

Q4 2015 Earnings Results

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Financial Comparisons

All comparisons are to prior year periods unless stated otherwise.



Q4 2015 Growth Highlights

- Organic growth accelerated to 14% vs. 8% in Q3 2015
 - Construction double-digit growth
 - Small to medium size customers mid-single digit growth vs. flat Q3 2015
 - On-premise acceleration in double-digit growth trend
 - National customers –double-digit growth, slower growth at end of quarter
 - Manufacturing low-single digit decline vs. high single-digit decline Q3 2015
- Completed two acquisitions¹ expanding capabilities in on-premise management and recruitment process outsourcing
- Renewal of WOTC² reduces expected income tax rate from 38% to 32% for the next four years; Adjusted EBITDA³ and Adjusted EPS³ calculations have been modified:
 - 1. Both measures now exclude WOTC processing fees, and
 - 2. Adjusted EPS uses the new expected income tax rate of 32%



¹ SIMOS Insourcing Solutions acquired on December 1, 2015. Aon Hewitt RPO purchase agreement signed December 2015, but closed January 4, 2016.

² Protecting Americans From Tax Hikes Act of 2015 extended the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) retroactively from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

³ See Appendix for definitions of non-GAAP financial terms.

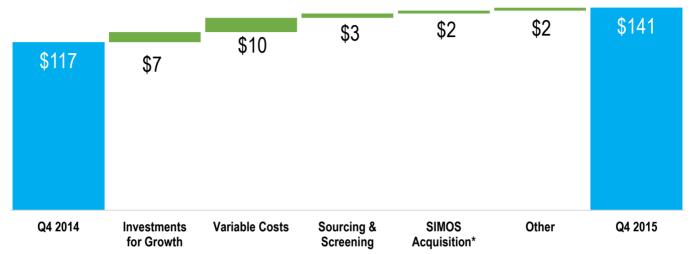
Q4 2015 Financial Summary

Amounts in millions, except for earnings per share	Q4 2015	Change
Revenue	\$811	+17%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$46	+6%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	5.7%	-60bps
Adjusted Earnings Per Share	\$0.66	+6%

- Total revenue growth of 17%; 3% from SIMOS acquisition
- Decline in Adjusted EBITDA Margin primarily due to:
 - Higher workers' compensation benefit in Q4 2014 (40 bps)
 - Higher SG&A expenses associated with growth initiatives, etc. (see SG&A Bridge)

Q4 SG&A Bridge

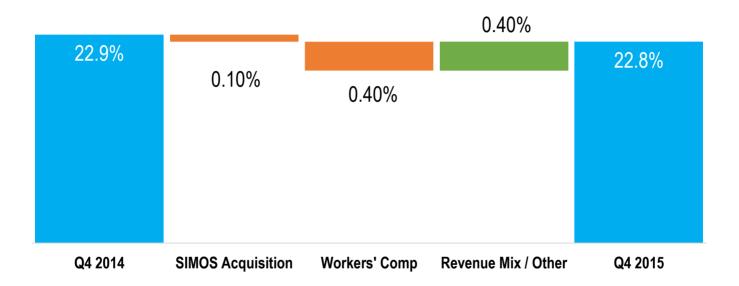




- Investments for growth mostly related to additional sales and recruiting professionals and technology solutions
- Sourcing & screening increases related to surge in demand and smaller candidate pool

^{*} Operating expenses relating to acquired SIMOS operations. The acquisition was completed effective December 1, 2015.

Q4 Gross Margin Bridge



Q4 2015 – Staffing Services Segment¹

Amounts in millions, except for earnings per share	Q4 2015	Change
Revenue	\$784	+17%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$53	+15%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	6.8%	-14bps

- Year-over-year organic revenue growth of 14% and organic Adj. EBITDA growth of 10%
 - Continued broad-based revenue growth, strong momentum in small to medium size customers,
 step-up in Construction growth and improving trend in Manufacturing
- Higher workers' comp impacted gross margins (up 40bps year-over-year due to higher Q4 2014 reserve benefit); excluding this headwind, Adjusted EBITDA growth was 21%
- Higher SG&A driven by investments for growth in sales and recruiting professionals, technology solutions and candidate sourcing / screening

¹ Staffing Services includes all contingent labor business.

Q4 2015 – Managed Services Segment¹

Amounts in millions, except for earnings per share	Q4 2015	Change
Revenue	\$27	+16%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$1	-38%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	5.0%	-445bps

- Solid top-line growth
- Large customer implementation slower than expected:
 - Full load of recruiting resources on lower than expected revenue base
 - Customer contract discussion in process, resolution expected by end of Q2
 - Excluding customer implementation, Adjusted EBITDA was \$2.5M, or growth of 10%



¹ Managed Services primarily consists of recruitment process outsourcing (RPO). Also includes managed service provider (MSP) solutions.

FY 2015 Highlights

Accelerating Organic Growth

- Investments in sales and recruiting resources produced strong revenue growth across most industries and regions
- Record year for national customer business
- Strong acceleration in construction and small to medium size customers in Q4
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 Q1 2015
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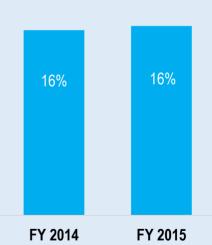
Successful Acquisitions

- Seaton acquisition added new service lines and met all targets:
 - ✓ Revenue growth
 - ✓ Seamless integration
 - ✓ Customer retention
 - ✓ Earnings accretion
- Strong organic growth and pipeline of new business
- Recent SIMOS and Aon Hewitt RPO acquisitions expand market leadership in on premise management and RPO:
 - ✓ Known businesses/tuck-ins
 - ✓ Attractive purchase prices
 - ✓ Accretive in 2016

Strong Shareholder Returns

 Impressive return on equity driven by strong performance and effective use of capital

Return on Equity*



*Calculated as Adjusted EPS multiplied by diluted shares outstanding and divided by average equity from annual balance sheets.

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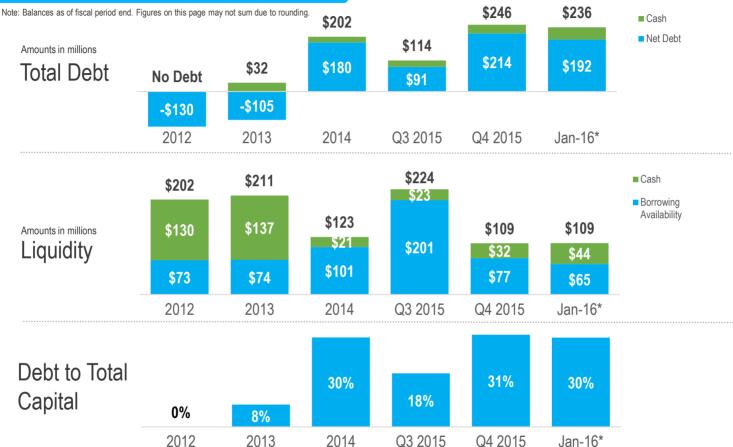
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FY 2015 Financial Summary

Amounts in millions, except for earnings per share	FY 2015	Change
Revenue	\$2,696	+24%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$147	+23%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	5.5%	Flat
Adjusted Earnings Per Share	\$2.02	+20%

- Total organic revenue growth of 7%
- Strong organic revenue momentum exiting 2015
- Flat Adjusted EBITDA margin year-over-year primarily driven by SG&A investments to generate revenue growth





^{*}Jan-16 includes debt for the acquisition of Aon Hewitt's RPO division. December is peak working-capital month for TrueBlue, hence Aon Hewitt acquisition debt is offset by seasonal de-leveraging. Borrowing availability based on management estimates.

Acquisitions



SIMOS Productivity Model Enhances TBI On-premise Capabilities

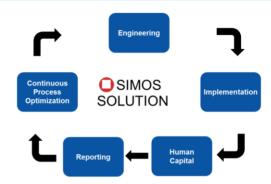
About SIMOS

- SIMOS Insourcing Solutions ("SIMOS") is a leading provider of on-premise workforce management solutions
- Excellent fit within Staff Management, TrueBlue's existing on-premise staffing operations
- Expands TrueBlue's on-premise staffing footprint: additional 37 sites across 11 states

Client Solutions - Warehouse / Distribution

- SIMOS specializes in helping clients streamline warehouse / distribution operations to meet the growing demand for e-commerce and supply chain solutions
- Expert in providing scalable solutions for pick
 & pack and shipping requirements
- Clients include Fortune 500 companies in consumer goods, retail, e-commerce, food packaging and distribution

SIMOS Illustrative Workflow



Productivity / Pricing Model

- Unique productivity model incorporates fixed price-per-unit solutions to drive client value
- Continuous analysis and improvement of processes and incentive pay to drive workforce efficiency
- Reduces costs (SIMOS frequently delivers 15%+ cost savings to customers), lowers the risk of injury and damage, and improves productivity and service levels

What does SIMOS do?

SIMOS Acquisition Overview

	Acquisition date	12/1/15	Business. Re-engineered.
Deal Info	Purchase price ¹	\$67.5m	\$67.5m cash up-front plus additional cash "earn-out" of up to \$22.5m ²
	Valuation Multiple	4.2x	 Forward 12 months Adj. EBITDA multiple based on \$67.5m purchase price, net of acquired tax asset³
	Financing	Existing Facility	Funded from existing asset-backed facility
Financials	2016E Revenue 2016E Adj. EBITDA	\$185m \$13m	 Accretive to 2016E Adjusted EPS (+\$0.17³) 2016E incremental D&A of \$4m³
	Integration fit	staff management smx	To be combined with existing on-premise staffing operations of Staff Management
	Customer sites	37	Footprint across 11 states
Operations / Integration	Integration Timing	2017	 Limited integration in 2016 while earn-out is in place Full integration to be completed in 2017
	Non-recurring costs	\$3m	 Estimated one-time acquisition & integration costs \$1m already incurred in 2015, \$1m expected in 2016 and \$1m in 2017

¹ Exclusive of working capital adjustments.

² Earn-out is based on achievement of 2016 Adj. EBITDA estimates; amount due (if any) will be paid in 2017.

³ All acquisition fair valuation estimates are based on management preliminary best estimate.

Strategic Rationale









Excellent fit with our existing Staff Management business

Productivitybased business model provides unique client value proposition

Embedded process service client retention

New capabilities help Staff Management win more RFPs

Staff Management resources and processes help accelerate expansion and profitability of acquired business

Aon Hewitt RPO Acquisition Advances PeopleScout's Global Strategy

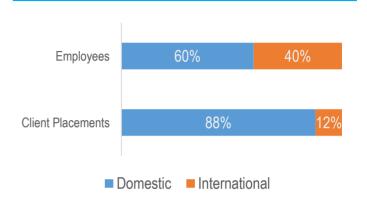
About Aon Hewitt RPO

- Aon Hewitt's RPO business is a leading provider of recruitment process outsourcing (RPO) services
- End-to-end recruiting capabilities to meet the client's permanent recruiting needs
- Global operations with 650 employees across the US, Canada, Poland, and India
- Excellent fit with TrueBlue's existing PeopleScout brand
- Pro forma combined annual revenue of \$150 million and 300k full-time placements

One Global PeopleScout

- Builds on TrueBlue's One Global PeopleScout initiative to further position PeopleScout as the leading global RPO provider
- PeopleScout's global headquarters remain in Chicago, Ill., with Asia Pacific headquarters in Sydney, Australia

Domestic v. International



Aon Hewitt Partnership

- New long-term relationship between TrueBlue and Aon Hewitt (announced in conjunction with the transaction)
- Facilitates connections between PeopleScout's market-leading recruiting services and Aon Hewitt's broader talent solutions (assessment, employee engagement, and people analytics)

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Aon Hewitt RPO Acquisition Overview

	Acquisition date	1/4/16	Purchase agreement signed December 2015, but closed January 4, 2016.
	Purchase price ¹	\$72m	All cash
Deal Info	Valuation Multiple	4.8x	Forward 12 months Adj. EBITDA multiple, net of acquired tax asset ²
	Financing	Existing Facility	Amended existing \$300m asset-backed facility to provide temporary \$30m increase
Financials	2016E Revenue 2016E Adj. EBITDA	\$65m \$13m	 Accretive to 2016E Adjusted EPS (+\$0.17²) 2016E incremental D&A of \$3m²
	Integration fit	peoplescout	To be combined with existing permanent workforce recruiting operations of PeopleScout
	Annual placements	120k	>300k total combined w/ PeopleScout
Operations / Integration	Integration Timing	2016	Expect integration to be complete by year end 2016 Transition service agreement in place with Aon Hewitt to bridge operational gaps during carve-out from Aon and full integration
	Non-recurring costs	\$7m – Opex \$5m – CapEx	Opex (operating expense) represents estimated one-time acquisition & integration costs CapEx represents estimated capital expenses needed to complete carve-out from Aon Hewitt ~\$600k opex incurred in 2015; remaining integration costs will be incurred in 2016

¹ Exclusive of working capital adjustments.



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Strategic Rationale

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a **TRUEBLUE** company



RPO Division of Aon Hewitt

Leading provider of recruitment process outsourcing (RPO)

Builds market leadership positon in North America RPO under PeopleScout brand

Ongoing strategic partnership with Aon Hewitt Low-cost locations provide opportunity for cost savings on non-client facing admin processes

Enhances global capabilities



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2016 Outlook



FY 2016 Highlights

Investing for Growth

- Sales and recruiting headcount added in the back half of 2015.
 Year-over-year SG&A growth rates expected to moderate throughout 2016.
- New SG&A investments added in mobile technology for contingent employees in Q4 2015 and will continue in 2016. Revenue and expense benefits expected in the back half of 2016
- Slower growth trends in January 2016 with national customers, the retail and construction industries.

2016 Priorities

- Strong, profitable organic growth.
- Increase Adj. EBITDA margin by scaling operating expenses down to match demand and leveraging technology.
- Make significant advancements in the use of mobile technology within our staffing businesses.
- Successfully integrate acquisitions.

2016 Outlook

- Expect total annual revenue growth of roughly 15% including organic growth of 8%.
- Expect total annual Adjusted EBITDA of \$190M, or growth of about 30%. Expected Adjusted EPS of roughly \$2.65.

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Q1 2016 OUTLOOK

Amounts in millions, except for earnings per share

	Consolidated	Commentary
Revenue	\$660M to \$675M	 Staffing Services growth of 14% (includes SIMOS revenue of \$40M)
Mid-point growth	16%	 Managed Services growth of 76% (includes Aon Hewitt RPO revenue of \$15M)
Adjusted EBITDA \$20M to \$23M	 Staffing Services Adj. EBITDA of \$25M (includes SIMOS Adj. EBITDA of \$3M) 	
Mid-point growth	•	 Managed Services Adj. EBITDA of \$4M (includes Aon Hewitt RPO Adj. EBITDA of \$3M)
Adjusted EPS	\$0.23 to \$0.28	 Assumes taxes at 32%, \$0.10 add-back for acquisition amortization (net of tax) and \$0.06 add- back for one-time and WOTC expenses (net of tax)

Additional Estimates

Non-Recurring Costs	\$3M	СарЕх	\$4M
D&A	\$12M	Effective Tax Rate	32%

Note: estimates reflect mid-point of management expectations wherever ranges are not provided.

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FY 2016 OUTLOOK

Providing customers with the ability to rapidly scale their workforces up and down is a key value proposition of our business model. As a result, we have limited visibility of future demand.

A full year outlook has been provided to enhance transparency due to unique events impacting 2016 including two recent acquisitions, a 53 week year, and expectations for continued moderation in SG&A growth as the year progresses.

Amounts in millions, except for earnings per share

	Consolidated ¹	Commentary
Revenue Growth	\$3.1B 16%	 SIMOS non-organic revenue of \$160M² Aon Hewitt RPO revenue of \$65M Excludes 53rd week incremental revenue of \$45M
Adjusted EBITDA	\$190M 29%	 SIMOS non-organic Adjusted EBITDA of \$12M² Aon Hewitt RPO Adjusted EBITDA of \$13M Excludes 53rd week incremental Adj. EBITDA of \$1M
Adjusted EPS	\$2.65	 Assumes taxes at 32%, \$0.41 add-back for acquisition amortization (net of tax) and \$0.16 add-back for one-time and WOTC expenses (net of tax)

Additional Estimates

Non-Recurring Costs	\$8M	СарЕх	\$20M
D&A	\$47M	Effective Tax Rate	32%

Note: estimates reflect mid-point of management expectations wherever ranges are not provided.

²One-year anniversary of SIMOS acquisition occurs at the end of November 2016; amounts here reflect projected results for January to November 2016 period. Q4 2015 Earnings Results | Feb. 3, 2016



¹Consolidated outlook based on 52-week year.

Appendix



NON-GAAP TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are non-GAAP financial measures. EBITDA excludes interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization from net income. Adjusted EBITDA further excludes from EBITDA non-recurring costs related to acquisition and integration costs, as well as, Work Opportunity Tax Credit third party processing fees. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are key measures used by management to evaluate performance. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered measures of financial performance in isolation or as an alternative to Income from operations in the Consolidated Statements of Operations in accordance with GAAP, and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

Adjusted net income (loss) per diluted share is a non-GAAP financial measure which excludes from net income (loss) on a per diluted share basis non-recurring costs related to the purchase, integration, reorganization and shutdown activities related to acquisitions, net of tax, amortization of intangibles of acquired businesses, net of tax, as well as, Work Opportunity Tax Credit third party processing fees, net of tax, and adjusts income taxes to the expected ongoing effective rate. Adjusted net income(loss) per diluted share is a key measure used by management to evaluate performance and communicate comparable results. Adjusted net income(loss) per diluted share should not be considered a measure of financial performance in isolation or as an alternative to net income(loss) per diluted share in the Consolidated Statements of Operations in accordance with GAAP, and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

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