>	<u>\$ 18,687</u>	<u>\$ 202,186</u>	<u>\$ (3,825)</u>	<u>\$ (7,155)</u>	<u>\$ (20,414)</u>	<u>\$ (58,990)</u>	<u>\$ 111,802</u>
Operating margin	26.8%	10.9%	16.6%	22.4%	-3.7%	-8.9%	-1.9%	-5.5%	10.5%
Adjusted operating margin	26.8%	10.9%	16.6%	22.4%	-4.2%	-8.9%	-1.9%	-5.5%	10.4%

	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2021								
(In \$ thousands)	Americas	Europe	Asia Pacific	Total Executive Search	On-Demand Talent	Heidrick Consulting	Research and Development	Global Operations Support	Heidrick & Struggles
Revenue before reimbursements (net revenue)	\$ 581,440	\$ 170,312	\$ 117,008	\$ 868,760	\$ 66,636	\$ 67,605	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,003,001
Operating income (loss)	142,040	18,424	18,167	178,631	(9,272)	(16,162)	-	(54,933)	98,264
Adjustments									
Earnout adjustments	-	-	-	-	11,368	-	-	-	11,368
Restructuring charges	3,882	(97)	(124)	3,661	-	355	-	(224)	3,792
Total adjustments	3,882	(97)	(124)	3,661	11,368	355	-	(224)	15,160
Adjusted operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 145,922</u>	<u>\$ 18,327</u>	<u>\$ 18,043</u>	<u>\$ 182,292</u>	<u>\$ 2,096</u>	<u>\$ (15,807)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (55,157)</u>	<u>\$ 113,424</u>
Operating margin	24.4%	10.8%	15.5%	20.6%	-13.9%	-23.9%	NM	-5.5%	9.8%
Adjusted operating margin	25.1%	10.8%	15.4%	21.0%	3.1%	-23.4%	NM	-5.5%	11.3%

Adjusted Net Income & Earnings Per Share

We define Adjusted Net Income as net income excluding earnout adjustments and restructuring charges, net of tax.

(In \$ thousands)	Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Net income	\$ 79,486	\$ 72,572
Adjustments		
Earnout adjustments, net of tax	(320)	8,282
Restructuring charges, net of tax	-	2,642
Total adjustments	(320)	10,924
Adjusted net income	\$ 79,166	\$ 83,496
Weighted-average common shares outstanding		
Basic	19,758	19,515
Diluted	20,618	20,296
Earnings per common share		
Basic	\$ 4.02	\$ 3.72
Diluted	\$ 3.86	\$ 3.58
Adjusted earnings per common share		
Basic	\$ 4.01	\$ 4.28
Diluted	\$ 3.84	\$ 4.11

Adjusted EBITDA & Adjusted EBITDA Margin

We define Adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation, intangible amortization, equity-settled stock-based compensation, earnout accretion, earnout obligation adjustments, acquisition-related contingent compensation, deferred compensation plan income and expense, restructuring charges, and other non-operating income or expense.

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2022									
(In \$ thousands)	Americas	Europe	Asia Pacific	Total Search	On Demand Talent	Heidrick Consulting	R&D	Corporate	Total
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Operating income (loss) ¹	164,225	19,274	18,687	202,186	(3,361)	(7,155)	(20,414)	(58,990)	112,266
Adjustments									
Stock-based compensation	3,916	1,165	602	5,683	28	967	206	8,891	15,775
Depreciation	3,438	1,237	1,110	5,785	150	478	524	457	7,394
Intangible amortization	60	214	16	290	2,519	400	-	-	3,209
Earnout accretion	-	-	-	-	820	-	-	-	820
Earnout fair value adjustments	-	-	-	-	(464)	-	-	-	(464)
Acquisition contingent compensation	2,460	1,425	-	3,885	-	-	-	-	3,885
Deferred compensation plan	(5,990)	-	-	(5,990)	-	(167)	(75)	-	(6,232)
Total adjustments	3,884	4,041	1,728	9,653	3,053	1,678	655	9,348	24,387
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 168,109	\$ 23,315	\$ 20,415	\$ 211,839	\$ (308)	\$ (5,477)	\$ (19,759)	\$ (49,642)	\$ 136,653
Adjusted EBITDA margin	27.4%	13.2%	18.1%	23.5%	-0.3%	-6.8%	-1.8%	-4.6%	12.7%

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Adjustments									
Stock-based compensation	3,832	751	702	5,285	-	638	-	6,402	12,325
Depreciation	3,220	1,442	1,382	6,044	-	645	-	461	7,150
Intangible amortization	111	360	17	488	2,010	400	-	-	2,898
Earnout accretion	-	-	-	-	486	-	-	-	486
Earnout fair value adjustments	-	-	-	-	11,368	-	-	-	11,368
Acquisition contingent compensation	1,883	90	-	1,973	-	-	-	-	1,973
Deferred compensation plan	2,951	-	-	2,951	-	77	-	29	3,057
Restructuring charges	3,882	(97)	(124)	3,661	-	355	-	(224)	3,792
Total adjustments	15,879	2,546	1,977	20,402	13,864	2,115	-	6,668	43,049
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 157,919	\$ 20,970	\$ 20,144	\$ 199,033	\$ 4,592	\$ (14,047)	\$ -	\$ (48,265)	\$ 141,313
Adjusted EBITDA margin	27.2%	12.3%	17.2%	22.9%	6.9%	-20.8%	0.0%	-4.8%	14.1%

¹ The Company does not allocate interest income or expense, other income or expense, and the provision for income taxes to the Company's reportable operating segments. As such, the Company has concluded that operating income (loss) represents the most directly comparable measure of financial performance presented in accordance with GAAP for the reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA in this presentation.



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