

Korn Ferry International Announces Second Quarter Fiscal 2017 Results of Operations

Highlights

- Korn Ferry reports an increase in Q2 FY'17 fee revenue compared to the year ago-quarter, driven by the Hay Group acquisition and strong revenue growth in Futurestep.
- Fee revenue from Hay Group and North America Executive Search increased sequential quarter by \$14.2 million and \$10.9 million, respectively.
- The Company began to execute on its share repurchase authorization by repurchasing 520,000 shares of common stock, representing 1% of our shares outstanding.
- The Company declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.10 per share on December 6, 2016, payable on January 16, 2017 to stockholders of record on December 20, 2016.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Korn/Ferry International (NYSE: KFY), the preeminent global people and organizational advisory firm, today announced second quarter fee revenue of \$401.9 million. Q2 FY'17 diluted earnings per share and adjusted diluted earnings per share were \$0.52 and \$0.59, respectively. Adjusted diluted earnings per share exclude \$5.8 million or \$0.10 per share of integration/acquisition costs.

"I am proud of the performance of our firm during the fiscal second quarter, achieving \$402 million of fee revenue, representing 43% year over year growth. Profitability was also strong, with diluted earnings per share and adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$0.52 and \$0.59, respectively," said Gary D. Burnison, CEO, Korn Ferry.

"After acquiring Hay Group 12 months ago, we're now a much more diversified, balanced firm – with half of our revenue mix coming from organizational and talent advisory services and the other half from talent acquisition solutions. The synergies and investments we've made during this calendar year have not only enhanced our performance, but have provided us with a platform to both shape and accelerate our own growth. Clients are increasingly gravitating to our complete offerings which span recruitment, organizational design, talent strategy, assessment, leadership development, and compensation and reward services. As

we enter 2017, we will continue our commitment to building a world-class people and organizational advisory firm."

Selected Financial Results

(dollars in millions, except per share amounts) ^(a)

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
Fee revenue	\$ 401.9	\$ 280.6	\$ 777.5	\$ 548.0
Total revenue	\$ 415.0	\$ 291.4	\$ 807.9	\$ 570.7
Operating income	\$ 46.5	\$ 29.0	\$ 51.1	\$ 61.9
Operating margin	11.6%	10.3%	6.6%	11.3%
Net income attributable to Korn Ferry	\$ 30.2	\$ 18.0	\$ 33.4	\$ 41.1
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.82
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.81

EBITDA Results (b):

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
EBITDA	\$ 57.5	\$ 34.0	\$ 77.7	\$ 75.0
EBITDA margin	14.3%	12.1%	10.0%	13.7%

Adjusted Results (c):

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
Adjusted fee revenue	N/A	N/A	\$ 781.1	\$ 548.0
Adjusted EBITDA (b)	\$ 63.3	\$ 46.0	\$ 119.7	\$ 87.7
Adjusted EBITDA margin (b)	15.7%	16.4%	15.4%	16.0%
Adjusted net income attributable to Korn Ferry	\$ 34.1	\$ 25.8	\$ 63.6	\$ 49.3
Adjusted basic earnings per share	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.12	\$ 0.98
Adjusted diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.97

(a) Numbers may not total due to rounding.

(b) EBITDA refers to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA further adjusts EBITDA to exclude restructuring charges (recoveries), net, integration/acquisition costs, and includes the deferred revenue adjustment related to the Hay Group acquisition. EBITDA, EBITDA margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are non-GAAP financial measures (see attached reconciliations).

(c) Adjusted results are non-GAAP financial measures that adjust for the following, as applicable (see attached reconciliations):

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
Integration/acquisition costs	\$ 5.8	\$ 12.0	\$ 13.8	\$ 12.7
Restructuring charges, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 24.5	\$ —
Deferred revenue adjustment related to the Hay Group acquisition	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3.5	\$ —
Write-off of debt issuance costs	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1.0	\$ —

Fee revenue was \$401.9 million in Q2 FY'17, an increase of 43.2% (45% increase on a constant currency basis) compared to Q2 FY'16.

- The growth was primarily due to increases in fee revenue in Hay Group and Futurestep segments.
- The increase in Hay Group is due to the acquisition that took place in the third quarter

of fiscal 2016.

Operating margin was 11.6% in Q2 FY'17 compared to 10.3% in the year-ago quarter. EBITDA margin was 14.3% in Q2 FY'17 compared to 12.1% in Q2 FY'16. In Q2 FY'17, the increase in the operating and EBITDA margins was primarily due to the improvement in margins in the Hay Group segment due to the synergies achieved in connection with the Hay Group integration.

Adjusted EBITDA margin was 15.7%, compared to 16.4% in the year-ago quarter. The decline in Adjusted EBITDA margin was primarily due to a change in the business mix with a greater proportion of revenue being generated by Hay Group and Futurestep, which yield lower margins than Executive Search, partially offset by the synergies achieved in connection with the Hay Group integration.

Results by Segment

Selected Executive Search Data
(dollars in millions) ^(a)

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
Fee revenue	\$ 156.2	\$ 156.5	\$ 302.6	\$ 308.6
Total revenue	\$ 160.6	\$ 161.5	\$ 312.1	\$ 319.5
Operating income	\$ 37.4	\$ 39.2	\$ 64.4	\$ 74.1
Operating margin	24.0%	25.1%	21.3%	24.0%
Ending number of consultants	501	494	501	494
Average number of consultants	495	490	495	473
Engagements billed	3,486	3,152	5,312	4,845
New engagements (b)	1,509	1,380	2,955	2,752

EBITDA Results (c):	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
EBITDA	\$ 39.0	\$ 40.6	\$ 67.9	\$ 77.5
EBITDA margin	25.0%	26.0%	22.4%	25.1%

Adjusted Results (d):	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
Adjusted EBITDA (c)	\$ 39.0	\$ 40.6	\$ 70.7	\$ 77.5
Adjusted EBITDA margin (c)	25.0%	26.0%	23.4%	25.1%

(a) Numbers may not total due to rounding.

(b) Represents new engagements opened in the respective period.

(c) EBITDA, EBITDA margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are non-GAAP financial measures (see attached reconciliations).

(d) Adjusted results are non-GAAP financial measures that exclude the following (see attached reconciliations):

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
Restructuring charges, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2.8	\$ —

Fee revenue was \$156.2 million in Q2 FY'17, essentially flat compared to Q2 FY'16 (with a \$2.4 million or 2% increase on a constant currency basis).

Operating income was \$37.4 million in Q2 FY'17 compared to \$39.2 million in Q2 FY'16. Operating margin was 24.0% in Q2 FY'17 compared to 25.1% in the year-ago quarter. The decrease in operating income and operating margin was due to an increase in compensation and benefits expense of \$1.3 million while fee revenue essentially remained flat. The increase in compensation and benefits expense was due to higher salaries and related payroll taxes driven by a 3% increase in average headcount in Q2 FY'17 compared to Q2 FY'16, and reflects our continued growth-related investments back into the business.

EBITDA was \$39.0 million in Q2 FY'17 with an EBITDA margin of 25.0% compared to \$40.6 million and 26.0%, respectively, in Q2 FY'16. EBITDA and EBITDA margin were both impacted by the same factors as operating income.

Selected Hay Group Data

(dollars in millions) ^(a)

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
Fee revenue	\$ 188.8	\$ 73.6	\$ 363.4	\$ 142.8
Total revenue	\$ 192.4	\$ 76.0	\$ 373.9	\$ 147.4
Operating income	\$ 22.9	\$ 7.8	\$ 15.2	\$ 15.3
Operating margin	12.1%	10.6%	4.2%	10.7%
Ending number of consultants (b)	563	184	563	184
Staff utilization (c)	69%	71%	68%	70%

EBITDA Results (d):

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
EBITDA	\$ 31.0	\$ 11.3	\$ 31.5	\$ 21.7
EBITDA margin	16.4%	15.4%	8.7%	15.2%

Adjusted Results (e):

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
Adjusted fee revenue	N/A	N/A	\$ 367.0	\$ 142.8
Adjusted EBITDA (d)	\$ 35.3	\$ 14.7	\$ 65.1	\$ 25.4
Adjusted EBITDA margin (d)	18.7%	19.9%	17.9%	17.8%

(a) Numbers may not total due to rounding.

(b) Represents number of employees originating consulting services.

(c) Calculated by dividing the number of hours our full-time Hay Group professional staff record to engagements during the period, by the total available working hours during the same period.

(d) EBITDA, EBITDA margin, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are non-GAAP financial measures (see attached reconciliations).

(e) Adjusted results are non-GAAP financial measures that adjust for the following (see attached reconciliations):

Second Quarter		Year to Date	
FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16

Integration/acquisition costs	\$	4.4	\$	3.3	\$	8.6	\$	3.6
Restructuring charges, net	\$	—	\$	—	\$	21.5	\$	—
Deferred revenue adjustment related to the Hay Group acquisition	\$	—	\$	—	\$	3.5	\$	—

Fee revenue was \$188.8 million in Q2 FY'17 compared to \$73.6 million in Q2 FY'16 (with a \$116.6 million or 158.4% increase on a constant currency basis). The quarter-over-quarter increase is primarily attributed to the legacy Hay Group acquisition that took place in the third quarter of fiscal 2016. As a result, consulting fee revenue was higher by \$66.0 million in Q2 FY'17 compared to Q2 FY'16 with the remaining increase of \$49.2 million being generated by productized services.

Operating income was \$22.9 million in Q2 FY'17, resulting in an operating margin of 12.1%, an increase of \$15.1 million compared to Q2 FY'16 operating income and margin of \$7.8 million and 10.6%, respectively. The change in operating income was primarily due to higher fee revenue of \$115.2 million, partially offset by increases in compensation and benefit expense of \$72.9 million, \$15.5 million in general and administrative expenses, \$7.3 million in cost of services and \$4.4 million in depreciation and amortization expense. The increase in operating expenses was due to the legacy Hay Group acquisition that took place in the third quarter of fiscal 2016.

EBITDA was \$31.0 million in Q2 FY'17, with a margin of 16.4%, up from \$11.3 million and 15.4%, respectively, in Q2 FY'16. Adjusted EBITDA was \$35.3 million in Q2 FY'17, an increase of \$20.6 million compared to Q2 FY'16, resulting in an Adjusted EBITDA margin of 18.7% in the current quarter compared to 19.9% in the year-ago quarter. The increase in Adjusted EBITDA was due to the same factors impacting operating income (excluding depreciation and amortization expense).

Selected Futurestep Data

(dollars in millions) ^(a)

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
Fee revenue	\$ 56.8	\$ 50.5	\$ 111.5	\$ 96.6
Total revenue	\$ 62.0	\$ 53.9	\$ 121.9	\$ 103.8
Operating income	\$ 7.8	\$ 6.9	\$ 15.3	\$ 13.1
Operating margin	13.7%	13.6%	13.7%	13.5%
Engagements billed (b)	1,025	893	1,595	1,363
New engagements (c)	559	462	1,078	933

EBITDA Results (d):	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	FY'17	FY'16	FY'17	FY'16
EBITDA	\$ 8.5	\$ 7.5	\$ 16.6	\$ 14.3
EBITDA margin	14.9%	14.8%	14.9%	14.8%

(a) Numbers may not total due to rounding.

(b) Represents search engagements billed.

(c) Represents new search engagements opened in the respective period.

(d) EBITDA and EBITDA margin are non-GAAP financial measures (see attached reconciliations).

Fee revenue was \$56.8 million in Q2 FY'17, an increase of 12.5% (14.1% on a constant currency basis), compared to the year-ago quarter.

- The higher fee revenue was driven by a \$4.4 million increase in recruitment process outsourcing in Q2 FY'17 compared to Q2 FY'16.
- The rest of the increase was due to a 15% increase in engagements billed in Q2 FY'17 compared to Q2 FY'16, that drove higher fee revenue from professional search, which represents 44% of Futurestep fee revenue.

Operating income was \$7.8 million in Q2 FY'17, an increase of \$0.9 million, compared to Q2 FY'16, resulting in an operating margin of 13.7% in the current quarter compared to 13.6% in the year-ago quarter, an increase of 10 bps.

EBITDA was \$8.5 million during Q2 FY'17 with an EBITDA margin of 14.9%, an increase of 10 bps from the prior year.

Outlook

Assuming worldwide economic conditions, financial markets and foreign exchange rates remain steady, on a consolidated basis:

- Q3 FY'17 fee revenue is expected to be in the range of \$370 million and \$390 million; and
- Q3 FY'17 diluted earnings per share is likely to range between \$0.36 to \$0.46.

On a consolidated as adjusted basis:

- Q3 FY'17 adjusted diluted earnings per share is expected to be in the range from \$0.48 to \$0.56.

	Q3 FY'17			
	Earnings Per Share Outlook ⁽¹⁾			
	Low		High	
Consolidated diluted earnings per share	\$	0.36	\$	0.46
Integration/acquisition costs		0.04		0.03
Restructuring charges, net		0.06		0.04
Retention bonuses		0.07		0.07
Tax rate impact		(0.05)		(0.04)
Consolidated adjusted diluted earnings per share	\$	0.48	\$	0.56

(1) Consolidated adjusted diluted earnings per share is a non-GAAP financial measure that excludes the items listed in the table.

Earnings Conference Call Webcast

The earnings conference call will be held today at 7:30 AM (EST) and hosted by CEO Gary

Burnison, CFO Robert Rozek and SVP Finance Gregg Kvochak. The conference call will be webcast and available online at ir.kornferry.com. We will also post to this section of our website earnings slides, which will accompany our webcast, and other important information, and encourage you to review the information that we make available on our website.

About Korn Ferry

Korn Ferry is the preeminent global people and organizational advisory firm. We help leaders, organizations and societies succeed by releasing the full power and potential of people. Our nearly 7,000 colleagues deliver services through Executive Search, Hay Group and Futurestep divisions. Visit kornferry.com for more information.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this press release and our conference call that relate to future results and events ("forward-looking statements") are based on Korn Ferry's current expectations. These statements, which include words such as "believes", "expects" or "likely", include references to our outlook. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements. Actual results in future periods may differ materially from those currently expected or desired because of a number of risks and uncertainties that are beyond the control of Korn Ferry. The potential risks and uncertainties include those relating to competition, the dependence on attracting and retaining qualified and experienced consultants, our ability to successfully integrate acquired businesses including Hay Group, our ability to recognize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition of Hay Group which may be affected by, among other things, competition, our ability to grow and manage growth profitability, maintain relationships with customers and suppliers and retain key employees, costs related to the acquisition of Hay Group, maintaining our brand name and professional reputation, potential legal liability, the portability of client relationships, global and local political or economic developments in or affecting countries where we have operations, currency fluctuations in our international operations, risks related to growth, alignment of our cost structure with our growth, restrictions imposed by off-limits agreements, reliance on information processing systems, cyber security vulnerabilities, limited protection of our intellectual property, our ability to enhance and develop new technology, our ability to develop new products and services, consolidation of industries we serve, our ability to successfully recover from a disaster or other business continuity problems, changes in our accounting estimates/assumptions, impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets, deferred tax assets, seasonality, our ability to successfully rationalize our cost structure and employment liability risk. For a detailed description of risks and uncertainties that could cause differences, please refer to Korn Ferry's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Korn Ferry disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release contains financial information calculated other than in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). In particular, it includes:

- *adjusted net income attributable to Korn/Ferry International, adjusted to exclude restructuring charges, net, integration/acquisition costs, write-off of debt issuance*

costs and includes the deferred revenue adjustment related to the Hay Group acquisition, net of income tax effect;

- adjusted basic and diluted earnings per share, adjusted to exclude restructuring charges, net, integration/acquisition costs, write-off of debt issuance costs and includes the deferred revenue adjustment related to the Hay Group acquisition, net of income tax effect; and in the case of the outlook section, also adjusted for tax rate impact;*
- constant currency amounts that represent the outcome that would have resulted had exchange rates in the reported period been the same as those in effect in the comparable prior year period;*
- EBITDA, or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization and EBITDA margin;*
- Adjusted EBITDA, which is EBITDA further adjusted to exclude restructuring charges, net, integration/acquisition costs and includes the deferred revenue adjustment related to the Hay Group acquisition, and Adjusted EBITDA margin; and*
- Adjusted fee revenue, which includes revenue that Hay Group would have realized over the ensuing year if not for business combination accounting that requires a company to record the acquisition balance sheet at fair value and write-off deferred revenue where no future services are required to be performed to earn that revenue.*

This non-GAAP disclosure has limitations as an analytical tool, should not be viewed as a substitute for financial information determined in accordance with GAAP, and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of the Company's results as reported under GAAP, nor is it necessarily comparable to non-GAAP performance measures that may be presented by other companies.

Management believes the presentation of non-GAAP financial measures in this press release provides meaningful supplemental information regarding Korn Ferry's performance by excluding certain charges and other items that may not be indicative of Korn Ferry's ongoing operating results. These non-GAAP financial measures are performance measures and are not indicative of the liquidity of Korn Ferry. These charges represent 1) costs we incurred to acquire and integrate the Hay Group acquisition, 2) charges we incurred to restructure the combined company due to the acquisition of Hay Group, 3) debt issuance costs written-off upon replacement of credit facility and 4) revenue that Hay Group would have realized if not for business combination accounting that requires a company to record the acquisition balance sheet at fair value and write-off deferred revenue where no future services are required to be performed to earn that revenue. As such, reported fee revenue can make fee revenue and operating results appear to fluctuate more than they would if business combination accounting did not require deferred revenue to be written off. Adjusted fee revenue is not a measure that substitutes an individually tailored revenue recognition or measurement method for those of GAAP, rather, it is an adjustment for a short period of time that will provide better comparability in the current and future periods. Management believes the presentation of adjusted fee revenue assists management in its evaluation of ongoing operations and provides useful information to investors because it allows investors to make more meaningful period-to-period comparisons of the Company's operating results, to better identify operating trends that may otherwise be distorted by write-offs required under business combination accounting and to perform related trend analysis, and provides a higher degree of transparency of information used by management in its evaluation of Korn Ferry's ongoing operations and financial and operational decision-making. Management no

longer has adjusted fee revenue after Q1 FY'17. The use of these non-GAAP financial measures facilitates comparisons to Korn Ferry's historical performance. Korn Ferry includes these non-GAAP financial measures because management believes they are useful to investors in allowing for greater transparency with respect to supplemental information used by management in its evaluation of Korn Ferry's ongoing operations and financial and operational decision-making. Management further believes that EBITDA is useful to investors because it is frequently used by investors and other interested parties to measure operating performance among companies with different capital structures, effective tax rates and tax attributes and capitalized asset values, all of which can vary substantially from company to company. In the case of constant currency amounts, management believes the presentation of such information provides meaningful supplemental information regarding Korn Ferry's performance as excluding the impact of exchange rate changes on Korn Ferry's financial performance allows investors to make more meaningful period-to-period comparisons of the Company's operating results, to better identify operating trends that may otherwise be masked or distorted by exchange rate changes and to perform related trend analysis, and provides a higher degree of transparency of information used by management in its evaluation of Korn Ferry's ongoing operations and financial and operational decision-making.

[Tables attached]

KORN FERRY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	October 31,		October 31,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	(unaudited)			
Fee revenue	\$ 401,917	\$ 280,600	\$ 777,538	\$ 547,994
Reimbursed out-of-pocket engagement expenses	13,037	10,739	30,349	22,680
Total revenue	<u>414,954</u>	<u>291,339</u>	<u>807,887</u>	<u>570,674</u>
Compensation and benefits	270,609	188,608	533,576	368,064
General and administrative expenses	54,134	44,563	109,476	82,054
Reimbursed expenses	13,037	10,739	30,349	22,680
Cost of services	18,874	11,236	35,706	21,356
Depreciation and amortization	11,752	7,180	23,196	14,603
Restructuring charges, net	-	-	24,520	-
Total operating expenses	<u>368,406</u>	<u>262,326</u>	<u>756,823</u>	<u>508,757</u>
Operating income	46,548	29,013	51,064	61,917
Other (loss) income, net	(879)	(2,646)	3,380	(2,720)
Interest expense, net	(2,736)	(544)	(5,797)	(843)
Income before provision for income taxes and equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries	42,933	25,823	48,647	58,354
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries	29	540	108	1,265
Income tax provision	11,906	8,392	13,631	18,566
Net income	<u>31,056</u>	<u>17,971</u>	<u>35,124</u>	<u>41,053</u>
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(904)	-	(1,764)	-

Net income attributable to Korn/Ferry International	<u>\$ 30,152</u>	<u>\$ 17,971</u>	<u>\$ 33,360</u>	<u>\$ 41,053</u>
Earnings per common share attributable to Korn/Ferry International:				
Basic	<u>\$ 0.53</u>	<u>\$ 0.36</u>	<u>\$ 0.59</u>	<u>\$ 0.82</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.52</u>	<u>\$ 0.35</u>	<u>\$ 0.58</u>	<u>\$ 0.81</u>
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	<u>56,614</u>	<u>49,981</u>	<u>56,401</u>	<u>49,737</u>
Diluted	<u>56,983</u>	<u>50,362</u>	<u>56,863</u>	<u>50,233</u>
Cash dividends declared per share:	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.20</u>	<u>\$ 0.20</u>

**KORN FERRY AND SUBSIDIARIES
FINANCIAL SUMMARY BY SEGMENT
(in thousands)
(unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended October 31,			Six Months Ended October 31		
	2016	2015	% Change	2016	2015	
Fee Revenue:						
Executive search:						
North America	\$ 92,732	\$ 92,788	(0%)	\$ 174,534	\$ 183,147	
EMEA	34,779	36,570	(5%)	70,149	72,660	
Asia Pacific	19,470	20,998	(7%)	39,096	40,213	
Latin America	9,247	6,116	51%	18,810	12,542	
Total executive search	156,228	156,472	(0%)	302,589	308,562	
Hay Group	188,842	73,602	157%	363,424	142,842	
Futurestep	56,847	50,526	13%	111,525	96,590	
Total fee revenue	401,917	280,600	43%	777,538	547,994	
Reimbursed out-of-pocket engagement expenses	13,037	10,739	21%	30,349	22,680	
Total revenue	<u>\$ 414,954</u>	<u>\$ 291,339</u>	42%	<u>\$ 807,887</u>	<u>\$ 570,674</u>	
Operating Income (Loss):						
Executive search:						
North America	\$ 26,272	\$ 27,422	29.6%	\$ 42,740	\$ 51,567	24.5%
EMEA	6,847	6,929	18.9%	12,874	13,205	18.4%
Asia Pacific	2,028	3,907	18.6%	4,130	6,893	10.6%

Latin America	<u>2,284</u>	24.7%	<u>970</u>	15.9%	<u>4,614</u>	24.5%	<u>2,478</u>
Total executive search	37,431	24.0%	39,228	25.1%	64,358	21.3%	74,143
Hay Group	22,943	12.1%	7,778	10.6%	15,200	4.2%	15,273
Futurestep	7,787	13.7%	6,896	13.6%	15,300	13.7%	13,085
Corporate	<u>(21,613)</u>		<u>(24,889)</u>		<u>(43,794)</u>		<u>(40,584)</u>
Total operating income	<u>\$ 46,548</u>	11.6%	<u>\$ 29,013</u>	10.3%	<u>\$ 51,064</u>	6.6%	<u>\$ 61,917</u>

**KORN FERRY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except per share amounts)**

	<u>October 31, 2016</u>	<u>April 30, 2016</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	(unaudited)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 250,033	\$ 273,252
Marketable securities	29,766	11,338
Receivables due from clients, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$12,901 and \$11,292 respectively	360,788	315,975
Income taxes and other receivables	23,455	20,579
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>51,314</u>	<u>43,130</u>
Total current assets	<u>715,356</u>	<u>664,274</u>
Marketable securities, non-current	110,217	130,092
Property and equipment, net	108,371	95,436
Cash surrender value of company owned life insurance policies, net of loans	110,888	107,296
Deferred income taxes	26,235	27,163
Goodwill	586,290	590,072
Intangible assets, net	225,037	233,027
Investments and other assets	<u>67,679</u>	<u>51,240</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,950,073</u>	<u>\$ 1,898,600</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>		
Accounts payable	\$ 27,711	\$ 26,634
Income taxes payable	3,015	8,396
Compensation and benefits payable	176,218	266,211
Term loan	19,754	30,000
Other accrued liabilities	<u>138,738</u>	<u>145,023</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>365,436</u>	<u>476,264</u>
Deferred compensation and other retirement plans	214,032	216,113
Term loan, non-current	246,099	110,000
Deferred tax liabilities	14,090	5,088
Other liabilities	<u>56,272</u>	<u>43,834</u>
Total liabilities	<u>895,929</u>	<u>851,299</u>

Stockholders' equity		
Common stock: \$0.01 par value, 150,000 shares authorized, 70,640 and 69,273 shares issued and 57,601 and 57,272 shares outstanding, respectively	703,073	702,098
Retained earnings	422,723	401,113
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net	(75,243)	(57,911)
Total Korn/Ferry International stockholders' equity	1,050,553	1,045,300
Noncontrolling interest	3,591	2,001
Total stockholders' equity	1,054,144	1,047,301
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,950,073	\$ 1,898,600

KORN FERRY AND SUBSIDIARIES
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	October 31,		October 31,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	(unaudited)			
Fee revenue	\$ 401,917	\$ 280,600	\$ 777,538	\$ 547,994
Deferred revenue adjustment due to acquisition (1)	-	-	3,535	-
Adjusted fee revenue	<u>\$ 401,917</u>	<u>\$ 280,600</u>	<u>\$ 781,073</u>	<u>\$ 547,994</u>
Operating income	\$ 46,548	\$ 29,013	\$ 51,064	\$ 61,917
Depreciation and amortization	11,752	7,180	23,196	14,603
Other (loss) income, net	(879)	(2,646)	3,380	(2,720)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net	29	540	108	1,265
EBITDA	<u>57,450</u>	<u>34,087</u>	<u>77,748</u>	<u>75,065</u>
Deferred revenue adjustment due to acquisition (1)	-	-	3,535	-
Restructuring charges, net (2)	-	-	24,520	-
Integration/acquisition costs (3)	5,820	11,994	13,847	12,668
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 63,270</u>	<u>\$ 46,081</u>	<u>\$ 119,650</u>	<u>\$ 87,733</u>
Operating margin	11.6%	10.3%	6.6%	11.3%
Depreciation and amortization	2.9%	2.6%	3.0%	2.7%
Other (loss) income, net	(0.2%)	(1.0%)	0.4%	(0.5%)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net	-	0.2%	-	0.2%
EBITDA margin	<u>14.3%</u>	<u>12.1%</u>	<u>10.0%</u>	<u>13.7%</u>
Deferred revenue adjustment due to acquisition (1)	-	-	0.5%	-
Restructuring charges, net (2)	-	-	3.1%	-
Integration/acquisition costs (3)	1.4%	4.3%	1.8%	2.3%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	<u>15.7%</u>	<u>16.4%</u>	<u>15.4%</u>	<u>16.0%</u>
Net income attributable to Korn/Ferry International	\$ 30,152	\$ 17,971	\$ 33,360	\$ 41,053
Deferred revenue adjustment due to acquisition (1)	-	-	3,535	-
Restructuring charges, net (2)	-	-	24,520	-
Integration/acquisition costs (3)	5,820	11,994	13,847	12,668

Write-off of debt issuance costs (4)	-	-	954	-
Tax effect on the above items (5)	(1,916)	(4,168)	(12,634)	(4,383)
Adjusted net income attributable to Korn/Ferry International	<u>\$ 34,056</u>	<u>\$ 25,797</u>	<u>\$ 63,582</u>	<u>\$ 49,338</u>
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.82
Deferred revenue adjustment due to acquisition (1)	-	-	0.06	-
Restructuring charges, net (2)	-	-	0.43	-
Integration/acquisition costs (3)	0.10	0.24	0.25	0.25
Write-off of debt issuance costs (4)	-	-	0.02	-
Tax effect on the above items (5)	(0.03)	(0.09)	(0.23)	(0.09)
Adjusted basic earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.60</u>	<u>\$ 0.51</u>	<u>\$ 1.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.98</u>
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.81
Deferred revenue adjustment due to acquisition (1)	-	-	\$ 0.06	-
Restructuring charges, net (2)	-	-	\$ 0.43	-
Integration/acquisition costs (3)	0.10	0.24	\$ 0.24	0.25
Write-off of debt issuance costs (4)	-	-	\$ 0.02	-
Tax effect on the above items (5)	(0.03)	(0.08)	\$ (0.22)	(0.09)
Adjusted diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.59</u>	<u>\$ 0.51</u>	<u>\$ 1.11</u>	<u>\$ 0.97</u>

Explanation of Non-GAAP Adjustments

- (1) Increase in fee revenue relating to the deferred revenue recorded on the opening balance sheet of Hay Group, required by fair value accounting. The adjustment is included in the Hay Group segment. On a GAAP basis, Hay Group fee revenue was \$363.4 million during the six months ended October 31, 2016. On an adjusted basis, Hay Group fee revenue was \$367.0 million during the six months ended October 31, 2016.
- (2) Restructuring plan implemented in order to rationalize our cost structure by eliminating redundant positions and consolidating office space due to the acquisition of Hay Group on December 1, 2015.
- (3) Costs associated with completing the acquisition of Hay Group, such as legal and professional fees, and the on-going integration expenses to combine the companies.
- (4) Write-off of debt issuance costs as a result of replacing the prior Credit Agreement with a new senior secured Credit Agreement.
- (5) Tax effect on deferred revenue adjustment associated with the acquisition of Hay Group, restructuring charges, net, integration/acquisition costs and the write-off of debt issuance costs.

KORN FERRY AND SUBSIDIARIES
RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME AND OPERATING INCOME
EBITDA AND ADJUSTED EBITDA (NON-GAAP)
(in thousands)
(unaudited)

Three Months Ended October 31

	Executive Search					
	North America	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Latin America	Subtotal	U.S.
Fee revenue	<u>\$ 92,732</u>	<u>\$ 34,779</u>	<u>\$ 19,470</u>	<u>\$ 9,247</u>	<u>\$ 156,228</u>	<u>\$</u>
Net income attributable to Korn/Ferry International						
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest						

Other loss, net						
Interest expense, net						
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net						
Income tax provision						
Operating income (loss)	\$ 26,272	\$ 6,847	\$ 2,028	\$ 2,284	\$ 37,431	\$
Depreciation and amortization	990	229	264	174	1,657	
Other income (loss), net	(92)	(80)	24	24	(124)	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net	29	-	-	-	29	
EBITDA	27,199	6,996	2,316	2,482	38,993	
EBITDA margin	29.3%	20.1%	11.9%	26.8%	25.0%	

Integration/acquisition costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 27,199	\$ 6,996	\$ 2,316	\$ 2,482	\$ 38,993	\$
Adjusted EBITDA margin	29.3%	20.1%	11.9%	26.8%	25.0%	

Three Months Ended October 31

	Executive Search					
	North America	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Latin America	Subtotal	
Fee revenue	\$ 92,788	\$ 36,570	\$ 20,998	\$ 6,116	\$ 156,472	\$
Net income attributable to Korn/Ferry International						
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest						
Other loss, net						
Interest expense, net						
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net						
Income tax provision						
Operating income (loss)	\$ 27,422	\$ 6,929	\$ 3,907	\$ 970	\$ 39,228	\$
Depreciation and amortization	832	232	223	73	1,360	
Other (loss) income, net	(127)	7	(6)	33	(93)	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net	140	-	-	-	140	

EBITDA	<u>28,267</u>	<u>7,168</u>	<u>4,124</u>	<u>1,076</u>	<u>40,635</u>	<u> </u>
EBITDA margin	30.5%	19.6%	19.6%	17.6%	26.0%	
Integration/acquisition costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 28,267</u>	<u>\$ 7,168</u>	<u>\$ 4,124</u>	<u>\$ 1,076</u>	<u>\$ 40,635</u>	<u>\$ </u>
Adjusted EBITDA margin	30.5%	19.6%	19.6%	17.6%	26.0%	

KORN FERRY AND SUBSIDIARIES
RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME AND OPERATING INCOME
EBITDA AND ADJUSTED EBITDA (NON-GAAP)
(in thousands)
(unaudited)

Six Months Ended October 31, 2012

	<u>Executive Search</u>					<u>IF</u>
	<u>North America</u>	<u>EMEA</u>	<u>Asia Pacific</u>	<u>Latin America</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	
Fee revenue	<u>\$ 174,534</u>	<u>\$ 70,149</u>	<u>\$ 39,096</u>	<u>\$ 18,810</u>	<u>\$ 302,589</u>	<u>\$ </u>
Net income attributable to Korn/Ferry International						
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest						
Other income, net						
Interest expense, net						
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net						
Income tax provision						
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 42,740</u>	<u>\$ 12,874</u>	<u>\$ 4,130</u>	<u>\$ 4,614</u>	<u>\$ 64,358</u>	<u>\$ </u>
Depreciation and amortization	1,820	440	489	288	3,037	
Other income (loss), net	196	(56)	111	97	348	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net	108	-	-	-	108	
EBITDA	<u>44,864</u>	<u>13,258</u>	<u>4,730</u>	<u>4,999</u>	<u>67,851</u>	<u> </u>
EBITDA margin	25.7%	18.9%	12.1%	26.6%	22.4%	
Restructuring charges, net	1,706	128	622	360	2,816	
Integration/acquisition costs	-	-	-	-	-	

Deferred revenue adjustment due to acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 46,570	\$ 13,386	\$ 5,352	\$ 5,359	\$ 70,667	\$
Adjusted EBITDA margin	26.7%	19.1%	13.7%	28.5%	23.4%	

Six Months Ended October 31, 2017

	Executive Search					†
	North America	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Latin America	Subtotal	
Fee revenue	\$ 183,147	\$ 72,660	\$ 40,213	\$ 12,542	\$ 308,562	\$
Net income attributable to Korn/Ferry International						
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest						
Other loss, net						
Interest expense, net						
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net						
Income tax provision						
Operating income (loss)	\$ 51,567	\$ 13,205	\$ 6,893	\$ 2,478	\$ 74,143	\$
Depreciation and amortization	1,659	597	469	151	2,876	
Other (loss) income, net	(95)	150	12	272	339	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net	226	-	-	-	226	
EBITDA	53,357	13,952	7,374	2,901	77,584	
EBITDA margin	29.1%	19.2%	18.3%	23.1%	25.1%	
Integration/acquisition costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 53,357	\$ 13,952	\$ 7,374	\$ 2,901	\$ 77,584	\$
Adjusted EBITDA margin	29.1%	19.2%	18.3%	23.1%	25.1%	

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