

Driven Brands Holdings Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2023 Results

--Fiscal 2023 revenue increased 13% powered by 7% same-store sales growth and 4% net store growth----Achieved 12 consecutive quarters of same store sales growth----Issues fiscal year 2024 financial outlook--

Charlotte, N.C. (February 22, 2024) - Driven Brands Holdings Inc. (NASDAQ: DRVN) ("Driven Brands" or the "Company") today reported financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 30, 2023.

Fiscal Year 2023 Highlights

For the fiscal year, Driven Brands delivered revenue of \$2.3 billion, up 13% versus the prior year. System-wide sales were \$6.3 billion, up 12% versus the prior year driven by 7% same-store sales growth and 4% net store growth. The Company added 183 net new stores during fiscal 2023.

During the fiscal year, the Company recognized an \$851.0 million non-cash goodwill impairment in the Car Wash segment as well as \$132.9 million in non-cash asset impairment charges and lease terminations. These drove a Net Loss of \$745.0 million or a Net Loss of \$4.53 per diluted share versus Net Income of \$43.2 million or Net Income of \$0.25 per diluted share in the prior year. Adjusted Net Income¹ was \$155.9 million and Adjusted EPS¹ was \$0.93, a decrease of 25% and 24%, respectively from the prior year. Adjusted EBITDA¹ was \$535.1 million, up 4% versus the prior year. Cash provided by operating activities increased 19% to \$235.2 million compared to \$197.2 million in the prior year.

"We are happy to announce that we delivered on our updated 2023 outlook for all financial metrics, while also pivoting our strategy and adapting to the dynamic market. In the fourth quarter, our performance was driven by strong execution in our Maintenance segment, specifically in our industry-leading Take 5 Oil Change business, and we're encouraged by the progress made in our U.S. Glass and U.S. Car Wash businesses," said Jonathan Fitzpatrick, President and Chief Executive Officer.

"Our goals in the second half of 2023 were to deliver on our full-year outlook and set ourselves up for a successful 2024, and we did just that. In 2024, we are focused on accelerating growth, reducing debt, and making sure that Driven has the right assets to execute on both our short- and long-term goals," Fitzpatrick concluded.

Fourth Quarter 2023 Highlights

For the fourth quarter, Driven Brands delivered revenue of \$553.7 million, up 3% versus the prior year. Systemwide sales were \$1.5 billion, up 3% versus the prior year driven by 4% same-store sales growth. Net Loss was \$13.1 million or a Net Loss of \$0.08 per diluted share versus Net Income of \$27.4 million, or \$0.16 per diluted share in the prior year. Adjusted Net Income was \$30.7 million and Adjusted EPS was \$0.19, a decrease of 27%

and 24%, respectively from the prior year. Adjusted EBITDA was \$129.0 million, down 1% versus the prior year.

Fiscal Year 2023 Key Performance Indicators by Segment

	System-wide Sales (in millions)	Store Count	Same-Store Sales	Revenue (in millions)	Segment Adjusted EBITDA ¹ (in millions)
Maintenance	\$ 1,899.8	1,786	9.2 %	\$ 960.4	\$ 332.8
Car Wash	591.8	1,108	(5.6)%	597.7	143.0
Paint, Collision & Glass	3,389.6	1,888	11.4 %	500.4	141.5
Platform Services ²	402.6	206	N/A	216.0	80.6
Corporate / Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	29.5	
Total	\$ 6,283.7	4,988	7.4 %	\$ 2,304.0	

Fourth Quarter 2023 Key Performance Indicators by Segment

	System-wide Sales (in millions)	Store Count	Same-Store Sales	Revenue (in millions)	Segment Adjusted EBITDA ¹ (in millions)
Maintenance	\$ 470.8	1,786	4.7 %	\$ 246.0	\$ 87.5
Car Wash	131.9	1,108	(3.3)%	133.2	31.0
Paint, Collision & Glass	835.3	1,888	6.4 %	117.0	31.7
Platform Services ²	74.7	206	N/A	50.7	18.6
Corporate / Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.7	
Total	\$ 1,512.7	4,988	3.9 %	\$ 553.7	

Capital and Liquidity

The Company ended the fourth quarter with total liquidity of \$319.0 million consisting of \$176.5 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$142.5 million of undrawn capacity on its variable funding securitization senior notes and revolving credit facility. This does not include the additional \$135.0 million Series 2022 Class A-1 Notes that expand the Company's variable funding note borrowing capacity when the Company elects to exercise them, assuming certain conditions continue to be met.

Fiscal Year 2024 Outlook

Beginning in fiscal 2024, the Company changed its definitions for Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EPS, and Adjusted EBITDA. Specifically, the Company will no longer include straight-line rent adjustments in its non-GAAP adjustments. See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below for additional details of these changes and a reconciliation of the definitions prior to fiscal 2024 to allow for like-for-like comparisons to the new definitions for all periods presented.

The table below sets forth the Company's fiscal year 2023 results and 2024 outlook using the revised methodology to calculate Adjusted EBITDA, and Adjusted EPS.

	2023 Results	2024 Outlook
Revenue	\$2.30 billion	~\$2.35 - \$2.45 billion
Adjusted EBITDA ¹	\$516.9 million	~\$535 - \$565 million
Adjusted EPS ¹	\$0.85	~\$0.88 - \$1.00

The Company also expects:

- Same-store sales growth of 3% to 5%
- Net new store growth of approximately 205 to 220
 - Maintenance: approximately 165 to 185 stores of which approximately 65% will be franchise and 35% company-operated
 - Car Wash: approximately 5 to 10 stores all from the international business
 - Paint Collision & Glass: approximately 25 to 35 stores of which approximately 85% will be franchise and 15% company-operated

The Company has not included future M&A in its outlook for fiscal year 2024.

¹ Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EPS, and Adjusted EBITDA are non-GAAP financial measures. Beginning in fiscal 2024, the company has made certain changes to how it defines these metrics that impact the comparability to prior periods. See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for additional information on changes to these non-GAAP financial measures, a reconciliation to the most comparable GAAP measures, and a reconciliation between the differences in metric definitions for all periods presented. Forward-looking estimates of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS are made in a manner consistent with the relevant definitions and assumptions noted herein.

² Platform Services same store sales were removed as a Key Performance Indicator as sales included within the calculation represented less than 20% of Platform Services revenue.

Conference Call

Driven Brands will host a conference call to discuss fourth quarter and year-end 2023 results today, Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. ET. The call will be available by webcast and can be accessed by visiting Driven Brands' Investor Relations website at investors.drivenbrands.com. A replay of the call will be available for at least three months.

About Driven Brands

Driven Brands[™], headquartered in Charlotte, NC, is the largest automotive services company in North America, providing a range of consumer and commercial automotive needs, including paint, collision, glass, vehicle repair, oil change, maintenance and car wash. Driven Brands is the parent company of some of North America's leading automotive service businesses including Take 5 Oil Change[®], Take 5 Car Wash[®], Meineke Car Care Centers[®], Maaco[®], 1-800-Radiator & A/C[®], Auto Glass Now[®], and CARSTAR[®]. Driven Brands has approximately 5,000 locations across 13 countries, and services over 70 million vehicles annually. Driven Brands' network generates approximately \$2.3 billion in annual revenue from approximately \$6.3 billion in system-wide sales.

Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "likely," "may," "plan," "possible," "potential," "predict," "project," "should," "target," "will," "would" and, in each case, their negative or other various or comparable terminology. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this Press Release, including statements regarding our strategy, future operations, future financial position, future revenue, projected costs, prospects, trends, plans, objectives of management, impact of accounting standards and outlook, impairments, and expected market growth are forward-looking statements. In particular, forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements relating to: (i) our strategy, outlook and growth prospects; (ii) our operational and financial targets and dividend policy; (iii) general economic trends and trends in the industry and markets; (iv) the risks and costs associated with the integration of, and our ability to integrate, our stores and business units successfully to achieve anticipated synergies; (v) the proper application of generally accepted accounting principles, which are highly complex and involve many subjective assumptions, estimates, and judgments and (vi) the competitive environment in which we operate. Forward-looking statements are not based on historical facts, but instead represent our current expectations and assumptions regarding our business, the economy and other future conditions, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. It is not

possible to predict or identify all such risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, the risk factors that are described under the section titled "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 as well as in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are available on its website at www.sec.gov. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

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DRIVEN BRANDS HOLDINGS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

		Three Mon	nths En	ded		Year Ended				
(in thousands, except per share amounts)	Dec	ember 30, 2023		mber 31, 2022	De	cember 30, 2023	Dec	cember 31, 2022		
Revenue:				<u></u>						
Franchise royalties and fees	\$	49,685	\$	43,434	\$	190,367	\$	171,734		
Company-operated store sales	•	366,668	,	366,921	•	1,526,353	•	1,324,408		
Independently-operated store sales		38,748		36,657		196,395		195,157		
Advertising contributions		25,303		23,943		98,850		87,750		
Supply and other revenue		73,273		68,698		292,064		254,145		
Total revenue		553,677		539,653		2,304,029		2,033,194		
Operating Expenses:		,				, ,		, ,		
Company-operated store expenses		241,741		231,894		1,004,472		812,262		
Independently-operated store expenses		21,983		22,544		109,078		107,940		
Advertising expenses		23,743		24,179		97,290		87,986		
Supply and other expenses		40,248		35,865		158,436		145,481		
Selling, general, and administrative expenses		110,957		110,821		443,112		383,478		
Acquisition related costs		5,910		5,323		13,174		15,304		
Store opening costs		2,057		953		5,831		2,878		
Depreciation and amortization		46,040		39,528		175,296		147,156		
Goodwill impairment						850,970				
Trade name impairment		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		, <u> </u>		125,450		
Asset impairment charges and lease terminations		15,453		2,745		132,903		5,655		
Total operating expenses		508,132		473,852		2,990,562		1,833,590		
Operating (loss) income		45,545		65,801		(686,533)		199,604		
Other expenses, net:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						·		
Interest expense, net		43,892		35,150		164,196		114,096		
(Gain) loss on foreign currency transactions		(3,081)		(13,322)		(3,078)		17,168		
Other expense, net		40,811		21,828		161,118		131,264		
(Loss) income before taxes		4,734		43,973		(847,651)		68,340		
Income tax (benefit) expense		17,883		16,575		(102,689)		25,167		
Net (loss) income		(13,149)		27,398		(744,962)		43,173		
Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest		_		_		_		(15)		
Net (loss) income attributable to Driven Brands Holdings Inc.	\$	(13,149)	\$	27,398	\$	(744,962)	\$	43,188		
(Loss) earnings per share:										
Basic	\$	(0.08)	\$	0.16	\$	(4.50)	\$	0.26		
Diluted	\$	(0.08)		0.16	\$	(4.53)		0.25		
Weighted average shares outstanding		(*****)				()				
Basic		159,573		162,744		161,917		162,762		
Diluted		159,573		166,810		161,917		166,743		

DRIVEN BRANDS HOLDINGS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)	Decen	nber 30, 2023	December 31, 2022		
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	176,522	\$	227,110	
Restricted cash		657		792	
Accounts and notes receivable, net		151,259		179,888	
Inventory		83,171		72,040	
Prepaid and other assets		46,714		40,084	
Income tax receivable		15,928		15,075	
Assets held for sale		301,229		_	
Advertising fund assets, restricted		45,627		36,421	
Total current assets		821,107		571,410	
Other assets		56,565		30,561	
Property and equipment, net		1,438,496		1,545,738	
Operating lease right-of-use assets		1,389,316		1,299,189	
Deferred commissions		6,312		7,121	
Intangibles, net		739,402		765,903	
Goodwill		1,455,946		2,277,065	
Deferred tax assets		3,660		2,911	
Total assets	\$	5,910,804	\$	6,499,898	
Liabilities and shareholders' equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	67,526	\$	60,606	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		242,171		317,318	
Income tax payable		5,404		4,454	
Current portion of long-term debt		32,673		32,986	
Income tax receivable liability		56,001		53,328	
Advertising fund liabilities		23,392		36,726	
Total current liabilities		427,167		505,418	
Long-term debt		2,910,812		2,705,281	
Deferred tax liabilities		154,742		276,749	
Operating lease liabilities		1,332,519		1,177,501	
Income tax receivable liability		117,915		117,915	
Deferred revenue		30,507		30,046	
Long-term accrued expenses and other liabilities		30,419		33,419	
Total liabilities		5,004,081		4,846,329	
Preferred Stock \$0.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding					
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 900,000,000 shares authorized: and 163,965,231 and 167,404,047 shares outstanding; respectively		1,640		1,674	
Additional paid-in capital		1,652,401		1,628,904	
Retained (deficit) earnings		(710,087)		84,795	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(37,875)		(62,435)	
Total shareholders' equity attributable to Driven Brands Holdings Inc.		906,079		1,652,938	
Non-controlling interests		644		631	
Total shareholders' equity		906,723		1,653,569	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	5,910,804	\$	6,499,898	

DRIVEN BRANDS HOLDINGS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

	Year Ended					
(in thousands)	Dec	ember 30, 2023	December 31 2022			
Net (loss) income	\$	(744,962)	\$ 43,1			
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		175,296	147,1			
Goodwill impairment		850,970				
Trade name impairment		_	125,4			
Equity-based compensation expense		15,300	20,5			
(Gain) loss on foreign denominated transactions		(2,022)	17,1			
(Gain) loss on foreign currency derivatives		(1,056)				
Loss (gain) on sale and disposal of businesses, fixed assets, and sale-leaseback transactions		4,909	(34,8			
Reclassification of interest rate hedge to income		(2,077)	(5 1,5			
Bad debt expense		1,938	5,7			
Asset impairment costs		132,903	5,6			
Amortization of deferred financing costs and bond discounts		10,307	8,4			
Benefit for deferred income taxes		(125,804)	20,5			
Other, net		24,243	(
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:		12.561	(50.0			
Accounts and notes receivable, net		13,561	(58,8			
Inventory		(11,731)	(22,7			
Prepaid and other assets		(6,877)	(30,4			
Advertising fund assets and liabilities, restricted Other Assets		(16,861)	12,6			
Deferred commissions		(39,814)	(23,3			
Deferred revenue		1,937	3,4 1,9			
Accounts payable		7,390				
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		(52,854)	(34,6			
Income tax receivable		53				
Cash provided by operating activities		235,167	(12,3 197,1			
Cash flows from investing activities:		233,107	177,1			
Capital expenditures		(596,478)	(436,2			
Cash used in business acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(59,574)	(763,0			
Proceeds from sale-leaseback transactions		194,658	333,7			
Proceeds from sale or disposal of businesses and fixed assets		9,987	25,1			
Cash used in investing activities		(451,407)	(840,2			
Cash flows from financing activities:		(131,107)	(010,2			
Payment of debt extinguishment and issuance costs		_	(7,1			
Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt		<u></u>	365,0			
Repayment of long-term debt		(27,971)	(23,9			
Proceeds from revolving lines of credit and short-term debt		378,000	435,0			
Repayments of revolving lines of credit and short-term debt		(130,000)	(435,0			
Repayment of principal portion of finance lease liability		(5,165)	(3,3			
Share repurchases		(49,956)	(3,3			
Purchase of equity securities		(224)				
Proceeds from the termination of interest rate swap			10,8			
Stock option exercises		6,117	3			
Other, net		(102)	1,6			
Cash provided by financing activities		170,699	343,3			

Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	484	(2,283)
Net change in cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and cash included in advertising fund assets, restricted	(45,057)	(302,019)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	227,110	523,414
Cash included in advertising fund assets, restricted, beginning of period	32,871	38,586
Restricted cash, beginning of period	792	792
Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and cash included in advertising fund assets, restricted, beginning of period	260,773	562,792
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	176,522	227,110
Cash included in advertising fund assets, restricted, end of period	38,537	32,871
Restricted cash, end of period	657	792
Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and cash included in advertising fund assets, restricted, end of period	\$ 215,716	\$ 260,773

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The following information provides definitions and reconciliations of the non-GAAP financial measures presented in this earnings release to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Company has provided this non-GAAP financial information, which is not calculated or presented in accordance with GAAP, as information supplemental and in addition to the financial measures presented in this earnings release that are calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. Such non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered superior to, as a substitute for or alternative to, and should be considered in conjunction with, the GAAP financial measures presented in this earnings release. The non-GAAP financial measures in this earnings release may differ from similarly titled measures used by other companies.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures in Outlook

Driven Brands includes Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization ("Adjusted EBITDA") and Adjusted Earnings per Share ("Adjusted EPS") in the Company's Fiscal Year 2024 Outlook. Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS are non-GAAP financial measures and have not been reconciled to the most comparable GAAP financial measures because it is not possible to do so without unreasonable efforts due to the uncertainty and potential variability of reconciling items, which are dependent on future events and often outside of management's control and which could be significant. Because such items cannot be reasonably predicted with the level of precision required, we are unable to provide an outlook for the comparable GAAP measures. Forward-looking estimates of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS are made in a manner consistent with the relevant definitions and assumptions noted herein and in our filings with the SEC.

Changes in Non-GAAP Definitions and Fiscal 2024 Outlook

Beginning in fiscal 2024, the Company has made certain changes to its definitions for Adjusted net income attributable to Driven Brands Holdings Inc. ("Adjusted Net Income"), Adjusted EPS, and Adjusted EBITDA, that impact the comparability of the metrics to prior periods. Specifically, the Company will no longer include straight-line rent adjustments in its non-GAAP adjustments. Accordingly, the Company's 2024 Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS outlook reflects the Company's updated definition of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS. See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below for a reconciliation of the definitions prior to fiscal 2024 to allow for like-for-like comparisons to the new definitions for all periods presented.

Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share

Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS are considered non-GAAP financial measures under the SEC's rules because they exclude certain amounts included in the net income attributable to Driven Brands common stockholders and diluted earnings per share attributable to Driven Brands common stockholders calculated in accordance with GAAP. Management believes that Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS are meaningful measures to share with investors because they facilitate comparison of the current period performance with that of the comparable prior period. In addition, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS

afford investors a view of what management considers to be Driven Brands' core earnings performance as well as the ability to make a more informed assessment of such earnings performance with that of the prior period.

The tables below reflect the calculation of Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share for the three months and year ended December 30, 2023, compared to the three months and year ended December 31, 2022.

Net (Loss) Income to Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share (Unaudited)

		Three mo	ntl	hs ended	Year Ended					
(in thousands, except per share amounts)	De	cember 30, 2023		December 31, 2022	Ī	December 30, 2023	D	ecember 31, 2022		
Net (loss) income	\$	(13,149)	\$	27,398	\$	(744,962)	\$	43,173		
Acquisition related costs ^(a)		5,910		5,323		13,174		15,304		
Non-core items and project costs, net ^(b)		1,230		16,805		7,343		20,241		
Straight-line rent adjustment ^(c)		4,022		3,435		18,218		14,965		
Cloud computing amortization ^(d)		932		_		1,923		_		
Equity-based compensation expense ^(e)		5,570		8,424		15,300		20,583		
Foreign currency transaction (gain) loss, net ^(f)		(3,081)		(13,322)		(3,078)		17,168		
Bad debt recovery ^(g)		(5,001) —		(10,022)		(2,070)		(449)		
Goodwill impairment ^(h)		_		<u></u>		850,970				
Trade name impairment ⁽ⁱ⁾		_						125,450		
Asset sale leaseback (gain) loss, impairment								125,150		
and closed store expenses(i)		19,777		(8,835)		139,414		(29,083)		
Amortization related to acquired intangible assets ^(k)		5,192		8,775		28,756		27,059		
Provision for uncertain tax positions ⁽¹⁾		(354)		(224)		(354)		(148)		
Valuation allowance for deferred tax asset ^(m)		17,729		3,051		17,729		3,051		
Adjusted net income before tax impact of adjustments		43,778		50,830		344,433		257,314		
Tax impact of adjustments ⁽ⁿ⁾		(13,092)		(8,641)		(188,544)		(49,437)		
Adjusted net income		30,686		42,189		155,889		207,877		
Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest								(15)		
Adjusted Net Income attributable to Driven Brands Holdings Inc., as defined through fiscal 2023	\$	30,686	\$	42,189	\$	155,889	\$	207,892		
Straight-line rent adjustment(c)	\$	(4,022)	\$	(3,435)	\$	(18,218)	\$	(14,965)		
Income tax effect of above item	\$	1,121	\$	1,043	\$	4,790	\$	3,870		
Adjusted Net Income attributable to Driven Brands Holdings Inc., as defined										
beginning fiscal 2024	\$	27,785	\$	39,797	\$	142,461	\$	196,797		
Adjusted Earnings Per Share, as defined										
through fiscal 2023	Φ.	0.10	ф		Φ.	0.04	Φ.			
Basic ¹	\$	0.19	\$				\$	1.25		
Diluted ¹	\$	0.19	\$	0.25	\$	0.93	\$	1.22		
Adjusted Earnings Per Share, as defined beginning fiscal 2024										
Basic ¹	\$	0.17	\$	0.24	\$	0.86	\$	1.18		
Diluted ¹	\$	0.17	\$	0.23	\$	0.85	\$	1.16		
Weighted average shares outstanding										
Basic		159,573		162,744		161,917		162,762		
Diluted		161,361		166,810		164,100		166,743		

(1) Adjusted Earnings Per Share is calculated under the two-class method. Under the two-class method, adjusted earnings per share is calculated using adjusted net income attributable to common shares, which is derived by reducing adjusted net income by the amount attributable to participating securities. Adjusted Net Income attributable to participating securities used in the basic earnings per share calculation was less than \$1 million and \$3 million for the three months and year ended December 30, 2023, respectively, and Adjusted Net Income attributable to participating securities used in the diluted earnings per share calculation was less than \$1 million and \$2 million for the three months and year ended December 30, 2023, respectively.

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is considered a non-GAAP financial measure under the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") rules because it excludes certain amounts included in net income calculated in accordance with GAAP. Management believes that Adjusted EBITDA is a meaningful measure to share with investors because it facilitates comparison of the current period performance with that of the comparable prior period. In addition, Adjusted EBITDA affords investors a view of what management considers to be Driven Brand's core operating performance as well as the ability to make a more informed assessment of such operating performance as compared with that of the prior period.

Please see the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the SEC on March 1, 2023, for additional information on Adjusted EBITDA. The tables below reflect the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA for the three months and year ended December 30, 2023, compared to the three months and year ended December 31, 2022.

Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation (Unaudited)

	Three months ended							Year Ended					
(in thousands)	December 30, 2023			December 31, 2022	_ D	December 30, 2023	De	ecember 31, 2022					
Net (loss) income	\$	(13,149)	\$	27,398	\$	(744,962)	\$	43,173					
Income tax (benefit) expense		17,883		16,575		(102,689)		25,167					
Interest expense, net		43,892		35,150		164,196		114,096					
Depreciation and amortization		46,040		39,528		175,296		147,156					
EBITDA		94,666		118,651		(508,159)		329,592					
Acquisition related costs ^(a)		5,910		5,323		13,174		15,304					
Non-core items and project costs, net ^(b)		1,230		16,805		7,343		20,241					
Straight-line rent adjustment(c)		4,022		3,435		18,218		14,965					
Cloud computing amortization ^(d)		932		_		1,923		_					
Equity-based compensation expense ^(e)		5,570		8,424		15,300		20,583					
Foreign currency transaction (gain) loss, net ^(f) Bad debt recovery ^(g)		(3,081)		(13,322)		(3,078)		17,168					
Goodwill impairment ^(h)						950.070		(449)					
Trade name impairment ⁽ⁱ⁾				_		850,970 —		125,450					
Asset sale leaseback (gain) loss, impairment and closed store expenses ^(j)		19,777		(8,835)		139,414		(29,083)					
Adjusted EBITDA, as defined through fiscal 2023	\$	129,026	\$	130,481	\$	535,105	\$	513,771					
Straight-line rent adjustment ^(c)	\$	(4,022)	\$	(3,435)	\$	(18,218)	\$	(14,965)					
Adjusted EBITDA, as defined beginning fiscal 2024	\$	125,004	\$	127,046	\$	516,887	\$	498,806					

Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share Footnotes

- (a) Consists of acquisition costs as reflected within the unaudited consolidated statements of operations, including legal, consulting and other fees, and expenses incurred in connection with acquisitions completed during the applicable period, as well as inventory rationalization expenses incurred in connection with acquisitions. We expect to incur similar costs in connection with other acquisitions in the future and, under U.S. GAAP, such costs relating to acquisitions are expensed as incurred and not capitalized.
- (b) Consists of discrete items and project costs, including third party consulting and professional fees associated with strategic transformation initiatives as well as non-recurring payroll-related costs. A \$15 million change in estimate related to the Tax Receivable Agreement that we entered into at the IPO related to the filing of our 2021 tax returns was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2022.
- (c) Consists of the non-cash portion of rent expense, which reflects the extent to which our straight-line rent expense recognized under U.S. GAAP exceeds or is less than our cash rent payments.
- (d) Includes non-cash amortization expenses relating to the amortization of cloud computing arrangements.
- (e) Represents non-cash equity-based compensation expense.
- (f) Represents foreign currency transaction (gains) losses, net that primarily related to the remeasurement of our intercompany loans as well as unrealized gains and losses on remeasurement of cross currency swaps and forward contracts.
- (g) Represents the recovery of previously uncollectible receivables outside of normal operations.
- (h) Relates to goodwill impairment charges within the Car Wash segment.
- (i) Certain indefinite-lived Car Wash trade names were impaired as the Company elected to discontinue their use.
- (i) Relates to (gains) losses, net on sale leasebacks, impairment of certain fixed assets and operating lease right-of-use assets related to closed and underperforming locations, assets held for sale, and lease exit costs and other costs associated with stores that were closed prior to the respective lease termination dates.
- (k) Consists of amortization related to acquired intangible assets as reflected within depreciation and amortization in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations.
- (1) Represents uncertain tax positions recorded for tax positions, inclusive of interest and penalties.
- (m) Represents valuation allowances on income tax carryforwards in certain domestic and foreign jurisdictions that are not more likely than not to be realized
- (n) Represents the tax impact of adjustments associated with the reconciling items between net income and Adjusted Net Income, excluding the provision for uncertain tax positions. To determine the tax impact of the deductible reconciling items, we utilized statutory income tax rates ranging from 9% to 36% depending upon the tax attributes of each adjustment and the applicable jurisdiction.

DRIVEN BRANDS HOLDINGS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES ADJUSTED EBITDA AND SEGMENT ADJUSTED EBITDA RECONCILIATION (UNAUDITED)

		Three mon	ıths	ended	Year Ended			
(in thousands)	December 30, 2023		D	ecember 31, 2022	Do	ecember 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	
Segment Adjusted EBITDA:								
Maintenance	\$	87,549	\$	77,284	\$	332,781	\$	262,608
Car Wash		31,042		36,222		143,043		184,717
Paint, Collision & Glass		31,745		34,600		141,469		135,447
Platform Services		18,586		18,067		80,570		72,538
Corporate and other		(37,839)		(34,739)		(156,927)		(138,661)
Store opening costs		(2,057)		(953)		(5,831)		(2,878)
Adjusted EBITDA, as defined through fiscal 2023	\$	129,026	\$	130,481	\$	535,105	\$	513,771

		Three mor	ıths	ended	Year Ended				
(in thousands)	December 30, 2023		December 31, 2022		December 30, 2023		De	cember 31, 2022	
Segment Adjusted EBITDA:									
Maintenance	\$	86,969	\$	76,433	\$	329,498	\$	258,470	
Car Wash		27,694		33,824		128,996		175,326	
Paint, Collision & Glass		31,519		34,474		140,569		134,818	
Platform Services		18,569		18,034		80,492		72,383	
Corporate and other		(37,690)		(34,766)		(156,837)		(139,313)	
Store opening costs		(2,057)		(953)		(5,831)		(2,878)	
Adjusted EBITDA, as defined beginning fiscal 2024 ⁽¹⁾	\$	125,004	\$	127,046	\$	516,887	\$	498,806	

 $^{^{(1)}}$ For the three months ended April 1, 2023; July 1, 2023; and September 30, 2023, the Adjusted EBITDA, as defined beginning fiscal 2024, would have been \$123,463; \$146,370; and \$122,049, respectively.

DRIVEN BRANDS HOLDINGS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (UNAUDITED)

	Three months ended December 30, 2023										
(in thousands)	Maintenance		Car Wash		Paint, Collision & Glass		Platform Services			Total	
System-wide Sales											
Franchise stores	\$	266,801	\$	_	\$	766,717	\$	73,778	\$	1,107,296	
Company-operated stores		203,963		93,164		68,632		909		366,668	
Independently operated stores				38,748						38,748	
Total System-wide Sales	\$	470,764	\$	131,912	\$	835,349	\$	74,687	\$	1,512,712	
Store Count (in whole numbers)											
Franchise stores		1,134				1,647		205		2,986	
Company-operated stores		652		391		241		1		1,285	
Independently operated stores				717						717	
Total Store Count		1,786		1,108		1,888		206		4,988	
			Th	ree montl	ıs ei	nded Decem	bei	r 31, 2022			
(in thousands)	Ma	intenance	Ca	r Wash	Paint, Collision & Glass		Platform Services			Total	
System-wide Sales											
Franchise stores	\$	253,074	\$	_	\$	719,646	\$	91,801	\$	1,064,521	
Company-operated stores		195,309		95,976		74,576		1,060		366,921	
Independently operated stores				36,657		_		_		36,657	

Total System-wide Sales	\$ 448,383	\$ 132,633	\$ 794,222	\$ 92,861	\$ 1,468,099
Store Count (in whole numbers)					
Franchise stores	1,052		1,628	202	2,882
Company-operated stores	593	390	218	1	1,202
Independently operated stores		721			721
Total Store Count	1,645	1,111	1,846	203	4,805

DRIVEN BRANDS HOLDINGS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (UNAUDITED)

	Year ended December 30, 2023									
(in thousands)	Maintenance		Car Wash		Paint, Collision & Glass		Platform Services		Total	
System-wide Sales										
Franchise stores	\$	1,090,457	\$	_	\$	3,072,137	\$	398,386	\$	4,560,980
Company-operated stores		809,356		395,357		317,428		4,212		1,526,353
Independently operated stores		<u> </u>		196,395						196,395
Total System-wide Sales	\$	1,899,813	\$	591,752	\$	3,389,565	\$	402,598	\$	6,283,728
Store Count (in whole numbers)										
Franchise stores		1,134				1,647		205		2,986
Company-operated stores		652		391		241		1		1,285
Independently operated stores				717						717
Total Store Count	_	1,786		1,108	_	1,888		206	_	4,988

	Year ended December 31, 2022									
(in thousands)	Maintenance		Car Wash		Paint, Collision & Glass		Platform Services			Total
System-wide Sales										
Franchise stores	\$	923,153	\$	_	\$	2,723,047	\$	440,691	\$	4,086,891
Company-operated stores		692,947		390,502		235,924	\$	5,035		1,324,408
Independently operated stores		_		195,157		_		_		195,157
Total System-wide Sales	\$	1,616,100	\$	585,659	\$	2,958,971	\$	445,726	\$	5,606,456
Store Count (in whole numbers)										
Franchise stores		1,052		_		1,628		202		2,882
Company-operated stores		593		390		218		1		1,202
Independently operated stores		_		721		_				721
Total Store Count		1,645		1,111		1,846		203		4,805