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FIRST QUARTER 2021
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SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

This release contains statements that are forward looking in nature and, accordingly, are subject to risks and uncertainties. The principal important risk factors that could cause our actual performance and future events and actions to differ materially from such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, changing market and economic conditions, the recent novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, competitive market pressures including pricing and technology introductions and disruptions, disruption in the labor market and weakened demand for human capital resulting from technological advances, competition law risks, the impact of changes in laws and regulations (including federal, state and international tax laws), unexpected changes in claim trends on workers' compensation, unemployment, disability and medical benefit plans, or the risk of additional tax liabilities in excess of our estimates, our ability to achieve our business strategy, our ability to successfully develop new service offerings, material changes in demand from or loss of large corporate customers as well as changes in their buying practices, risks particular to doing business with government or government contractors, the risk of damage to our brand, our exposure to risks associated with services outside traditional staffing, including business process outsourcing, services of licensed professionals and services connecting talent to independent work, our increasing dependency on third parties for the execution of critical functions, our ability to effectively implement and manage our information technology strategy, the risks associated with past and future acquisitions, including risk of related impairment of goodwill and intangible assets, exposure to risks associated with investments in equity affiliates including PersolKelly Pte. Ltd., risks associated with conducting business in foreign countries, including foreign currency fluctuations, the exposure to potential market and currency exchange risks relating to our investment in Persol Holdings, risks associated with violations of anticorruption, trade protection and other laws and regulations, availability of qualified full-time employees, availability of temporary workers with appropriate skills required by customers, liabilities for employment-related claims and losses, including class action lawsuits and collective actions, our ability to sustain critical business applications through our key data centers, risks arising from failure to preserve the privacy of information entrusted to us or to meet our obligations under global privacy laws, the risk of cyberattacks or other breaches of network or information technology security, our ability to realize value from our tax credit and net operating loss carryforwards, our ability to maintain specified financial covenants in our bank facilities to continue to access credit markets, and other risks, uncertainties and factors discussed in this report and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Actual results may differ materially from any forward-looking statements contained herein, and we undertake no duty to update any forward-looking statement to conform the statement to actual results or changes in the Company's expectations.



NON-GAAP MEASURES

Management believes that the non-GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) information excluding the 2020 goodwill impairment charge, the 2021 and 2020 gains and losses on the investment in Persol Holdings, the 2020 gain on sale of assets and the 2020 restructuring charges, are useful to understand the Company's fiscal 2021 financial performance and increases comparability. Specifically, Management believes that removing the impact of these items allows for a meaningful comparison of current period operating performance with the operating results of prior periods. Management also believes that such measures are used by those analyzing performance of companies in the staffing industry to compare current performance to prior periods and to assess future performance. These non-GAAP measures may have limitations as analytical tools because they exclude items which can have a material impact on cash flow and earnings per share. As a result, Management considers these measures, along with reported results, when it reviews and evaluates the Company's financial performance. Management believes that these measures provide greater transparency to investors and provide insight into how Management is evaluating the Company's financial performance. Non-GAAP measures should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.



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FIRST QUARTER 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

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- Q1 revenue down 4.4% on a reported basis, down 5.5% in constant currency⁽¹⁾
 - March exit rate down 2.7%⁽¹⁾, reflecting gradual improvement over the quarter
- **Sequential revenue⁽²⁾ improvement in four of the five operating segments and a return to year-over-year revenue growth in OCG and International**

Near-term COVID-19 recovery plan

- Continuing robust return to work protocols, including assessing the impact of vaccine distribution, to protect the health and safety of all talent
 - Full-time employees continue to work remotely in line with business need and local government regulations
- **Addressing talent supply and talent fulfillment challenges in lower-skilled positions to accelerate revenue growth**
- Continuing with strong management of our cost base; focusing on maintaining operating leverage as revenue rebounds and continuing with organic investment in our selected specialties

Continued focus on our future

- **Advanced our inorganic growth strategy with the announcement of the acquisition of Softworld, Inc., a specialty technology staffing and workforce solutions firm serving customers in a variety of industries in the U.S.**
- Launched Tutoring Solutions as an extension of Kelly Education's position inside schools. The offering makes tutoring more accessible to students, supports teachers stretched thin by the pandemic and addresses parents' concerns related to the impact of the pandemic on their students' academic progress

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS



- Softworld is a leading technology staffing and workforce solutions firm that serves clients across several end-markets, including financial services, life sciences, aerospace, defense, insurance, retail, and IT consulting
 - Softworld has been included on Staffing Industry Analysts' list of the fastest growing staffing firms in the United States for each of the past five years
- In 2021, the market for temporary information technology staffing in the U.S. is projected to reach \$31.7 billion, making it the largest professional staffing segment⁽¹⁾

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FIRST QUARTER 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>Actual Results</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Constant Currency Change⁽¹⁾</u>
Revenue	\$1.2B	(4.4%)	(5.5%)
Gross Profit %	17.7%	-	
Earnings from Operations	\$10.6M	NM	NM
Earnings Per Share	\$0.64	\$4.55	

- Revenue declined from the decrease in demand related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Temporary staffing declined 7.5%, which was partially offset by a 2.5% increase in outcome-based services and a 29.9% increase in permanent placement revenue
- GP rate was flat year-over-year as the impact of higher permanent placement revenue was offset by the negative impact of higher employee-related benefits costs
- Earnings from operations improved from the loss reported in the corresponding period of 2020, which included a goodwill impairment charge and a restructuring charge, and was partially offset by a gain on sale of assets
- Q1 2021 earnings per share reflects earnings that include a \$0.52 non-cash gain from the investment in Persol Holdings common stock, net of tax. Q1 2020 loss per share included the impact of non-cash goodwill impairment, net of tax, a loss on Persol common stock, net of tax, and a restructuring charge, net of tax, partially offset by a gain on sale of assets, net of tax.

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REVENUE TRENDS

Percent in Constant Currency⁽¹⁾

	Q1 2021	March 2021 (Exit Rates)	December 2020 ⁽²⁾ (Exit Rates)
Total	(5.5%)	(2.7%)	(8.1%)
Professional & Industrial	(5.6%)	(7.2%)	(5.5%)
Science, Engineering & Technology	(5.9%)	(6.1%)	(8.0%)
Education	(21.7%)	2.7%	(27.8%)
Outsourcing & Consulting	9.5%	8.0%	1.4%
International	(1.1%)	3.5%	(7.4%)

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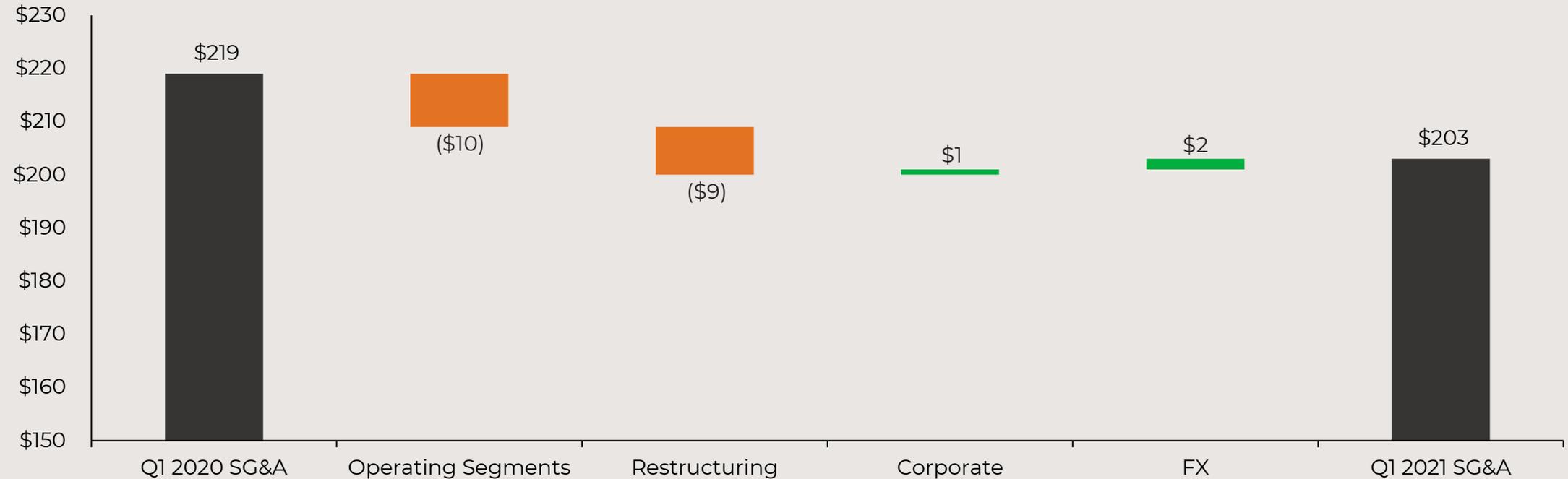
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FIRST QUARTER 2021 SG&A

\$ in millions



- Expenses in the Operating Segments declined as cost reduction actions, including restructuring charges in the first and fourth quarter 2020, reduced expense levels. Lower travel and sales-related expenses and expense reductions as a result of the sale of our Brazil staffing operations in August 2020 also contributed to the decline
- The decline in restructuring expenses resulted from the Q1 2020 restructuring actions related to the adoption of our new operating model and to align the US branch network facilities footprint with a more technology-enabled service delivery methodology. There were no restructuring costs in Q1 2021

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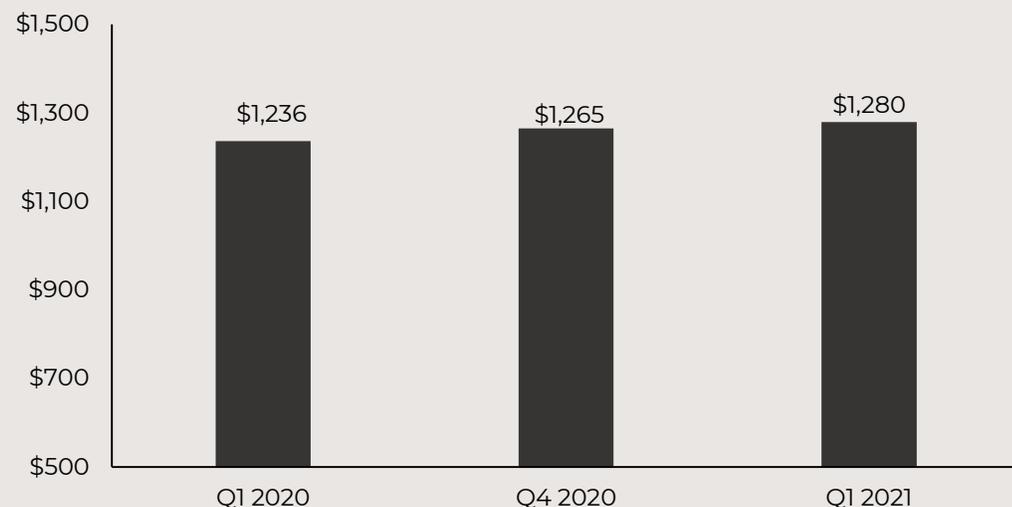
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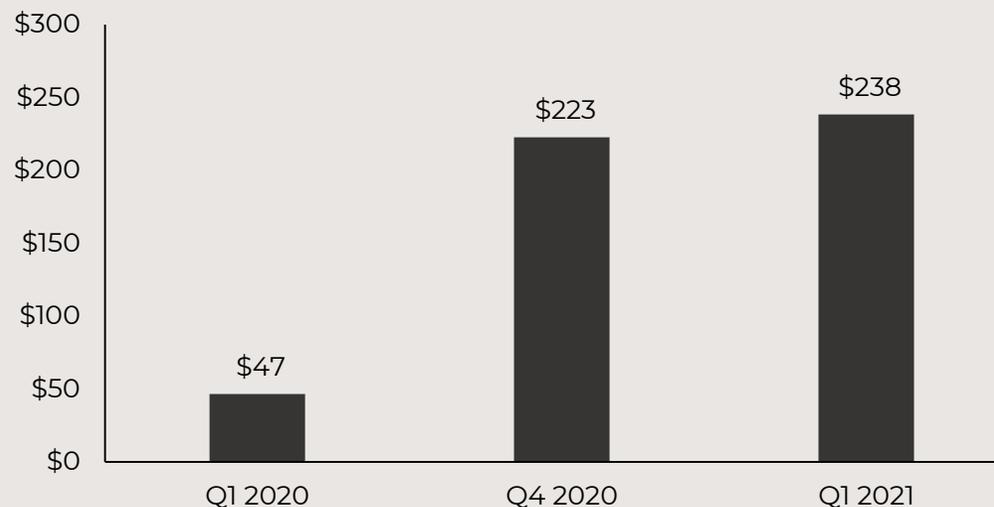
FIRST QUARTER 2021 BALANCE SHEET DATA

\$ in millions

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE



CASH, NET OF SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS



- Accounts Receivable reflects DSO of 60 days, up 1 day from a year ago and down 4 days from Q4 2020. The decrease from Q4 2020 reflects collections of receivables from several large customers who were carrying higher receivable balances as a result customer-driven administrative issues at the end of the year
- Cash, net of short-term borrowings of \$238 million is consistent with Q4 2020 and includes the benefit of deferring \$117 million of payroll tax payments under the CARES Act
 - U.S. credit facilities include a \$200 million revolving credit facility and a \$150 million securitization facility
- Subsequent to the end of the first quarter of 2021, the Company acquired Softworld, Inc., a specialty technology staffing and workforce solutions firm for \$215 million plus working capital adjustments utilizing existing cash balances. Cash balances reported as of the end of the first quarter of 2021 do not reflect the Softworld transaction



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OUTLOOK – FULL YEAR 2021

ORGANIC

Revenue

- Up 10% to 12% YOY
 - Clearer visibility on recovery results in narrower range

GP Rate

- Expected to be down slightly from pre-COVID levels at just under 18%
 - Favorable impact of growth in higher margin specialties and permanent placement revenue generally offset by 2021 recovery in lower-margin specialties as demand improves
 - 2020 results favorably impact 20 bps from COVID related wage subsidies

SG&A

- Up 4% to 5%
 - Includes costs savings from 2020 restructuring actions

Tax Rate

- Effective rate in the mid-teens
 - Includes impact of Work Opportunity Credit which has been extended through 2025

INORGANIC

Softworld

- Revenue up 200 to 250 bps
- GP rate 30-40 bps
- Expenses up 300 bps
 - Includes 100 bps of intangible amortization expense





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