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MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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On January 14, 2025, members of the management team of Matthews International Corporation delivered the attached presentation to the Needham Growth Conference. A copy of the presentation can be found below.



TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

TRANSACTION SUMMARY

- Matthews to sell SGK Brand Solutions ("SGK") to a newly formed entity created by affiliates of SGS & Co ("SGS")
- Combination of SGS and SGK represents a world-class leader in brand experience and technologyenabled brand solutions
 - Combined enterprise value of approximately \$900 million, representing an adjusted trailing-twelvemonths EBITDA multiple of 9.0x
- Expected to achieve over \$50 million in annual run-rate cost synergies
- Matthews to realize upfront consideration of \$350 million at closing while still benefiting from synergydriven value creation
 - Consideration includes \$250 million cash at closing, \$50 million of preferred equity in the new entity, and approximately \$50 million in trade receivables under the Matthews' securitization program which Matthews will retain
- Matthews will also receive a 40% interest in the common equity of the new entity, creating opportunity for retained upside
- Matthews will also retain its German roto-gravure packaging business and other related investments currently within the SGK Brand Solutions reporting segment
- Matthews to utilize cash proceeds predominantly for immediate debt repayment

CLOSING CONDITIONS

Transaction expected to close by mid-2025 pending customary regulatory approvals



PROACTIVELY ADVANCING MATTHEWS' STRATEGY



TRANSACTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Transaction values the SGK business at 9.0x adjusted trailing-twelve-months EBITDA, a premium to its existing multiple
- The combination provides the opportunity to realize substantial run-rate cost synergies of over \$50 million annually
 - Given the potential to create substantial value for shareholders through the realization of synergies, Matthews is retaining a 40% common equity stake in the new entity
- The transaction better positions the new entity to deliver the cutting-edge solutions that clients demand, and to further penetrate the market for marketing execution services
- Provides a pathway for a full exit of the SGK business at an attractive valuation
- Net cash proceeds from the transaction will predominantly be used to delever, while other consideration will be used to reduce debt as it is received
- Pro-forma for the transaction, Matthews' LTM net leverage will be less than 3.0x
- Gary R. Kohl, current President of SGK, will lead the new entity as CEO, and Matthew T. Gresge, the current CEO of SGS, will become Executive Chairman of the Board of the new company



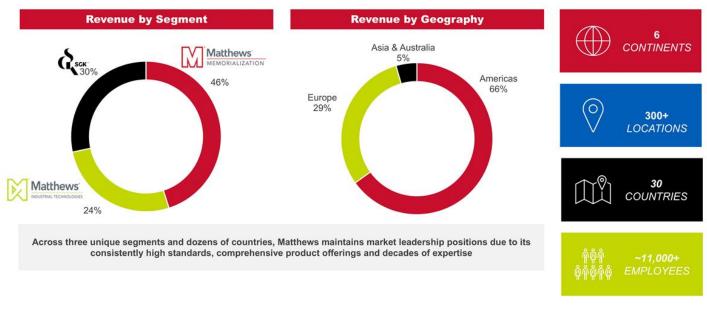
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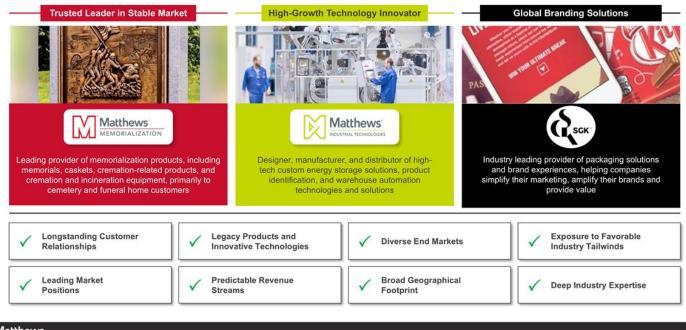
MATW: INNOVATION FROM OUR ROOTS



Note: Revenue segmentation charts reflect FYE 2024

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A PLATFORM FOR CONTINUED EVOLUTION AND GROWTH



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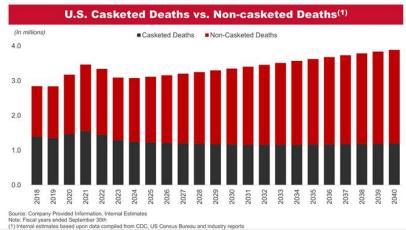
PRODUCTS & SOLUTIONS



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STRONG AND PREDICTABLE BASE BUSINESS WITH **GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES**

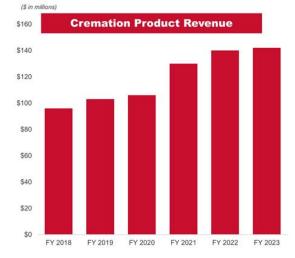
- · Large and steadily growing addressable market with relatively stable demand
- Cremation products represent a large and steadily growing market in the U.S.
- In addition to cremation equipment, Matthews is well-positioned to benefit from market shifts toward cremation memorials with various offerings such as urns, niches and cremation gardens
- · Matthews is differentiated from competitors by its distribution footprint and breadth of product offering



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Significant and growing position in cremation products and equipment with average annual growth of ~9% for 2018-2023



INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES

Creators of world-leading energy and converting technologies

Matthews Engineering

Over 70 years of experiences as a production equipment manufacturer, offering advanced calendering and processing systems, coating lines, rotary embossing, cutting cylinders and assembly and production lines

Matthews Industrial Automation

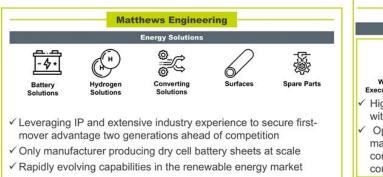
Designs manufacturing technologies and solutions for industrial automation applications that mark, identify, track, control and pick products at the highest levels of accuracy

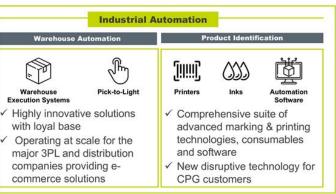
1,700+ **EMPLOYEES**

11 COUNTRIES 31 LOCATIONS WORLDWIDE



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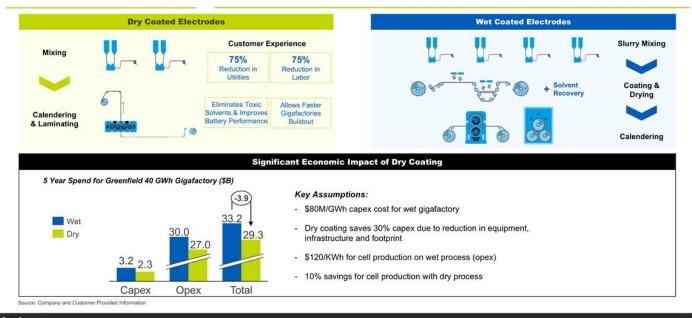
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MULTIPLE INDUSTRY TAILWINDS DRIVING GROWTH POTENTIAL



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DBE PROCESS OFFERS SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGES



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SGK BRAND SOLUTIONS

Creators of experiences and solutions, we simplify marketing and amplify brands

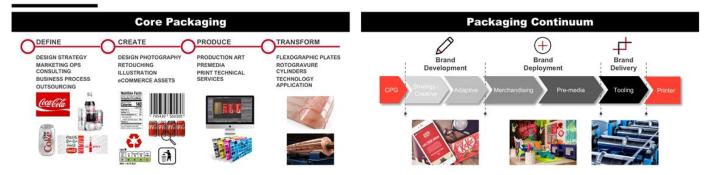
SGK Brand Solutions connects many of the largest global consumer products companies through every step of the packaging continuum – from brand development and creative stages to the adaptation necessary for deployment and bringing a range of products to market

Our marketing and technological capabilities have created a sustainable competitive advantage for major brands across the CPG, health, retail, and lifestyle sectors built on differentiation.





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LONGSTANDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE WORLD'S LEADING BRANDS

Food & Beverage Clients	Global Pharma/ Healthcare Clients	Global Retailer Clients	Other Leading Brands
Nestie Kelloggis CAMPARI	ASCENSIA Lilly	Walmart 🔆 🥨	PHILIP MORRIS É P&G
Campbella PEPSICO DANONE	Medtronic Care	MARKS amazon Sins Dollar	Öwergiezt bp 🌞 🖪 🕔
Mondelēz, DIAGEO KIND	Johnson Johnson AstraZeneca		
FERRERO Eneral (Horize)		Detailresult GIANT	AIRFRANCE SHEETZ
HEINEKEN FEVER-TREE	AMGEN NONGHE PROKISE	Conceptions Groep	
	Market A	nalysis	

✓ Depth of services and ability to navigate complexity creates strong, lasting customer relationships

V Matthews' standardized best practices have been implemented across its vast footprint, ensuring high quality and brand consistency for the world's most iconic brands

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Source: Company Provided Inform



FINANCIAL **OVERVIEW**



Q4 & YTD FY2024 SUMMARY

(\$ in millions except per-share amounts)

	(24 2023		Q4 2024
Sales	\$	480.2	\$	446.7
Gross Margin		31.4	%	26.3 %
Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share	\$	0.56	\$	(2.21)
Non-GAAP Adjusted EPS*	\$	0.96	\$	0.55
Net Earnings (Loss) Attributable to Matthews	\$	17.7	\$	(68.2)
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$	61.9	\$	58.1

YTD YTD 2024 YTD 2023 Sales \$ 1,880.9 \$ 1,795.7 Gross Margin 30.7 % 29.5 % Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share \$ 1.26 \$ (1.93) Non-GAAP Adjusted EPS* \$ 2.88 \$ 2.17 Net Earnings (Loss) Attributable to Matthews \$ 39.3 \$ (59.7)Adjusted EBITDA* \$ 225.8 \$ 205.2

4th Quarter ("Q4") Highlights

- Sales
 - SGK Brand Solutions segment current quarter sales higher than a year ago
 - · Lower sales for the Industrial Technologies segment

GAAP EPS

 Reflects asset write-downs, including a goodwill impairment charge, and charges in connection with cost reduction programs

Adjusted EBITDA

 Lower adjusted EBITDA, primarily in the Industrial Technologies segment

Adjusted EPS

Lower adjusted EBITDA and higher interest expense

* See supplemental slides for Adjusted EPS and Adjusted EBITDA reconciliations, and other important disclaimers regarding Matthews' use of Non-GAAP measures

MEMORIALIZATION



Sales

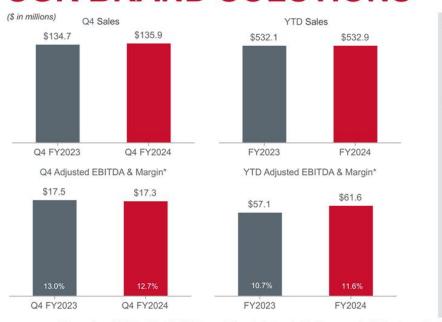
- Benefits from recent acquisitions, improved price realization, and higher mausoleum sales
- U.S. death rates have normalized from higher pandemic levels, impacting unit volumes

Adjusted EBITDA

- Higher Q4 adjusted EBITDA despite lower unit volumes
- Higher material and labor costs
- Improved price realization and productivity initiatives

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SGK BRAND SOLUTIONS



Q4 sales growth, primarily reflecting higher sales in the private-label and merchandising businesses, and improved pricing to help mitigate inflationary cost increases

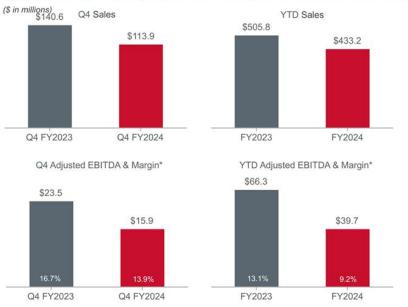
Adjusted EBITDA

- Higher YTD adjusted EBITDA
- Favorable impacts of cost reduction initiatives
- Higher labor-related costs

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INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES



Sales

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- Energy storage sales impacted by customer delays
- Warehouse automation sales unfavorably impacted by market conditions

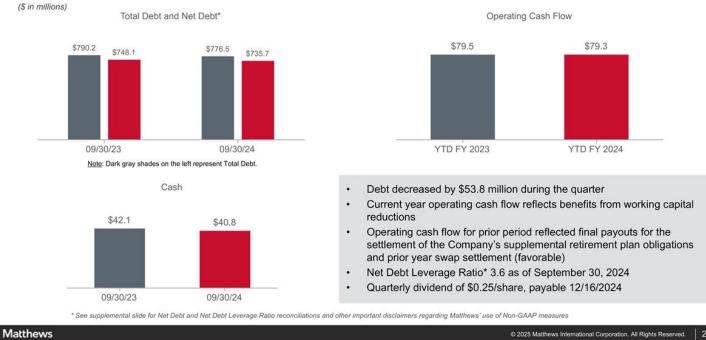
Adjusted EBITDA

- Primarily impacted by lower engineered
 products and warehouse automation sales
- Lower performance-based compensation and benefits from cost-reduction initiatives

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CAPITALIZATION AND CASH FLOWS



CAPITAL ALLOCATION

SUPPORT LONG-TERM GROWTH	SUPPORT	LONG	-TERM	GRO	NTH
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- Continue organic growth leveraging and innovating existing capability thru extending market reach, investing in
 productivity, and new product development
- Acquire and integrate complementary businesses with prudent capital deployment (achieve long-term annual return on invested capital of at least 12%)

CONTINUE DEBT REDUCTION

- Publicly stated Net Debt Leverage Ratio (1) target of 3.0x or less
- Optimal mix of bonds, loans, flexible borrowing

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RETURN CASH TO SHAREHOLDERS

- Quarterly dividend of \$0.25 per share for FY2024
- Opportunistically repurchase shares in periods of excess cash flow
- Authorization of 1.1 million shares at September 30, 2024

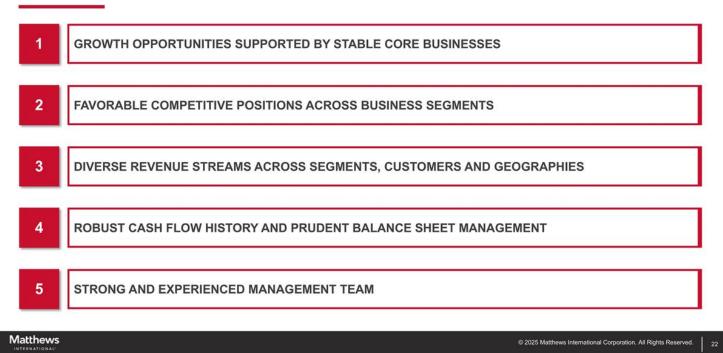
Note: See Disclaimer for Management's assessment of supplemental information related to non-GAAP net debt leverage ratio. (1) Non-GAAP net debt leverage ratio is defined as outstanding debt (net of cash) relative to adjusted EBITDA. See appendix for reconciliation.

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KEY INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS





APPENDIX: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

RECONCILIATIONS OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Included in this report are measures of financial performance that are not defined by GAAP, including, without limitation, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted net income and EPS, constant currency sales, constant currency adjusted EBITDA, and net debt and net debt leverage ratio. The Company defines net debt leverage ratio as outstanding debt (net of cash) relative to adjusted EBITDA. The Company uses non-GAAP financial measures to assist in comparing its performance on a consistent basis for purposes of business decision-making by removing the impact of certain items that management believes do not directly reflect the Company's core operations including acquisition and divestiture costs, ERP integration costs, strategic initiative and other charges (which includes non-recurring charges related to operational initiatives and exit activities), stock-based compensation and the nonservice portion of pension and postretirement expense. Constant currency sales and constant currency adjusted EBITDA removes the impact of changes due to foreign exchange translation rates. To calculate sales and adjusted EBITDA on a constant currency basis, amounts for periods in the current fiscal year are translated into U.S. dollars using exchange rates applicable to the comparable periods of the prior fiscal year. Management believes that presenting non-GAAP financial measures is useful to investors because it (i) provides investors with meaningful supplemental information regarding financial performance by excluding certain items that management believes do not directly reflect the Company's core operations, (ii) permits investors to view performance using the same tools that management uses to budget, forecast, make operating and strategic decisions, and evaluate historical performance, and (iii) otherwise provides supplemental information that may be useful to investors in evaluating the Company's results. The Company's calculations of its non-GAAP financial measures, however, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. The Company believes that the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures, when considered together with the corresponding GAAP financial measures and the reconciliations to those measures, provided herein, provide investors with an additional understanding of the factors and trends affecting the Company's business that could not be obtained absent these disclosures.

ADJUSTED EBITDA

NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION (Unaudited) (In thousands)

NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION (Unaudited) (In thousands)	nds) Three Months Ended September 30,			Year Ended September 30,					
	2024 2023			2024		2023			
Net (loss) income	\$	(68,161)	\$	17,693	\$	(59,660)	\$	39,136	
Income tax provision (benefit)		680		(2,362)		(9,997)		1,774	
(Loss) income before income taxes	\$	(67,481)	\$	15,331	\$	(69,657)	\$	40,910	
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests				30				155	
Interest expense, including RPA and factory financing fees (1)		14,825		12,746		55,364		48,690	
Depreciation and amortization *		24,329		24,717		94,770		96,530	
Acquisition and divestiture related items (2)**		11		848		5,576		5,293	
Strategic initiatives and other charges (3) ** 1		48,458		6,168		65,586		13,923	
Highly inflationary accounting impacts (primarily non-cash) (4)		132		(1,714)		1,027		1,360	
Goodwill and asset write-downs (5)		33,574		_		33,574		_	
Stock-based compensation		4,169		3,673		18,478		17,308	
Non-service pension and postretirement expense (8)	72	112	6A	84		439		1,640	
Total Adjusted EBITDA	\$	58,129	\$	61.883	5	205.157	5	225.809	
Adjusted EBITDA margin		13.0 %		12.9 %		11.4 %		12.0 %	

(1) Includes fees for receivables sold under the RPA and factoring arrangements totaling \$1,192 and \$1,284 for the three months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,830 and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,800 and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and \$4,042 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 for the fiscal years ended Septe

¹Includes certain non-recurring costs associated with recent acquisition and divestiture activities, and also includes a gain of ^{\$18,87} for the three months and fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 related to the divestiture of a business in the Industrial Technologies segment

(1) Includes certain non-recurring costs associated with commercial, operational and cost-reduction initiatives and costs associated with global ERP system integration efforts. Fiscal 2024 also includes legal costs related to an ongoing dispute with Tesla, which totaled ^{41,24} and for the three months and fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, respectively. Fiscal 2023 includes loss recoveries totaling \$2,154 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, which were related to a previously disclosed theft of funds by a former employee initially identified i 2015.

(4) Represents exchange gains and losses associated with highly inflationary accounting related to the Company's Turkish subsidiaries.

(5) Fiscal 2024 includes goodwill write-downs within the Industrial Technologies segment of \$16,727, asset write-downs within the Memorialization segment of \$13,716, and investment write-downs within Corporate and Non-operating of \$3, 131.

¹⁰ Non-service pension and postretirement expense includes interest cost, expected return on plan assets, amortization of actuarial gains and losses, cutatiment gains and losses, and settlement gains and losses. These benefit cost components are excluded from adjusted EBITDA since they generally industries and interest (discourt) rates. Cutatiment gains and losses and settlement gains and losses are excluded from adjusted EBITDA since they generally result from cating rates. Cutatiment gains and losses and settlement gains and losses are excluded from adjusted EBITDA since they generally result from cating rates. Cutatiment gains and losses and settlement gains and losses are excluded from adjusted EBITDA since they generally result from cating rates. Cutatiment gains and losses for pension and postretirement expense are included in the calculation of adjusted EBITDA, since they are considered to be a better effection of the organing service-related costs of providing these benefits. Please note that GAAP pension and postretirement expense or the digustment above are not necessarily indicative of the current or future cash flow requirements related to these emflowes benefit pans.

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ADJUSTED NET INCOME AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION (Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,							Year Ended September 30,							
	2024			~	2023			2024			2023	13			
		pe	r share	_	pe	r share	-	pe	r share		pe	er share			
Net income (loss) attributable to Matthews	\$	(68,161) \$	(2.21)	\$	17,723 \$	0.56	\$	(59,660) \$	(1.93)	\$	39,291 \$	1.26			
Acquisition and divestiture items (1)		837	0.03		1,626	0.05		4,873	0.16		4,874	0.15			
Strategic initiatives and other charges (2)		41,261	1.35		4,702	0.15		57,073	1.85		11,771	0.38			
Highly inflationary accounting impacts (primarily non-cash) (3)		132	_		(1,714)	(0.05)		1,027	0.03		1,360	0.04			
Goodwill and asset write-downs (4)		32,784	1.06		-	_		32,784	1.06		-	_			
Non-service pension and postretirement expense (5)		83	-		63	—		329	0.01		1,230	0.04			
Intangible amortization expense		6,924	0.23		7,927	0.25		27,767	0.90		31,551	1.01			
Tax-related (6)	~	2,703	0.09		_	_		2,839	0.09		_	_			
Adjusted net income	\$	16,563 \$	0.55	\$	30,327 \$	0.96	\$	67,032 \$	2.17	\$	90,077 \$	2.88			

Note: Adjustments to net income for non-GAAP reconciling items were calculated using an income tax rate of 7.4% and 26.9%, for the three months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and 11.5% and 25.7% for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 and 2033, respectively. The difference between the Company's income tax rates on adjusted net income for fiscal 2024 compared to fiscal 2023 was primarily caused by the foreign net operating losses with full valuation allowances and nondeductible goodwill impairment charges in the current fiscal year.

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(1) The three months and fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 includes \$2,703 of tax-related items incurred in connection with restructuring that resulted in a deferred tax asset write-off. Fiscal 2024 includes \$136 of tax-related items incurred in connection with the derecognition of deferred tax assets for a joint venture that is being terminated.

* Per share amounts based on the diluted shares for each respective period.

* See Disclaimer for Management's assessment of supplemental information related to adjusted net income and adjusted EPS

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CONSTANT CURRENCY SALES AND ADJUSTED EBITDA

NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Me	morialization		Industrial Technologies		SGK Brand Solutions	C	orporate and Non- Operating	 Consolidated
Reported sales for the quarter ended September 30, 2024	\$	196,840	\$	113,915	\$	135,940	\$	_	\$ 446,695
Changes in foreign exchange translation rates	30	(107)		(783)	1	237		_	(653)
Constant currency sales for the quarter ended September 30, 2024	\$	196,733	\$	113,132	\$	136,177	\$		\$ 446,042
Reported sales for the year ended September 30, 2024	\$	829,731	\$	433,156	\$	532,850	\$	_	\$ 1,795,737
Changes in foreign exchange translation rates		(362)	1	(4,060)		3,110			 (1,312)
Constant currency sales for the year ended September 30, 2024	\$	829,369	\$	429,096	\$	535,960	\$		\$ 1,794,425
Reported adjusted EBITDA for the quarter ended September 30, 2024	\$	40,535	\$	15,870	\$	17,303	\$	(15,579)	\$ 58,129
Changes in foreign exchange translation rates		17		(76)		(187)		29	 (217)
Constant currency adjusted EBITDA for the quarter ended September 30, 2024	\$	40,552	\$	15,794	\$	17,116	\$	(15,550)	\$ 57,912
Reported adjusted EBITDA for the year ended September 30, 2024	\$	162,586	\$	39,716	\$	61,620	\$	(58,765)	\$ 205,157
Changes in foreign exchange translation rates		139		(367)	i	113		82	(33)
Constant currency adjusted EBITDA for the year ended September 30, 2024	\$	162,725	\$	39,349	\$	61,733	\$	(58,683)	\$ 205,124

* See Disclaimer for Management's assessment of supplemental information related to constant currency sales.

NET DEBT

NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Septer	September 30, 2024			
Long-term debt, current maturities	\$	6,853	\$	3,696	
Long-term debt		769,614		786,484	
Total debt		776,467		790,180	
Less: Cash and cash equivalents		(40,816)	3 0	(42,101)	
Net Debt	\$	735,651	\$	748,079	
Adjusted EBITDA	<u></u> \$	205,157	\$	225,809	
Net Debt Leverage Ratio	5	3.6	\$	3.3	

* See Disclaimer for Management's assessment of supplemental information related to net debt.

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Forward-looking Information

Any forward-looking statements contained in this release are included pursuant to the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the expectations, hopes, beliefs, intentions or strategies of the Company regarding the future, including statements regarding the anticipated timing and benefits of the proposed joint venture transaction, and may be identified by the use of words subter to has "expectat." Thereds, "projects," "anticipates," "forecasts," "protects," "anticists", "topetinal," "outlook," "may," will," "could" or the negative of these terms, other comparable terminology and variations thereof. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the Company's results to different thorm thangement's expectations, and no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove correct. Factors that could cause the Company's results to different terminology and variations thereof. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the Company's results to different terminolities regarding thrue anticipated terminology and variations that may be taken by Barington in furtherance of its intention to nominate director candidates for election at the Company's participation accused by Barington's actions that may be taken by Barington in furtherance of its intention to nominate director candidates for election at the Company's operations due to environmental laws and regulations, disruptions to certain services, such as telecommunications, network server maintenance, cloud computing or transaction processing services, provided to the Company's operations and divestitures, cybersecurity concerns and costs arising with management of cybersecurity threats, of there do marker is concerns, and or pricing as a result of consolidation in the industries in which the Company's operations, in correasing enviro

Included in this report are measures of financial performance that are not defined by generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"). The Company uses non-GAAP financial measures to assist in comparing its performance on a consistent basis for purposes of business decision-making by removing the impact of certain items that management believes do not directly reflect the Company's core operations including acquisition and divestiture costs, strategic initiative and other charges (which includes non-recurring charges related to certain items that management believes and exit activities), stock-based compensation and the non-service portion of pension and postreliement expense. Management believes that presenting non-GAAP financial measures is useful to investors because it (i) provides investors with meaningful supplemental information regarding financial performance by excluding certain items that management believes do not directly reflect the Company's core operations, (ii) permits investors to view performance using the same tools that management uses to budget, forecast, make operating and trategic decisions, and evaluate historical performance, and (iii) otherwise provides supplemental information that may be useful to investors to view performance using the company's results. The Company's helieves that the presentation of these on-GAAP financial measures and the reconciliations to those measures, provided herein, provides investors with an additional understanding of the factors and trends affecting the Company's investors with an additional understanding of the factors and trends and the resonance to the exercision.

The Company believes that adjusted EBITDA provides relevant and useful information, which is used by the Company's management in assessing the performance of its business. Adjusted EBITDA is defined by the Company as earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation, amortization and certain non-cash and/or non-recurring items that do not contribute directly to management's evaluation of its operating results. These items include stock-based compensation, the non-service portion of pension and postretirement expense, acquisition and direstiture costs, ERP integration costs, and strategic initiatives and other charges. Adjusted EBITDA provides the Company with an understanding of earnings before the impact of investing and financing charges and income taxes, and the effects to cleratin acquisition and divestiture and ERP integration costs, and items that do not reflect the ordinary earnings of the Company's operations. This areasure may be useful to an investor in evaluating operating performance. It is also useful as a financial measure for lenders and is used by the Company's management to measure business performance. Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of the Company's financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to not income or other performance measures derived in accordance with GAAP, or as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities as a measure of the Company's liquidity. The Company's definition of adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

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The Company has presented constant currency sales and constant currency adjusted EBITDA and believes these measures provide relevant and useful information, which is used by the Company's management in assessing the performance of its business on a consistent basis by removing the impact of changes due to foreign exchange translation rates. These measures allow management, as well as investors, to assess the Company's sales and adjusted EBITDA on a constant currency basis.

The Company has also presented adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share and believes each measure provides relevant and useful information, which is widely used by analysts and investors, as well as by the Company's management in assessing the performance of its business. Adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share provides the Company with an understanding of the results from the primary operations of our business by excluding the effects of certain acquisition, divestiture, and system-integration costs, and items that do not reflect the ordinary earnings of our operations. These measures provide management with insight into the earning value for shareholders excluding certain costs, not related to the Company's primary operations. Likewise, these measures may be useful to an investor in evaluating the underlying operating performance of the Company's business overall, as well as performance trends, on a consistent basis.

Lastly, the Company has presented net debt and a net debt leverage ratio and believes each measure provides relevant and useful information, which is widely used by analysts and investors as well as by our management. These measures provide management with insight on the indebtedness of the Company, net of cash and cash equivalents and relative to adjusted EBITDA. These measures allow management, as well as analysis and investors, to assess the Company's leverage.

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Additional Information

In connection with the Company's 2025 Annual Meeting, the Company has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and commenced mailing to the shareholders of record entitled to vote at the 2025 Annual Meeting a definitive proxy statement and other documents, including a WHITE proxy card. SHAREHOLDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT (INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) FILED BY THE COMPANY AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WHEN FILED WITH THE SEC AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THOSE DOCUMENTS WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and other interested parties will be able to obtain the documents free of charge at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov, or from the Company at its website: http://www.matw.com/investors/sec-filings. You may also obtain copies of the Company's definitive proxy statement and other documents, free of charge, by contacting the Company's Investor Relations Department at Matthews International Corporation, Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212-5851, Attention: Investor Relations, telephone (412) 442-8200.

Participants in the Solicitation

The participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the 2025 Annual Meeting are the Company, Alvaro Garcia-Tunon, Gregory S. Babe, Joseph C. Bartolacci, Katherine E. Dietze, Terry L. Dunlap, Lillian D. Etzkorn, Morgan K. O'Brien, J. Michael Nauman, Aleta W. Richards, David A. Schawk, Jerry R. Whitaker, Francis S. Wlodarczyk, Steven F. Nicola and Brian D. Walters.

Certain information about the compensation of the Company's named executive officers and non-employee directors and the participants' holdings of the Company's Common Stock is set forth in the sections entitled 'Compensation of Directors' (on page 36 and available here), 'Stock Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management' (on page 64 and available here), 'Executive Compensation and Retirement Benefits' (on page 66 and available here), and 'Appendix A' (on page 4-1 and available here), nespectively, in the Company's definitive proxy statement, dated January 7, 2025, for its 2025 Annual Meeting as filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A, available here, Additional information regarding the interests of these participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the 2025 Annual Meeting and other relevant materials will be filed with the SEC when they become available. These documents are or will be available free of charge at the SEC's website at <u>www.sec.gov</u>.

