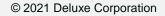


First Quarter 2021 Earnings

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Today's Presenters



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Portions of the financial and statistical information that will be discussed during this call are addressed in more detail in today's press release which is posted on our investor relations website at deluxe.com. This information was also furnished to the SEC on the Form 8-K filed by the Company this afternoon. Any references to non-GAAP financial measures are reconciled to the comparable GAAP financial measures in the press release and as part of this presentation or as part of our presentation during this call.



Barry McCarthy

President and Chief Executive Officer





» We continue to deliver, and do what we say we are going to do

» Sequential improvement in the rate of revenue decline

» Adjusted EBITDA margin improved 340 basis points to 20.5%

» Free cash flow increased 47%

» Improved liquidity with net debt lowest level in nearly 3 years

» Strongest sales quarter in Deluxe history based on Annual Contract Value (ACV)

» Closed the largest deal in Deluxe history with PNC; significant deal with TD Bank



First American Acquisition



Announced transaction will double the size of Payments segment upon closing

- Largest acquisition in DLX's 106-year history
- Transforms company into a payments and Trusted Busines Technology company
- Payments will now rival Checks business on a revenue basis



DLX ready for M&A

- Scalable, modern technology platform.
- Sales organization capable of selling the entire portfolio.
- Product function capable of adding features and new solutions.
- · World-class team
- Strengthen our balance sheet

The pending combination of Deluxe and First American doubles the size of our Payments business and transforms DLX into a payments and Trusted Business Technology company



Sales Strategy Continues to Deliver

One Deluxe Sales Approach is Working

Payments:

 Extended relationship with BBVA with a significant number of Deluxe Mobile Capture solution licenses

Cloud:

- PNC: ties together DLX's Cloud and Promotional Solutions to deliver integrated datadriven marketing with managed marketing print and other related services
- Top 50 financial institution where we will deliver full end-to-end Campaign Management services for its Branch Transformation initiative
- A top U.S. mortgage originator where we will offer prescreen and mail services to support its customer acquisition and recapture programs

Promotional Solutions:

 Expanded relationship with LPL Financial as it acquired strategic broker dealers to add to its network.

Checks:

 Extended and expanded our contractual check relationships across several top tier financial institutions, including TD Bank



Strongest quarter in DLX history based on annual contract value



Closed >1,600 deals including largest in history with PNC





Closed 20 deals with ACV over one million dollars each, and the top six of those deals was over \$50M in combined ACV



Segment Highlights

Strong Execution of One Deluxe Strategy

Payments



- Growth driven by treasury management services
- Deluxe Payment Exchange and Medical Payment Exchange more than doubled year-overyear
- Soft launch of HR Management Solution and expanded Deluxe Payment Exchange Network
- Promotional Solutions .
 - Numerous wins, including PNC
 - Impact from COVID and weather
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- Business Essentials performed well
- Expect branded merchandise to rebound as COVID wanes
- Adjusted EBITDA margin up over 600 basis points year-over-year

Cloud



 Excluding impact of business exits and divestitures, revenues declined only 10% or

Added numerous new clients, including PNC

Optimistic about Data-Driven Marketing (DDM) as economy recovers

just over half the reported rate

- Web site services also showed resiliency
- Adjusted EBITDA margin up over 800 basis points year-over-year

- Trusted Business Technology™ Company
 - Checks



- Impact from secular trends, weather, and COVID
- Rate of decline improved from Q420
- Strong free cash flow generator
- Strategy in Checks remains focused on capturing new share while holding margin percentage flat



Keith Bush

Chief Financial Officer



Q121 Summary

Solid Start to 2021

First Quarter Results

- Total revenue was \$441.3 million, down 9.3% compared to Q120
 - » Sequential improvement of 360 basis points versus 12.9% rate of decline experienced in Q420
- GAAP net income was \$24.3 million
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$90.5 million, up 8.6% year-over-year
- Adjusted EBITDA margin was 20.5%
 - » Reductions in SG&A drove much of the improvements



Payments

Revenue grew 3.2% to \$79.5M for the first quarter

Results led by treasury management business which was up 4% year-over-year

Adjusted EBITDA increased 1.7% in the quarter

 Adjusted EBITDA margin for the quarter was 23.0%, down 40 basis points yearover-year

Expect double-digit organic revenue growth for 2021

» Continue to invest to drive growth, assuming adjusted EBITDA margins in low 20% range

Pending First American acquisition will double the size of Payments

» Guidance will be updated upon closing expected in Q221

Payments

Receivables as a Service

Digital Disbursements

Cash Flow Management Solutions





Cloud Solutions

Revenue declined 18.2% to \$62.2M for the first quarter

» Revenue increased 5% sequentially from 4Q20

» 8% of the year-over-year decline was due to the impact of exits and divestitures, and revenue benefitted from additions in the data-driven marketing business.

Expanded number of clients using data driven marketing

Web and hosted solutions remained stable compared to Q420

- » Economic impact of the macro environment
- » Expected attrition from decision to exit certain non-strategic product lines
- Achieved 27.7% Adjusted EBITDA margin in 1Q, over an 800-basis point improvement
- Anticipate margins to remain in the low-to-mid 20% range

Cloud Solutions

Data Analytics S

SaaS Solutions

Web Hosting



Promotional Solutions

• First quarter revenue declined 12.8% year-over-year to \$124.5 million

» Sequential rate of decline improved 380 basis points from Q420

Adjusted EBITDA margin was 14.2% up 640 basis points year-over-year

» Reflects significant reductions in SG&A

 Anticipating improved adjusted EBITDA margins throughout 2021 in the low to mid-teens

» Value realization initiatives and cost actions taken in 2020

Promotional Solutions

Turn-Key Managed Branded Solutions

Web Storefronts for Branded Products

Support Rapidly Changing Market Demands

Business Essentials



Checks

- First quarter revenue declined 8.1% from last year to \$175.1M
 - » Combination of secular trends and pandemic impacts
- First quarter Adjusted EBITDA margins were 47.7%
- Expect Checks to return to mid single digit declines in 2021
 - » Based on high renewal rates and new business
 - » Consistent with the recoveries from previous economic downturns

Driving Value

Strong cash flow self funds growth investments AND generates healthy return of capital to shareholders

Lead generation for cost-effective crossselling other DLX solutions to existing customers



Balance Sheet and Cash Flow

- Ended quarter with strong liquidity of \$427.7M and cash balance of \$125M
 - » Debt level consistent at \$840M
- Net debt is \$715M, lowest level in nearly 3 years
- Delivered free cash flow of \$17.9M, up \$5.7M from 1Q20
 - » Primarily due to working capital efficiency
- Declared regularly quarterly dividend of \$0.30 per share
- Did not repurchase common stock in 1Q
- We continue to deliver, and do what we say we are going to do

Free Cash Flow

Cash provided by operating activities, less capital expenditures \$ in millions

	For the 3 Months Ending		
	3/31/21	3/31/20	Variance
Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 39.6	\$ 26.5	\$ 13.1
Less Capital Expenditures	\$ 21.7	\$ 14.3	\$ 7.4
Free Cash Flow	\$ 17.9	\$12.2	\$ 5.7



2021 Guidance

Well-positioned for growth

Full Year 2021 Outlook for Stand-Alone Deluxe

- Affirming 2021 Guidance
- Expect recovery to begin in the second quarter, enabling full year revenue exit growth rate in midsingle digits
- Full year revenue growth of 0 to 2%
- Adjusted EBITDA margin between 20% and 21%
- Tax rate of approximately 25%
- Capital expenditures in 2021 to be approximately \$90M

First American Payment Systems Acquisition

- Expect to close in the second quarter
- Will provide more insight into the financials after the transaction closes
- Will provide full year guidance on second quarter 2021 earnings call





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Q & A



Tom Morabito

Vice President of Investor Relations



Upcoming Conferences

Date	Event
May 19, 2021	Needham Virtual Technology & Media Conference
June 8, 2021	Baird Global Consumer, Technology, and Services Conference



Appendix



Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income (Loss)

\$ in millions, except per share amounts (Unaudited)

Quarter l	Ended
March	31.

	2021	2020
Product revenue	\$299.1	\$330.7
Service revenue	142.2	155.7
Total revenue	441.3	486.4
Cost of products	(107.3)	(121.5)
Cost of services	(71.2)	(80.5)
Total cost of revenue	(178.5)	(202.0)
Gross profit	262.8	284.4
Selling, general and administrative expense	(212.5)	(237.2)
Restructuring and integration expense	(14.3)	(17.7)
Asset impairment charges	<u> </u>	(90.3)
Operating income (loss)	36.0	(60.8)
Interest expense	(4.5)	(7.0)
Other income	2.0	4.5
Income (loss) before income taxes	33.5	(63.3)
Income tax (provision) benefit	(9.2)	3.2
Net income (loss)	\$24.3	(\$60.1)
Weighted average dilutive shares	42.5	42.1
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$0.57	(\$1.45)
Adjusted diluted earnings per share	1.26	1.08
Capital expenditures	21.7	14.3
Depreciation and amortization expense	27.8	28.4
EBITDA	65.8	(27.9)
Adjusted EBITDA	90.5	83.3



Segment Information

\$ in millions (Unaudited)

	2021	2020
Revenue:		
Payments	\$79.5	\$77.0
Cloud Solutions	62.2	76.0
Promotional Solutions	124.5	142.8
Checks	175.1	190.6
Total	\$441.3	\$486.4
Adjusted EBITDA:		
Payments	\$18.3	\$18.0
Cloud Solutions	17.2	14.9
Promotional Solutions	17.7	11.2
Checks	83.6	90.7
Corporate	(46.3)	(51.5)
Total	\$90.5	\$83.3
Adjusted EBITDA Margin:		
Payments	23.0 %	23.4 %
Cloud Solutions	27.7 %	19.6 %
Promotional Solutions	14.2 %	7.8 %
Checks	47.7 %	47.6 %
Total	20.5 %	17.1 %

Quarter Ended March 31,



Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures

(EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA)

Management discloses EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA because it believes they are useful in evaluating the company's operating performance, as the calculations eliminate the effect of interest expense, income taxes, the accounting effects of capital investments (i.e., depreciation and amortization) and in the case of Adjusted EBITDA, certain items, as presented below, that may not be indicative of current period operating performance. In addition, management utilizes Adjusted EBITDA to assess the operating results and performance of the business, to perform analytical comparisons and to identify strategies to improve performance. Management also believes that an increasing EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA depict an increase in the value of the company. Management does not consider EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to be measures of cash flow, as they do not consider certain cash requirements, such as interest, income taxes, debt service payments or capital investments. Management does not consider EBITDA or Adjusted EBITDA to be substitutes for operating income or net income. Instead, management believes that EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are useful performance measures that should be considered in addition to GAAP performance measures.

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2021	2020
Net income (loss)	\$24.3	(\$60.1)
Interest expense	4.5	7.0
Income tax provision (benefit)	9.2	(3.2)
Depreciation and amortization expense	27.8	28.4
EBITDA	65.8	(27.9)
Asset impairment charges	_	90.3
Restructuring, integration and other costs	15.2	19.7
CEO transition costs	_	(0.2)
Share-based compensation expense	6.7	3.6
Acquisition transaction costs	2.8	_
Certain legal-related benefit		(2.2)
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$90.5</u>	\$83.3

Note that the company has not reconciled adjusted EBITDA for full year 2021 to the directly comparable GAAP financial measure because the company does not provide outlook guidance for net income or the reconciling items between net income and adjusted EBITDA. Because of the substantial uncertainty and variability surrounding certain of these forward-looking reconciling items, including asset impairment charges, restructuring, integration and other costs, and certain legal-related expenses, a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure outlook guidance to the corresponding GAAP measure is not available without unreasonable effort. The probable significance of certain of these reconciling items is high and, based on historical experience, could be



material.

Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures

Adjusted Diluted EPS

By excluding the impact of non-cash items or items that may not be indicative of ongoing operations, management believes that Adjusted Diluted EPS provides useful comparable information to assist in analyzing the company's current and future operating performance. As such, Adjusted Diluted EPS is one of the key financial performance metrics used to assess the operating results and performance of the business and to identify strategies to improve performance. It is reasonable to expect that one or more of the excluded items will occur in future periods, but the amounts recognized may vary significantly. Management does not consider Adjusted Diluted EPS to be a substitute for GAAP performance measures, but believes that it is a useful performance measure that should be considered in addition to GAAP performance measures.

- » (1) The tax effect of the pretax adjustments considers the tax treatment and related tax rate(s) that apply to each adjustment in the applicable tax jurisdiction(s). Generally, this results in a tax impact that approximates the U.S. effective tax rate for each adjustment. However, the tax impact of certain adjustments, such as asset impairment charges and share-based compensation expense, depends on whether the amounts are deductible in the respective tax jurisdictions and the applicable effective tax rate(s) in those jurisdictions.
- » (2) The adjustment to total weighted-average dilutive shares for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 is due to the net loss reported for the period. The GAAP EPS calculation for this period excluded a higher number of sharebased compensation awards because their effect was antidilutive.

Quarter Ended March 31,

	<u> </u>	2020
Net income (loss)	\$24.3	(\$60.1)
Asset impairment charges	_	90.3
Acquisition amortization	13.2	14.8
Restructuring, integration and other costs	15.2	19.7
CEO transition costs	_	(0.2)
Share-based compensation expense	6.7	3.6
Acquisition transaction costs	2.8	
Certain legal-related benefit	<u> </u>	(2.2)
Adjustments, pre-tax	37.9	126.0
Income tax provision impact of pre-tax adjustments(1)	(8.5)	(19.2)
Adjustments, net of tax	29.4	106.8
Adjusted net income	53.7	46.7
Income allocated to participating securities	_	(0.1)
Re-measurement of share-based awards classified as liabilities		(0.8)
Adjusted income available to common shareholders	\$53.7	\$45.8
Weighted-average dilutive shares	42.5	42.1
Adjustment ⁽²⁾	<u> </u>	0.1
Adjusted weighted-average dilutive shares	42.5	42.2
GAAP Diluted EPS	\$0.57	(\$1.45)
Adjustments, net of tax	0.69	2.53
Adjusted Diluted EPS	\$1.26	\$1.08



Net Debt and Free Cash Flow

\$ in millions, except per share amounts (Unaudited)

NET DEBT

Management believes that net debt is an important measure to monitor leverage and to evaluate the balance sheet. In calculating net debt, cash and cash equivalents are subtracted from total debt because they could be used to reduce the company's debt obligations. A limitation associated with using net debt is that it subtracts cash and cash equivalents, and therefore, may imply that management intends to use cash and cash equivalents to reduce outstanding debt. In addition, net debt suggests that our debt obligations are less than the most comparable GAAP measure indicates.

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Total debt	\$840.0	\$840.0
Cash and cash equivalents	(125.4)	(123.1)
Net debt	<u>\$714.6</u>	\$716.9

FREE CASH FLOW

Management defines free cash flow as net cash provided by operating activities less purchase of capital assets. Management believes that free cash flow is an important indicator of cash available for debt service and for shareholders, after making capital investments to maintain or expand the company's asset base. Free cash flow is limited and not all of the company's free cash flow is available for discretionary spending, as the company may have mandatory debt payments and other cash requirements that must be deducted from its cash available for future use. Free cash flow is not a substitute for GAAP liquidity measures. Instead, management believes that this measurement provides an additional metric to compare cash generated by operations on a consistent basis and to provide insight into the cash flow available to fund items such as share repurchases, dividends, mandatory and discretionary debt reduction, and acquisitions or other strategic investments.

Net cash provided by operating activities
Purchases of capital assets
Free cash flow

Quarter Ended March 31,		
2021	2020	
\$39.6	\$26.5	
(21.7)	(14.3)	
\$17.9	\$12.2	



Liquidity \$ in millions

LIQUIDITY

Management defines liquidity as cash and cash equivalents plus the amount available for borrowing under our revolving credit facility.

Management considers liquidity to be an important metric for demonstrating the amount of cash that is available or that could be readily available to the company on short notice. This financial measure is not a substitute for GAAP liquidity measures. Instead, management believes that this measurement enhances investors' understanding of the funds that are currently available to the company.

Cash and cash equivalents
Amounts available for borrowing under revolving credit facility
Liquidity

March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
\$125.4	\$123.1
302.3	302.3
\$427.7	\$425.4



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