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### MeridianLink at a Glance

A leading provider of cloud-based software solutions for regional and community financial institutions

- Provider of digital lending, account opening, and data verification software solutions
- A leading position serving ~2,000 customers across the middle market<sup>(1)</sup>
- Named to IDC Global FinTech Top 50<sup>(2)</sup>
- Headquartered in Irvine, CA
- Founded in 1998



\$81.5M \$67.1M

Total Revenue Lending Solutions
Revenue

5% 10% Growth YoY

\$14.4M

**Data Verification Solutions Revenue** 

(15)% Growth YoY

## PREDICTABLE, RECURRING & ATTRACTIVE MARGIN PROFILE

**GROWTH AND SCALE** 



**85%**Subscription
Fee Revenue

74%
Adj. Gross
Margin<sup>(3)</sup>

43% Adj. EBITDA Margin<sup>(3)</sup>

Note: Financial data as of the quarter ended March 31, 2025.

<sup>1)</sup> As of March 31, 2025.

<sup>2)</sup> Source: 2024 IDC FinTech Rankings Top 100, as of September 2024

<sup>3)</sup> Adj. gross profit and adj. EBITDA are non-GAAP Measures. Adj. gross profit is calculated by subtracting non-GAAP cost of revenue from net revenues. Adj. gross profit margin represents adj. gross profit as a percentage of revenues. Adj. EBITDA margin represents Adj. EBITDA as a percentage of revenues. For a definition and reconciliation of non-GAAP cost of revenue and adj. EBITDA, please refer to the Appendix.

## Strong Execution and Transformation as a Public Company



#### Key Leadership

Up-tiering
executive
leadership across
key functional
areas



## M&A Execution

Successfully executed two acquisitions of OpenClose and StreetShares



## Next-Gen Platform Launch and Innovation

Strengthened positioning by accelerating product and automation capabilities post-cloud migration



## **Transformed Go-to-Market**

Strategic investments in goto-market to enable next stage of growth



## **Optimized Services**

Accelerated implementation driving faster revenue and ACV release



Rule of 40+<sup>(1)</sup> Company

Operating with stable, adj. EBITDA-positive growth since IPO

## MeridianLink Investment Highlights

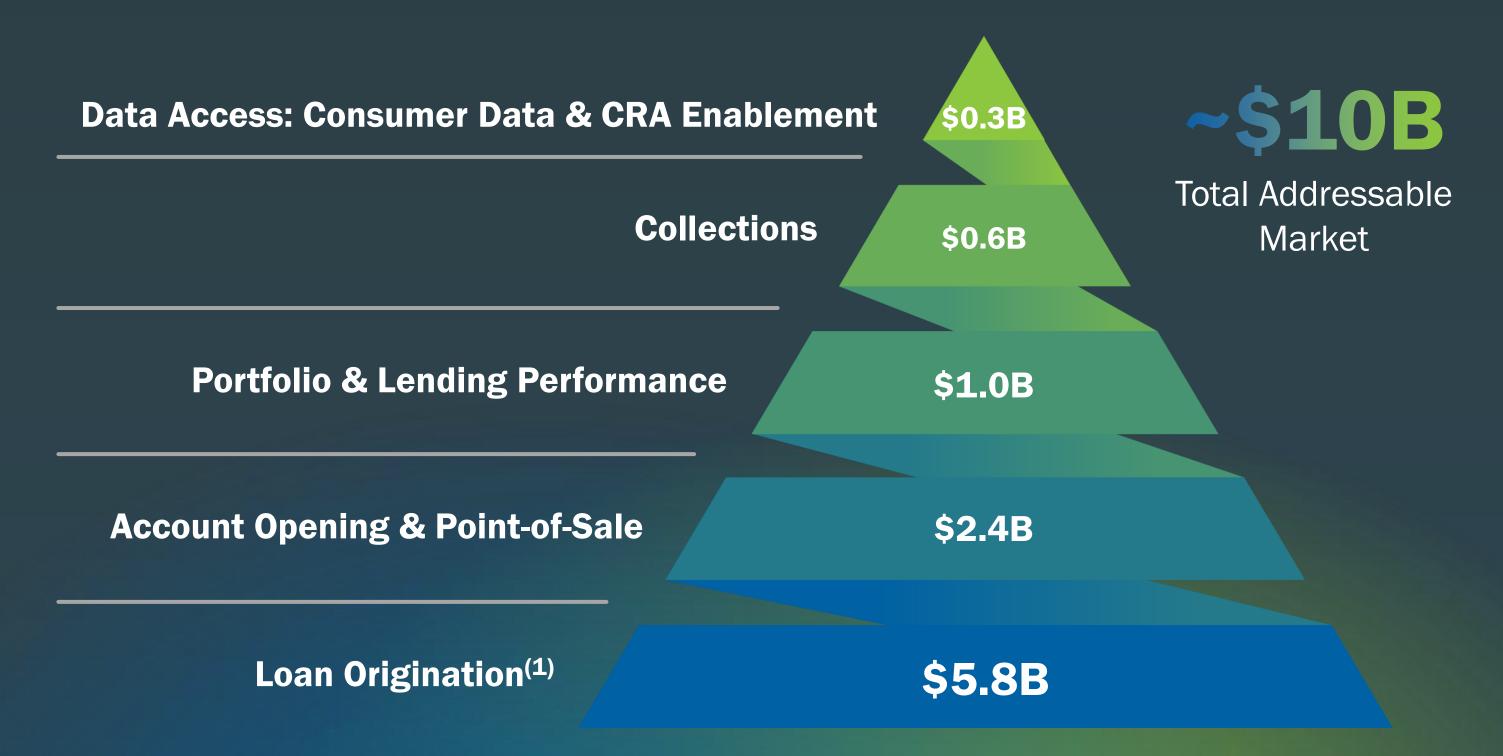


## **Investment Highlights**

- 1 Attractive Positioning in Large TAM with Significant Runway
  - 2) Digital Transformation is Imperative, Driving Demand Among Mid-Market Fls
- meridianlink (3) A Leader in Strategic Consumer Lending Ecosystem
  - 4 MeridianLink One: a Unified, Modern Cloud Native Platform
  - 5 Multiple Vectors to Sustain Future Growth

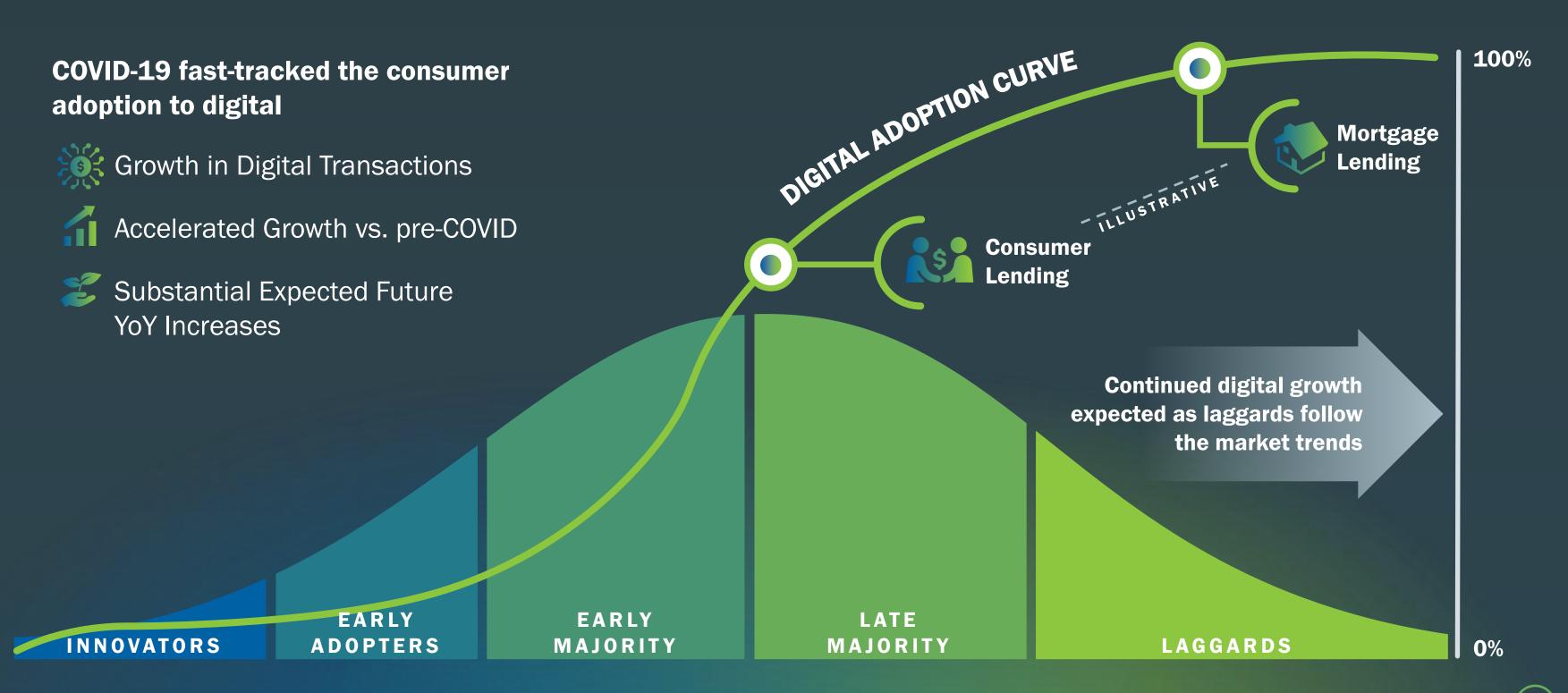
### **Large TAM with Significant Runway**

MeridianLink serves nearly the entire consumer lending wallet with runway to expand across the entire addressable market



### Digital Transformation Has Significantly Accelerated

Consumer lending is at the forefront of a 10+ year digitalization opportunity



## Software investment growth to drive required digitalization and optimization, empowering mid-market FIs to more effectively compete

## DIGITAL PRIORITIZATION



70 to 80% of banks and CUs plan

to increase technology spend in 2025 vs. 2024

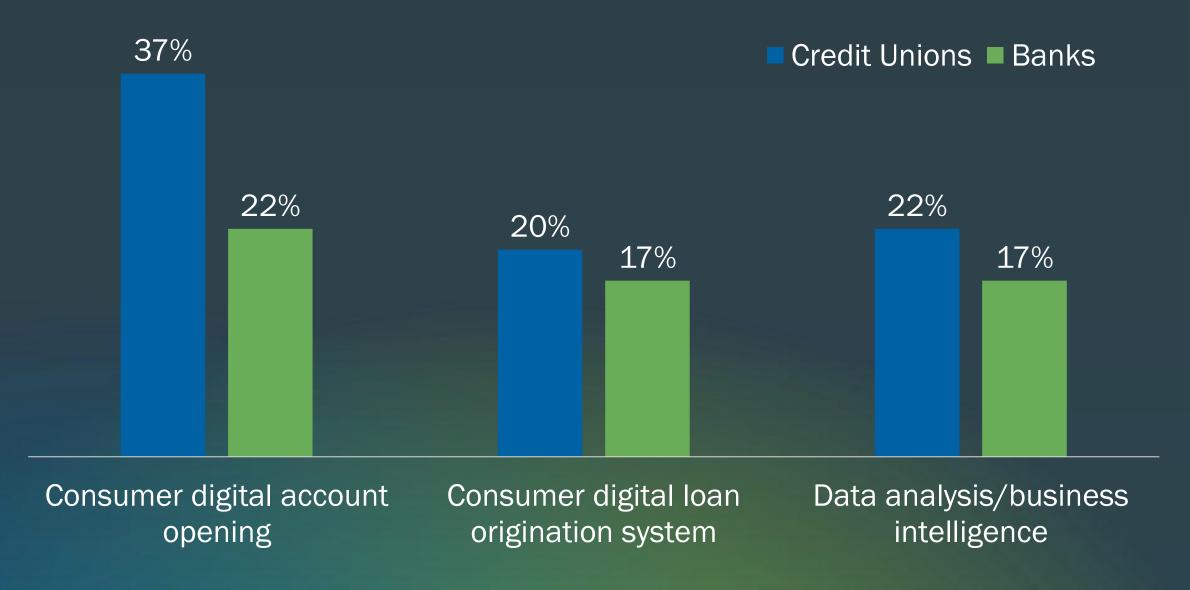


~29%

of financial institutions plan to implement generative Al tools for the first time in 2025

### **New System Selections/Replacements**

For which of the following will your organization select a new or replacement system in 2025?



### Platform Leader Among A Generally Fragmented Competitor Set

More comprehensive solutions relative to incumbent and early-stage alternatives

#### Why Do We Win?

- Modern, cloud-based solution
- Compelling innovation and delivery
- Extensive partner marketplace
- Comprehensive and diversified coverage across the consumer debt wallet
- Focused on the middle market
- Lending implementation efficiency

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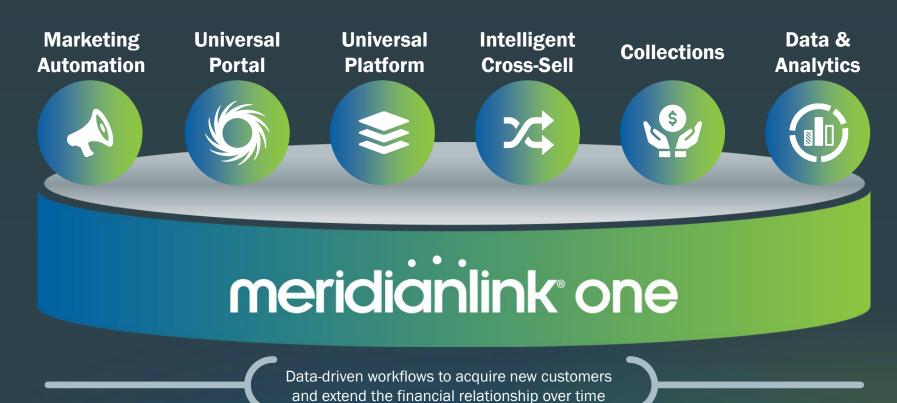




### MeridianLink One: A Leading Cloud Native Digital Lending Platform

MeridianLink® One unifies the financial institution experience with a powerful, integrated mid-market lending solution to originate consumer and mortgage loans









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- Shared Data Lake
- Enhanced Product Connectivity
- Centralized Insights







Loan





Card







Home Si Equity Bus

### **Multi-Vector Growth Strategy**

#### Multiple actionable initiatives to accelerate growth



Capitalize on Organic Volume Growth



Add New Logos



Pursue
Unrealized
Upsell &
Cross-Sell



Expand
Product
Offerings



Enhance
Partner
Marketplace
Monetization



Robust
Pipeline of
M&A
Opportunities

#### **Key Customer Themes Underpinning Growth**



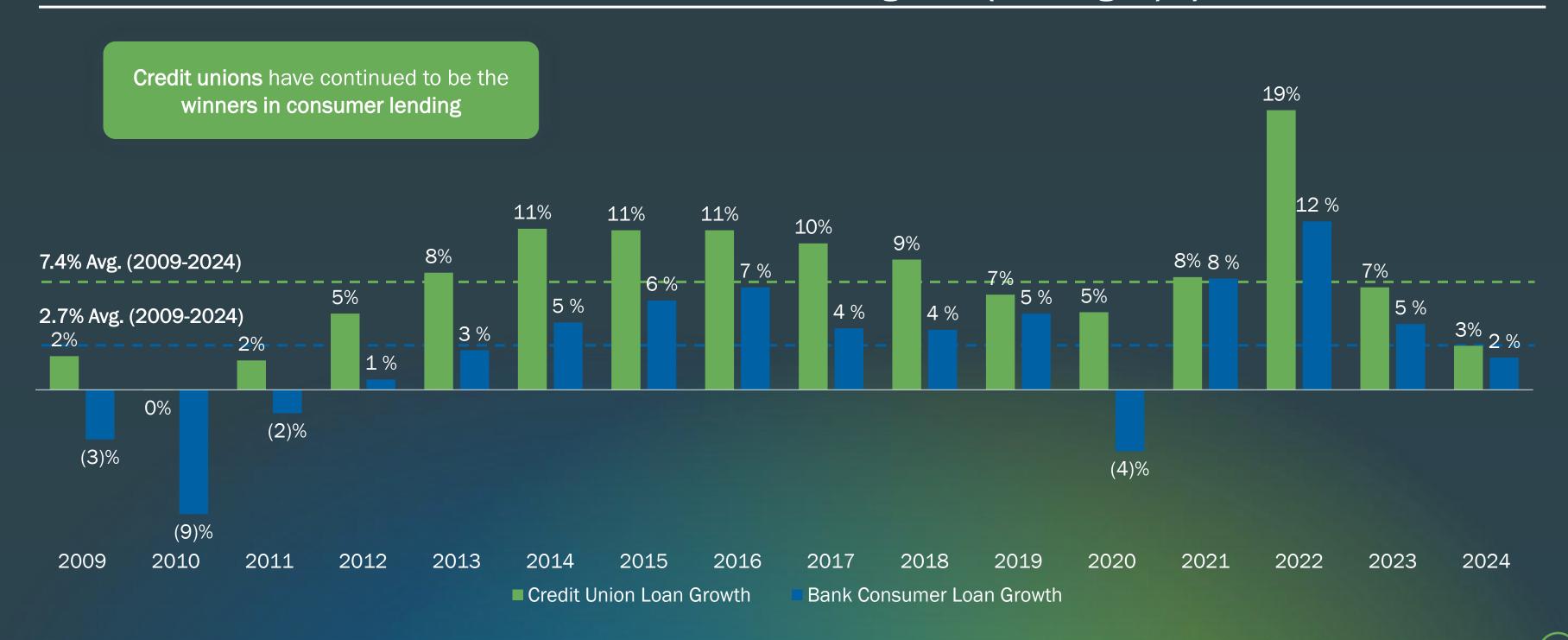
Paper-to-Digital Transition in Target Market



Competition
Among Financial
Institutions

### **Resilient Target Market Growth**

#### FI Loan Growth Trends Over the Long-Term (% Change Y/Y)



### Targeting New Logos and Expanding the Sweet Spot for Sales

Focused sales strategies to strategically grow FI base up and down market

**<\$100M AUM**3,400+ Fls

\$100M - \$1B AUM 4,150+ Fls

\$1B - \$10B AUM 1,280+ Fls

**\$10B+ AUM** 175+ Fls

DOWN MARKET

S W E E T S P O T

UP MARKET







### **Increasing Platform Connectivity Unlocking Cross-Sell Opportunity**



Provide a consistent digital consumer experience across all loan types







Increase deposits and liquidity







**Enhance loan origination pipeline to fund more loans** 

**Consumer Scorecard** 

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Drive engagement and grow revenue from existing relationships

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### **Expansive Partner Marketplace Provides FI Flexibility**

MeridianLink is the gateway for a deep network of partners participating in originations

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meridianlink marketplace



#### **Digital Applications**

Indirect Auto Portals
Home Banking Portals
Lead Gen
POS Portals



#### **Funding & Closing**

Verification Services
Fraud Detection
Account Funding
Switch Kit



#### **Underwriting**

Credit Bureaus / Data
Custom Scoring
Alternative
Decisioning



#### Compliance

Doc Engines / Compliance
Vehicle Valuation
Settlement Services
eSignature



#### **Origination Services**

Core Banking
Imaging
Cold Storage
HMDA Reporting

## MeridianLink Financial Highlights



## Financial Highlights

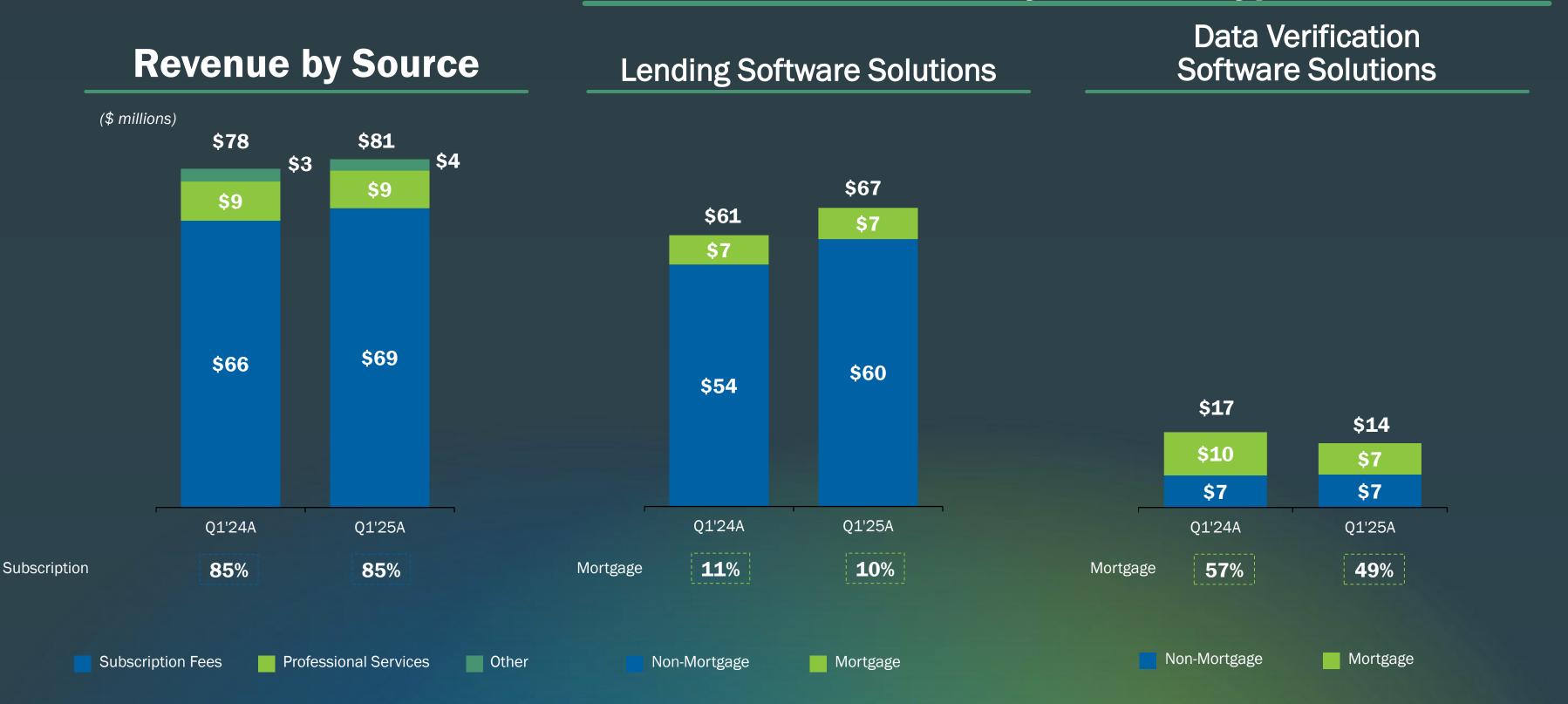
- 1 Recurring Revenue Model of Subscription Fees
  - 2 Lending Revenues Growing High Single-Digits at Scale

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- (3) Consistent Profitability & FCF
- 4 Solid Foundation in Place for Scaling

### Recurring Revenue Model of Subscription Fees

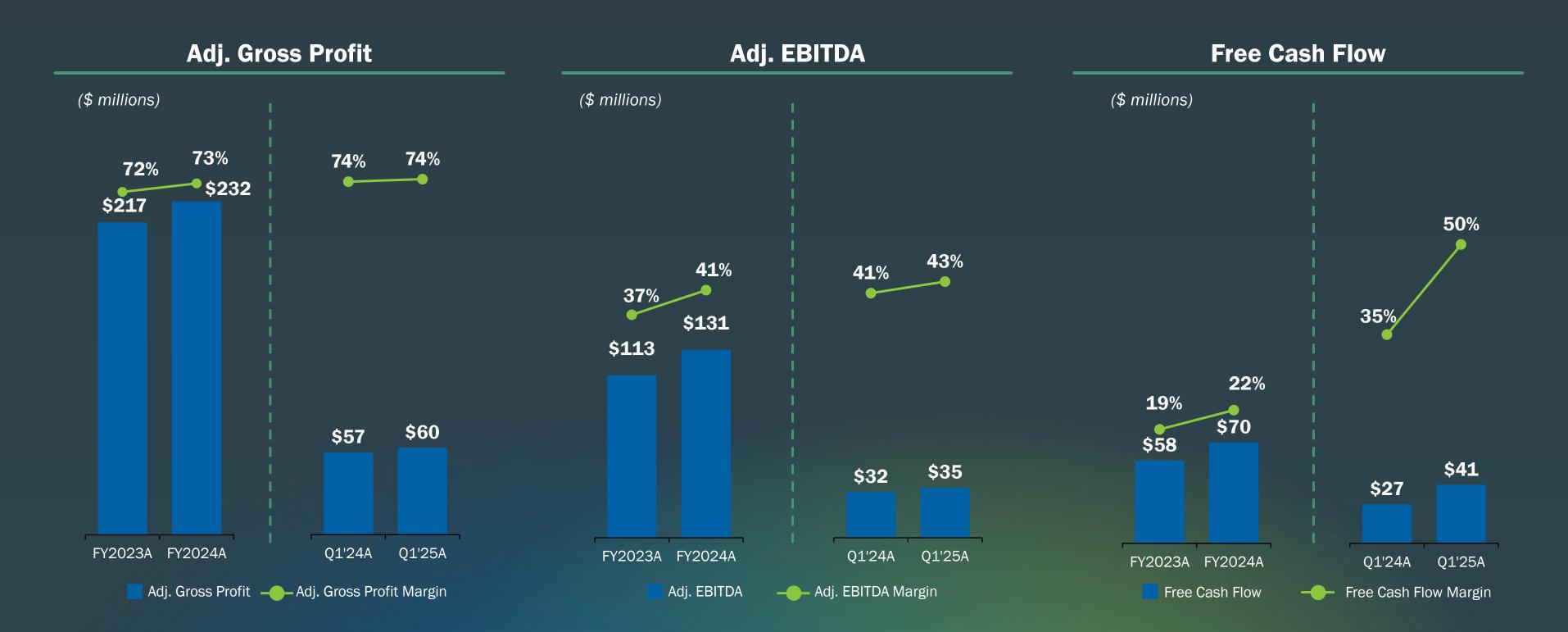
#### **Revenue by Solution Type**



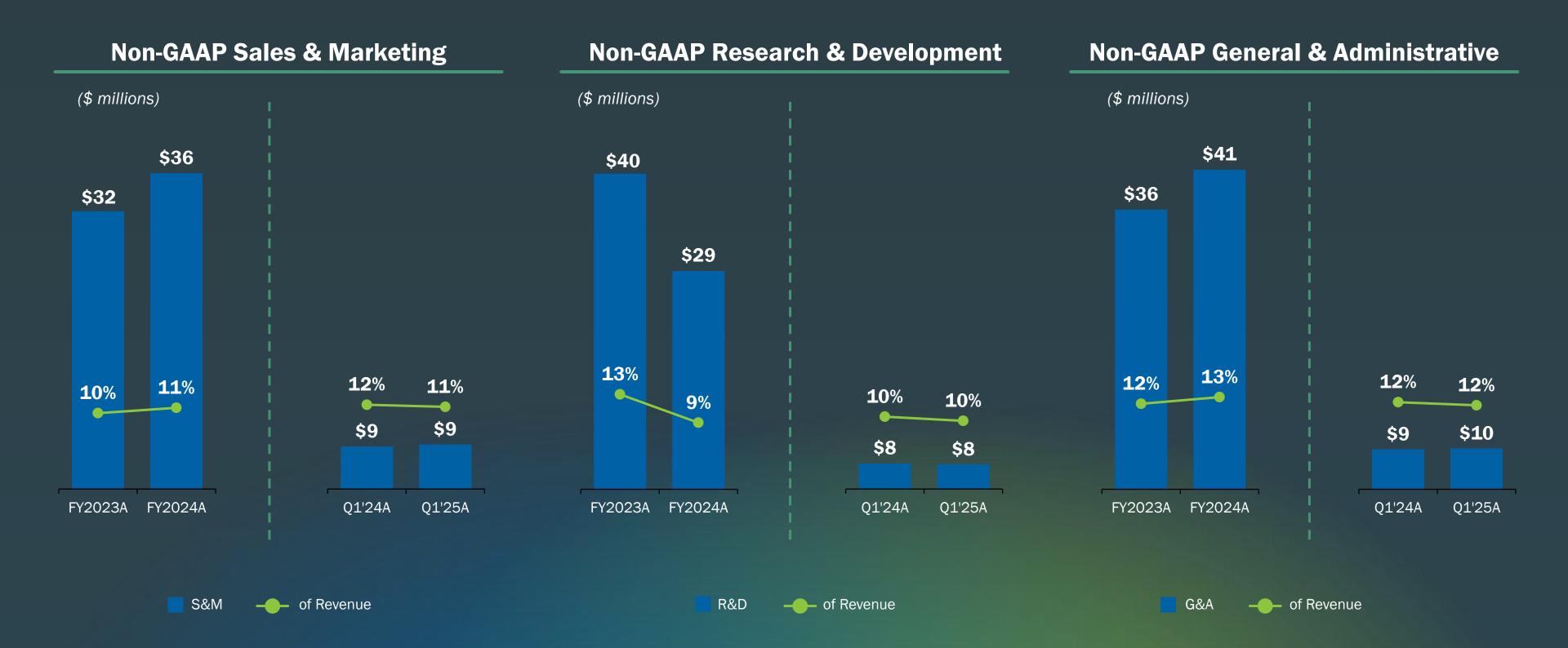
## Lending Revenues Growing High Single-Digits at Scale



## **Consistent Profitability & FCF**



## Solid Foundation in Place for Scaling



## Q1 2025 Performance

(\$ in thousands)	Q1 2024A	Q1 2025A	Delta
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data			
Revenue	\$77,816	\$81,488	\$3,672
Gross profit	51,743	53,765	2,022
Gross margin	66.5%	66.0%	(0.5)%
Net loss	(5,306)	(4,685)	621
Net loss margin	(6.8)%	(5.7)%	1.1%
Non-GAAP Financial Data			
Adj. EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	31,770	34,845	3,075
Adj. EBITDA margin <sup>(1)</sup>	40.8%	42.8%	2.0%
Free cash flow <sup>(2)</sup>	27,109	40,634	13,525
Free cash flow margin <sup>(2)</sup>	34.8%	49.9%	15.1%

Note: This financial information has been prepared by and is the responsibility of our management. Our independent registered public accounting firm has not audited, reviewed or performed any procedures with respect to this preliminary financial data or the accounting treatment thereof and does not express an opinion or any other form of assurance with respect thereto.

<sup>(1)</sup> Adj. EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure. Adj. EBITDA margin represents Adj. EBITDA as a percentage of revenues. For a definition and reconciliation of Adj. EBITDA, please refer to the Appendix.

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## 2025E Guidance

Guidance		<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2025</u>			
(\$ in thousands)	2024A	<b>Low</b> (Estimated)	<b>High</b> (Estimated)		
Revenue	\$316,298	\$326,000	\$334,000		
Growth	4%	3%	6%		
Adj. EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	130,704	131,500	137,500		
Growth	16%	1%	5%		
Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	41%	40%	41%		

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## Appendix



### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

To supplement the financial measures presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, we provide certain non-GAAP financial measures, such as adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin; non-GAAP cost of revenue; non-GAAP sales and marketing expenses; non-GAAP research and development expenses; non-GAAP general and administrative expenses; and free cash flow. The presentation of these financial measures is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for, or superior to, financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP. Rather, we believe that these non-GAAP financial measures, when viewed in addition to and not in lieu of our reported GAAP financial results, provide investors with additional meaningful information to assess our financial performance and trends, enable comparison of financial results between periods, and allow for greater transparency with respect to key metrics utilized internally in analyzing and operating our business. The following definitions are provided:

- Adjusted EBITDA: GAAP net income (loss) before interest expense, provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization of intangible assets, share-based compensation expense, employer payroll taxes on employee stock transactions, expenses associated with our public offering, charges and gains in connection with litigation unrelated to our core business, expenses related to debt modification, restructuring related costs, expenses for services performed by third party consultants relating to efforts to remediate our material weakness, third party acquisition-related costs, and deferred revenue reduction from purchase accounting for acquisitions prior to 2022 prior to the adoption of ASU 2021-08, "Business Combinations (Topic 805): Accounting for Contract Assets and Contract Liabilities from Contracts with Customers," which we early adopted on January 1, 2022 on a prospective basis. Deferred revenue from acquisitions prior to the adoption of ASU 2021-08 was recognized on a straight line basis through December 31, 2023. Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA margin is Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA divided by total GAAP revenue.
- Non-GAAP cost of revenue: GAAP cost of revenue, excluding the impact of share-based compensation, employer payroll taxes on employee stock transactions, and amortization of developed technology.
- Adjusted gross profit: GAAP net revenues less non-GAAP cost of revenue. Adjusted gross profit margin represents adjusted gross profit divided by total GAAP revenue.
- Non-GAAP operating expenses, including non-GAAP general and administrative, research and development, and sales and marketing costs: GAAP operating expenses, excluding the impact of share-based compensation, employer payroll taxes on employee stock transactions, expenses associated with our public offering, charges in connection with litigation unrelated to our core business, expenses related to debt modification, expenses for services performed by third party consultants relating to efforts to remediate our material weakness, third party acquisition related costs, and depreciation and amortization of intangible assets, as applicable.
- Free cash flow: GAAP cash flow provided by operating activities less GAAP purchases of property and equipment (Capital Expenditures) and GAAP capitalized software additions (Capitalized Software).

Reconciliations to comparable GAAP financial measures are available in the accompanying schedules, which are included in the Appendix of this presentation. No reconciliation to the most comparable GAAP measure is provided with respect to certain forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures as the GAAP measures are not accessible on a forward-looking basis. We cannot reliably predict all necessary components or their impact to reconcile such financial measures without unreasonable effort due to market-related assumptions that are not within our control as well as certain legal or advisory costs, tax costs or other costs that may arise. The events necessitating a non-GAAP adjustment are inherently unpredictable and may have a significant impact on our future GAAP financial results.



## Financial Reconciliations

#### Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>

(\$ in thousands)	2023A	2024A	Q1'24A	Q1'25A
Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>				
Net loss	(\$42,539)	(\$29,772)	(\$5,306)	(\$4,685)
(+) Interest expense	38,158	38,424	9,582	8,712
(+) (Benefit from) provision for income taxes <sup>3</sup>	23,943	908	32	617
(+) Depreciation & amortization of intangible assets	57,829	58,252	14,524	14,686
(+) Share-based compensation expense	31,213	51,362	7,936	12,381
(+) Employer payroll taxes on employee stock transactions	687	1,587	422	625
(+) Expenses associated with public offering	-	2,114	1,389	-
(+) Litigation-related charges <sup>4</sup>	-	1,692	-	-
(+) Expenses related to debt modification	-	473	-	-
(+) Restructuring related costs <sup>5</sup>	3,621	4,040	3,191	-
(+) Expenses associated with material weakness remediation <sup>6</sup>		1,347	-	2,063
(+) Acquisition related costs	-	277	-	446
(+) Deferred revenue reduction from purchase accounting for acquisitions prior to 2022	78		-	-
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$112,990	\$130,704	\$31,770	\$34,845
Net loss margin	(14)%	(9)%	(7)%	(6)%
Adjusted EBITDA margin <sup>(2)</sup>	37%	41%	41%	43%

<sup>(1)</sup> We define Adj. EBITDA as net income (loss) before interest expense, provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization of intangible assets, share-based compensation expense, employer payroll taxes on employee stock transactions, expenses associated with our public offering, charges and gains in connection with litigation unrelated to our core business, expenses related to debt modification, restructuring related costs, expenses for services performed by third party consultants relating to efforts to remediate our material weakness, third party acquisition-related costs and deferred revenue reductions from purchase accounting for acquisitions

<sup>(2)</sup> Adj. EBITDA margin represents Adj. EBITDA as a percentage of revenues.

<sup>(3) 2023</sup> reflects the initial recording of a non-cash tax expense of \$29.4M for a partial valuation allowance on certain deferred tax assets.

<sup>(4)</sup> Litigation-related charges pertains to litigation settlements and related legal fees. During the year ended December 31, 2024, we incurred \$1.5 million in settlements of class action lawsuits and \$0.4 million related to third-party legal fees directly related to the settlements. During the year ended December 31, 2024, we recognized a \$0.2 million gain on a favorable litigation settlement. The gain was recognized in interest and other income on our consolidated statements of operations.

<sup>(5)</sup> Restructuring related costs for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 are inclusive of net acceleration (forfeitures) of share-based compensation associated with restructuring in the amount of (\$0.0 million) and (\$0.7 million), respectively. Restructuring related costs for the three months ended March 31, 2024 are inclusive of forfeitures of share-based compensation associated with restructuring in the amount of \$0.1 million. ©2025 MERIDIANLINK, INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

<sup>(6)</sup> Expenses for services performed by third party consultants related to efforts to remediate our previously identified material weakness.

## Financial Reconciliations (Cont'd)

#### **Adjusted Gross Profit**

(\$ in thousands)	2023A	2024A	Q1'24A	Q1'25A
Revenues, net	\$303,617	\$316,298	\$77,816	\$81,488
Cost of revenue	108,491	108,528	26,073	27,723
(-) Share-based compensation expense	3,848	4,705	782	1,670
(-) Employer payroll taxes on employee stock transactions	157	277	48	112
(-) Amortization of developed technology	18,129	19,255	4,729	4,896
Non-GAAP cost of revenue	86,357	84,291	20,514	21,045
Adjusted gross profit	\$217,260	\$232,007	\$57,302	\$60,443
GAAP gross margin	64%	66%	66%	66%
Adjusted gross margin	72%	73%	74%	74%

#### **Non-GAAP General and Administrative Expense**

(\$ in thousands)	2023A	2024A	Q1'24A	Q1'25A
General and administrative	\$92,663	\$116,458	\$25,179	\$27,685
(-) Share-based compensation expense	16,456	29,984	4,393	5,597
(-) Employer payroll taxes on employee stock transactions	246	641	136	226
(-) Expenses associated with public offering		2,114	1,389	-
(-) Litigation-related charges <sup>(1)</sup>	_	1,864	-	-
(-) Expenses related to debt modification	_	473	-	-
(-) Expenses associated with the material weakness remediation <sup>(2)</sup>	_	1,347	-	2,063
(-) Acquisition related costs	_	277	-	446
(-) Depreciation expense	1,860	1,358	376	383
(-) Amortization of intangibles assets	37,840	37,639	9,419	9,407
Non-GAAP general and administrative	\$36,261	\$40,761	\$9,466	\$9,563
GAAP general and administrative as a % of revenue	31%	37%	32%	34%
Non-GAAP general and administrative as a % of revenue	12%	13%	12%	12%

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## Financial Reconciliations (Cont'd)

#### **Non-GAAP Research and Development Expense**

(\$ in thousands)	2023A	2024A	Q1'24A	Q1'25A
Research and development	\$47,517	\$39,454	\$9,485	\$10,912
(-) Share-based compensation expense	7,060	9,663	1,502	2,995
(-) Employer payroll taxes on employee stock transactions	189	383	121	158
Non-GAAP research and development	\$40,268	\$29,408	\$7,862	\$7,759
GAAP research and development as a % of revenue	16%	12%	12%	13%
Non-GAAP research and development as a % of revenue	13%	9%	10%	10%

#### **Non-GAAP Sales and Marketing Expense**

(\$ in thousands)	2023A	2024A	Q1'24A	Q1'25A
Sales and marketing	\$35,792	\$43,182	\$10,536	\$11,603
(-) Share-based compensation expense	3,849	7,010	1,259	2,119
(-) Employer payroll taxes on employee stock transactions	95	286	117	129
Non-GAAP sales and marketing	\$31,848	\$35,886	\$9,160	\$9,355
GAAP sales and marketing as a % of revenue	12%	14%	14%	14%
Non-GAAP sales and marketing as a % of revenue	10%	11%	12%	11%

## **Balance Sheet Highlights**

(\$ in thousands)	2023A	2024A	Q1'25A
Total current assets	\$124,427	\$138,160	\$175,607
Property and equipment, net	3,337	2,167	1,893
Intangible assets, net	251,060	201,522	188,899
Goodwill	610,063	610,063	610,063
Other assets	7,364	9,421	10,496
Total assets	\$996,251	\$961,333	\$986,958
Total current liabilities	\$55,844	\$57,029	\$79,022
Long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs	420,004	464,922	463,989
Other liabilities	12,156	11,889	12,010
Total liabilities	\$488,004	\$533,840	\$555,021
Total stockholders' equity	508,247	427,493	431,937
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$996,251	\$961,333	\$986,958

## FCF & Net Leverage

#### **Free Cash Flow**

(\$ in thousands)	2023A	2024A	Q1'24A	Q1'25A
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$67,964	\$77,802	\$29,038	\$42,350
(-) Capital expenditures	943	367	92	96
(-) Capitalized software	9,250	7,092	1,837	1,620
Non-GAAP free cash flow	\$57,771	\$70,343	\$27,109	\$40,634
Net cash provided by operating activities as a % of revenue	22%	25%	37%	52%
Free cash flow as a % of revenue	19%	22%	35%	50%

#### **Net Leverage**

(\$ in thousands)	2023A	2024A	Q1'25A
Term loan	\$427,388	\$472,728	\$471,537
(-) Debt issuance costs	3,842	4,128	3,870
(-) Cash and cash equivalents	80,441	92,765	128,895
Net Leverage	\$343,105	\$375,835	\$338,772
LTM Adjusted EBITDA	112,990	130,704	133,779
Leverage multiple	3.0x	2.9x	(2.5x)

## Financial Supplement

#### **Annual Recurring Revenue (ARR)**<sup>1</sup>

	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025
Lending software solutions	\$185.5	\$186.4	\$188.1	\$189.2	\$191.1	\$193.7	\$195.5	\$199.8	\$204.7
Data verification software solutions	\$ 73.4	\$ 71.3	\$ 69.3	\$ 68.4	\$ 65.3	\$ 63.6	\$ 63.8	\$ 64.4	\$ 61.9
Total	\$258.9	\$257.7	\$257.4	\$257.5	\$256.4	\$257.3	\$259.3	\$264.2	\$266.7

#### **Net Retention Rate (NRR)**<sup>2</sup>

	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025
Lending software solutions	113.3%	108.9%	106.0%	101.4%	101.1%	101.9%	101.9%	104.5%	106.3%
Data verification software solutions	84.0%	83.5%	84.3%	88.5%	90.3%	89.9%	92.0%	93.9%	94.5%
Total	102.6%	100.0%	98.8%	97.5%	98.1%	98.6%	99.2%	101.6%	103.3%

#### **Total Customer<sup>3</sup> Count**

	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025
Lending software solutions	1,603	1,594	1,588	1,567	1,555	1,544	1,531	1,520	1,520
Data verification software solutions	430	436	435	429	430	430	430	432	425
Total	2,033	2,030	2,023	1,996	1,985	1,974	1,961	1,952	1,945

#### **Organic Customer Growth Rate<sup>4</sup>**

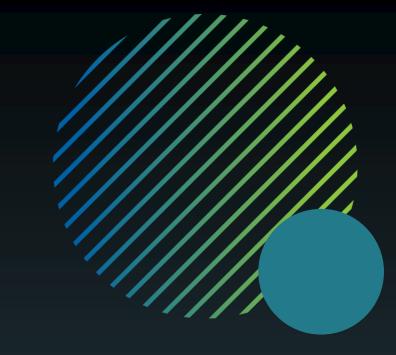
	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025
Lending software solutions	1.5%	0.1%	(0.9)%	(2.4)%	(3.0)%	(3.1)%	(3.6)%	(3.0)%	(2.3)%
Data verification software solutions	1.9%	2.1%	0.9%	0.5%	_	(1.4)%	(1.1)%	0.7%	(1.2)%
Total	1.6%	0.5%	(0.5)%	(1.8)%	(2.4)%	(2.8)%	(3.1)%	(2.2)%	(2.0)%

<sup>(1)</sup> Annual Recurring Revenue, or ARR, is calculated as the total subscription fee revenues calculated in the latest twelve-month measurement period for those revenue-generating entities in place throughout the entire twelve-month measurement period plus the subscription fee revenues calculated on an annualized basis from new entity activations in the measurement period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net Retention Rate, or NRR, is calculated as the total ARR in the latest twelve-month period from the revenue-generating entities in place as of the prior-year period, expressed as a percentage of the total ARR for the prior-year period from the same cohort of entities.

<sup>(3)</sup> Customer defined as a legal entity that has a contractual relationship with us to use our software solutions.

<sup>(4)</sup> Organic Customer Growth Rate is the percentage increase in the number of total customers on the last day of the measurement period compared to the number of total customers on the day twelve months prior to the measurement date, which measures the change in total customers, net of both customer terminations and customer additions between the respective measurement periods.



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