# Softchoice

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#### Outlook

The forecasts set forth herein include EBITDA Uplift, Realized Gross Profit Uplift, Realized Net Opex Savings, Gross Profit Growth, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Free Cash Flow Conversion for Fiscal 2022. A significant portion of the increase in Gross Profit and Adjusted EBITDA for Fiscal 2022 is attributable to the procurement savings, pricing margin improvements, and business growth and reduced revenue leakage and expected net workforce efficiencies anticipated to result from Project Monarch. To the extent that these benefits are not realized as expected, our Gross Profit, Adjusted EBITDA and, as a result, our Adjusted Free Cash Flow Conversion, during the relevant period will be adversely affected. The underlying assumptions relating to future results are inherently uncertain and are subject to significant business, economic, financial, regulatory and competitive risks, including risks that our initiatives or projects (including Project Monarch) do not result in the anticipated increase in efficiencies, and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. If we do not achieve the anticipated results, we may modify or discontinue certain of our other planned business initiatives. In light of the foregoing, investors are urged to put these statements in context and not to place undue reliance on them.



## Q3 2021 overview

Increased customer engagement and record salesforce productivity



# Strong Customer engagement and salesforce productivity

- 108% LTM Net Revenue Retention
- 15% increase in average LTM gross profit per Customer
- 17% increase in average LTM gross profit per Account Executive
- Strategic focus on fastest growing IT sub-sectors, insight-driven GTM strategy, and increased technical and sales capabilities enabled us to capitalize on high value trends in the IT industry including accelerating adoption of the cloud



## Strong Q3 2021 financial results

- 21% increase in Gross Sales to \$426mm, led by 34% increase in Software & Cloud
- 24% YoY increase in Gross Profit to \$65mm with double digit growth across all sales channels and IT Solutions
- Adj. EBITDA decreased 14% to \$11mm due to FX, sales-enablement investments, certain non-recurring professional fees and \$3.7 million in government wage subsidies received in Q3 2020 versus none in Q3 2021
- Net loss of \$2mm due to \$7mm in non operating expenses
- Adjusted net income increased 40% to \$6mm



## Continued execution on growth strategy

- Investments made in technical and sales enablement resources and cloud strategies to drive salesforce productivity
- Continued realization of benefits from Project Monarch



# Softchoice at a glance

Leading North American software-focused IT solutions provider

\$1.9bn

**Gross Sales** 

**\$266mm** 

**Gross Profit** 

**70**%

Cloud, Software, Services Focus<sup>1</sup>

108%

Revenue Retention Rate<sup>2</sup>

**55%**/**45%** 

Net Sales Split between U.S. / Canada

**\$69mm** 

Adjusted EBITDA

with

88%

Adjusted Free Cash Flow Conversion<sup>3</sup>

Note: All figures represent LTM. All dollar amounts are in US\$.

<sup>1</sup>Includes software and cloud (approximately 60% of our Gross Profit) and managed and professional services (approximately 9% of our Gross Profit).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Revenue Retention Rate is defined as total amounts invoiced in the last twelve months from prior year customers as a percentage of the total amounts invoiced from the previous twelve months for the same customers; it does not include the benefit of total amounts invoiced from new customers in the current year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Adjusted Free Cash Flow conversion is defined as Adjusted Free Cash Flow / Adjusted EBITDA.

# Softchoice investment highlights





Scaled software focused solutions provider in the large North American IT industry



Asset-light model with highly attractive profitability and Free Cash Flow



Differentiated go-to-market approach focused on the highest growth sub-sectors



Proven commercial model, accelerated by Project Monarch, with double-digit organic growth



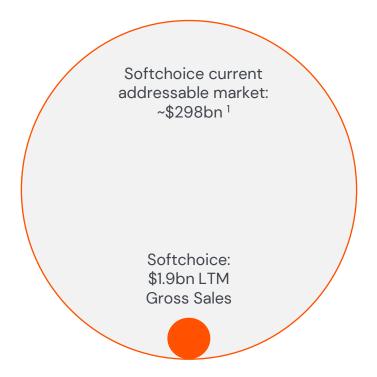
World-class management team and high-performance culture



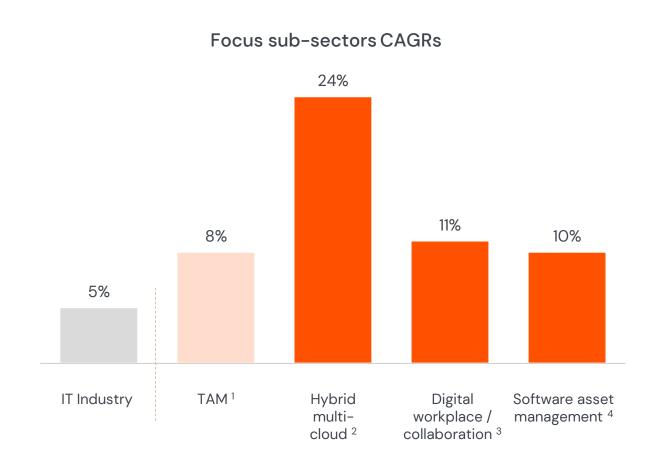
## Large, highly fragmented addressable market

We are focused on the fastest growing sub-sectors

#### North America IT solutions TAM (in \$bn)



Less than 1% overall market share (and ~7% market share in Canada)





## Differentiated capabilities aligned with industry trends

Our foundation allows us to capitalize on the shift towards software-first IT environments



## Hybrid multi-cloud

~360 public cloud (Azure, AWS, GCP) and 600+ private cloud certifications

- Provider selection
- Migration services
- Application & data modernization













## Collaboration and digital workplaces

575 certifications

- Modern collaboration
- Virtual desktops & remote access
- Training and adoption









## Software asset management

46 certifications

- Application monitoring
- License rationalization
- License compliance















### Security underpins all our customized solutions

Built on a software foundation...

30+ years of Software focus

~4.000 enterprise agreements under management

630 +sales professionals<sup>1</sup> 650 +technical experts<sup>2</sup>

...with a large sales & technical team



## Critical link between customers and technology partners

Unique value proposition is recognized and continues to attract new providers to our platform



#### Customer challenges

- Silo'd org structures
- IT system complexities
- Rise of security threats
- Technical skills gap



Trusted advisor, connecting ~8,700 total customers and active accounts with several hundred technology partners.



#### Technology partners' challenges

- No direct product feedback channel
- Largely point solutions
- Distance to customer
- Limited integration and adoption services

Insights driven business approach

We provide holistic solutions

We drive positive outcomes

We deliver product feedback

We offer proximity to customer



## Long-standing relationships with technology partners

Unique value proposition is recognized and continues to attract new providers to our platform

#### Diversified set of technology partners

























































#### Illustrative technology partner recognition



#1 Azure Partner in N.A. 2020 2020 Canadian Partner of the Year



Premier Partner

Member of the Google Partner **Executive Advisory Council** 



2021 VMware North America Lifecycle Services Partner of the Year



**AWS Advanced Consulting** Partner

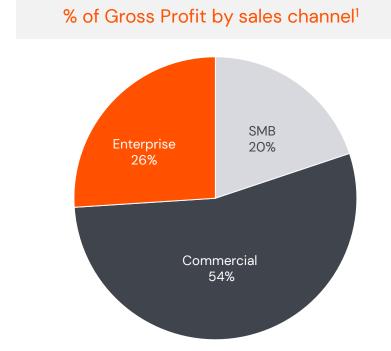


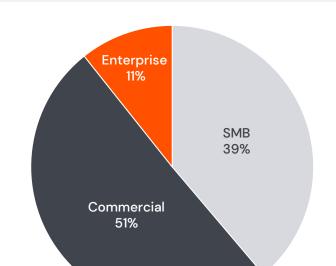
2021 Global Award for Social Impact and Americas Security Partner of the year



## Broad, diverse range of customers

Our vendor agnostic solutions provide best-in-class business outcomes for all customer sets





% of customer base



~8,700 customers and active accounts

~10%

Top 10 customers as a percentage of Gross Profit

**Customer categories definitions** 

Enterprise: \$10mm-<\$50mm

addressable spend

Commercial: \$2mm-<\$10mm addressable spend

\$500k-<\$2mm addressable spend



#### The Softchoice "ROI"

Our go-to-market strategy emphasizes reducing complexity and driving efficiencies





#### **Efficiency**

Reduce and manage technology costs **Agility**Cloud powered IT

#### **Engagement**

Connected, secure, and collaborative workplace



#### **Transformation**

Business driven technology transformation



#### Success

Get back to business, driving growth and profitability Key highlights

55%

Recurring<sup>1</sup> / re-occuring<sup>2</sup> gross revenue

108%

Revenue Retention Rate<sup>3</sup>

>8.7 years

Average customer tenure<sup>4</sup>

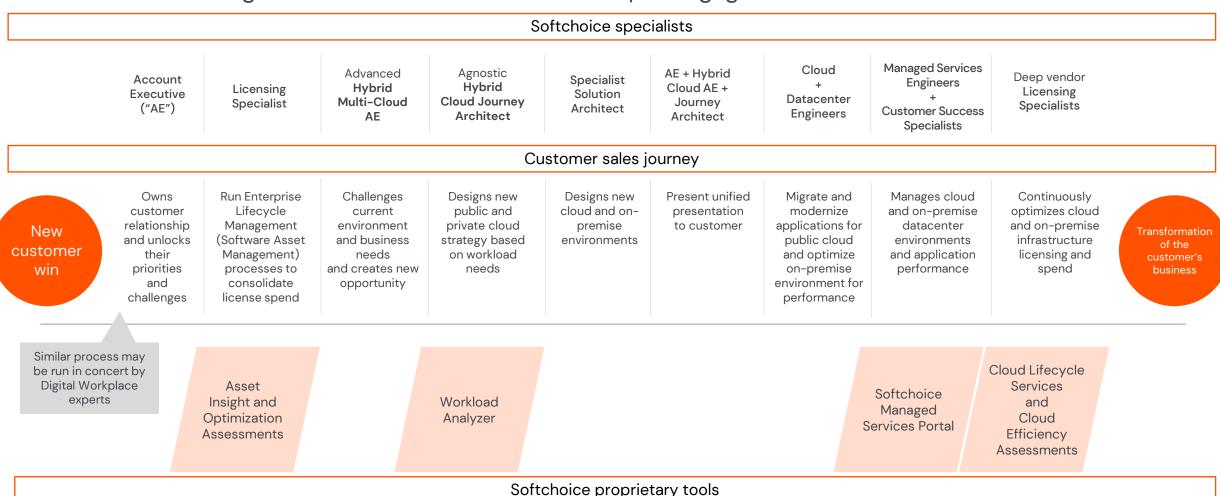
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Recurring revenue defined as revenue that is typically governed by a multi period contract and is expected to continue in the future at regular intervals (e.g. annually / monthly). Re-occurring revenue defined as ongoing regular purchases of end user Software, Hardware and Professional Services; categorized by Softchoice as ongoing purchases made by a customer three years or more consecutively on a LTM basis. Revenue Retention Rate is defined as total amounts invoiced in the last twelve months from prior year customers as a percentage of the total amounts invoiced from the previous twelve months for the same customers; it does not include the benefit of total amounts invoiced from new customers in the current year. A Customer is defined as an organization purchasing IT solutions yielding a net amount of \$2,000 or greater when taking invoiced amounts less the associated cost of sales in the trailing twelve-month period. The net invoiced amounts are calculated using the currency of the country in which the transaction took place to neutralize for foreign exchange.



## Differentiated GTM approach – hybrid multi-cloud example

Softchoice offers insights to customers that lead to deeper engagements and additional sales

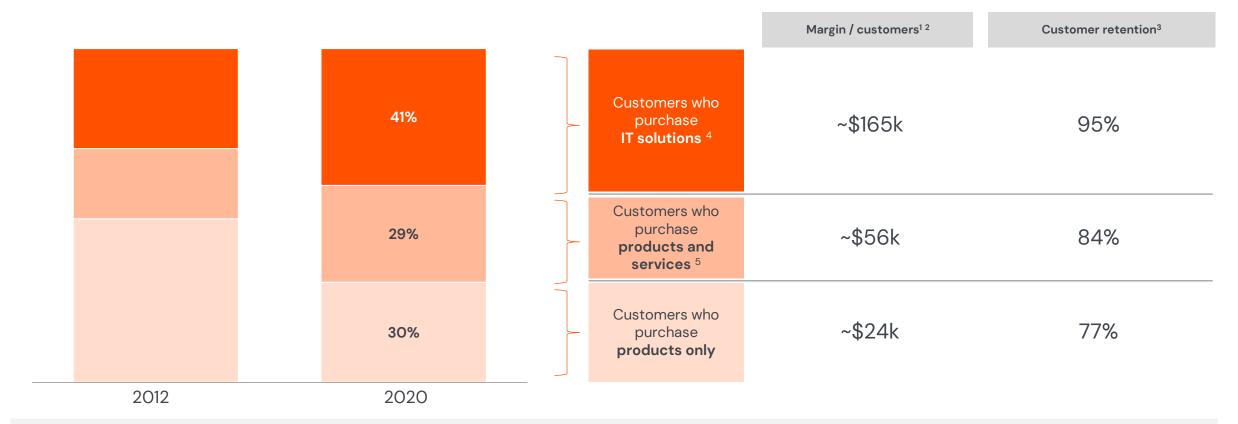




# Trusted solutions partner status Driving higher margin per customer

Gross Profit by customer type

#### Superior business outcomes through trusted advisor status



We have significantly expanded our role as trusted advisors to our customers, driving higher margin per customer and improved logo retention

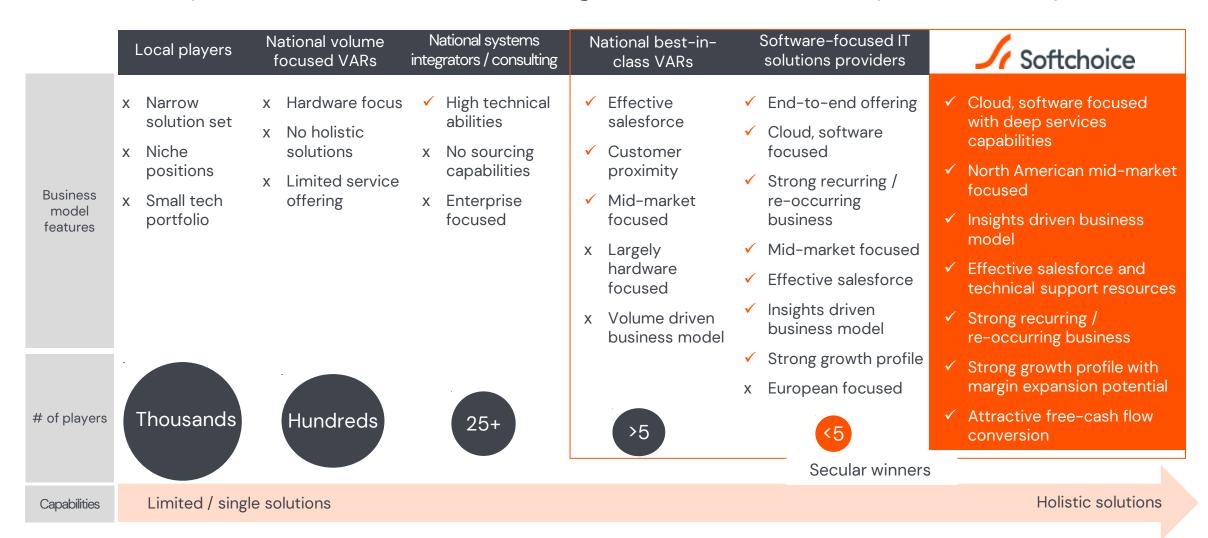
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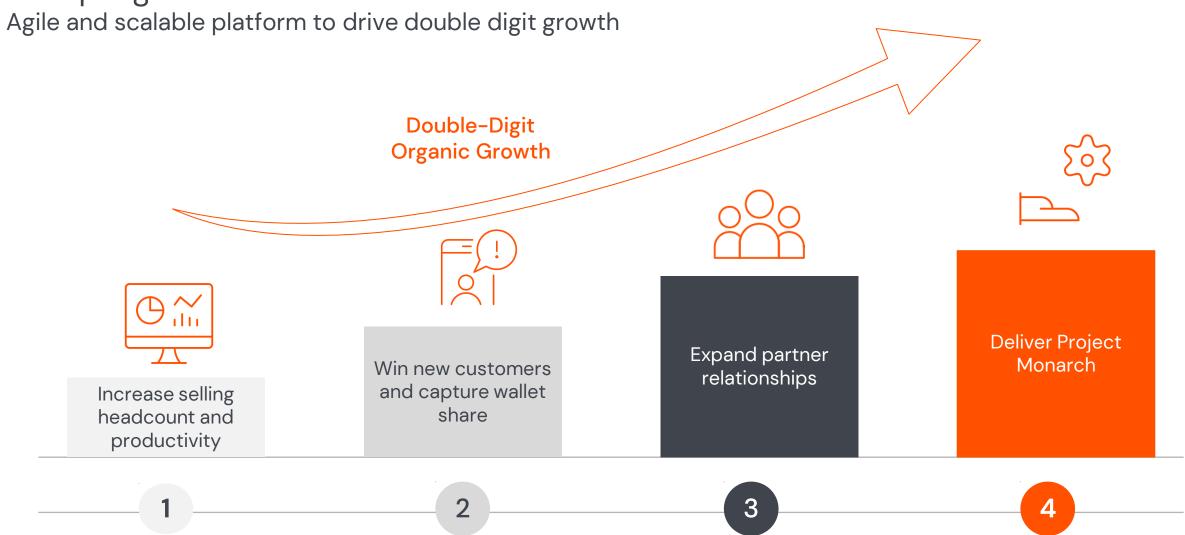
## Result: Differentiated competitive positioning

End-to-end capabilities and software focus distinguish us from broader competitive landscape in N. America



Note: VAR = Value Added Reseller

## Multiple growth levers



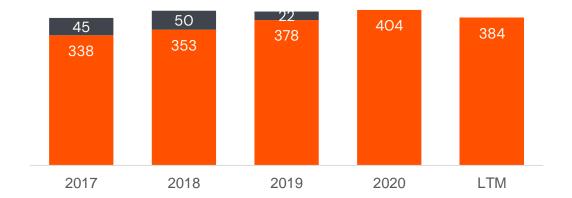


We have a proven history of increasing AE headcount while improving productivity

#### Account Executives<sup>1</sup> (US & Canada)

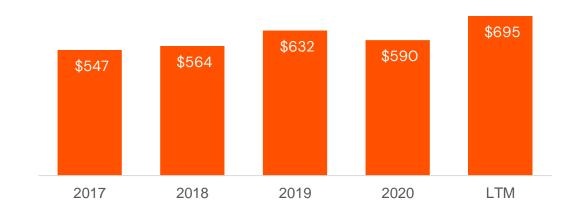
- AEs excl. Hunter AEs
- Hunter AEs<sup>2</sup>

- ~6% CAGR<sup>3</sup> '17-'19
- Recent decline from decision not to increase net AE headcount at onset of pandemic and focus investments on sales enablement
- Currently hiring and target remains to add 40-50 new AEs from Dec. 31, '20 - '22



#### Gross Profit per Account Executive (in OOOs)

- ~8% CAGR '17-'19
- Resumption of growth following pandemic driven decline in 2020, benefiting from investments in technical and sales enablement and cloud strategies



Compounded growth through Account Executive headcount and productivity increases



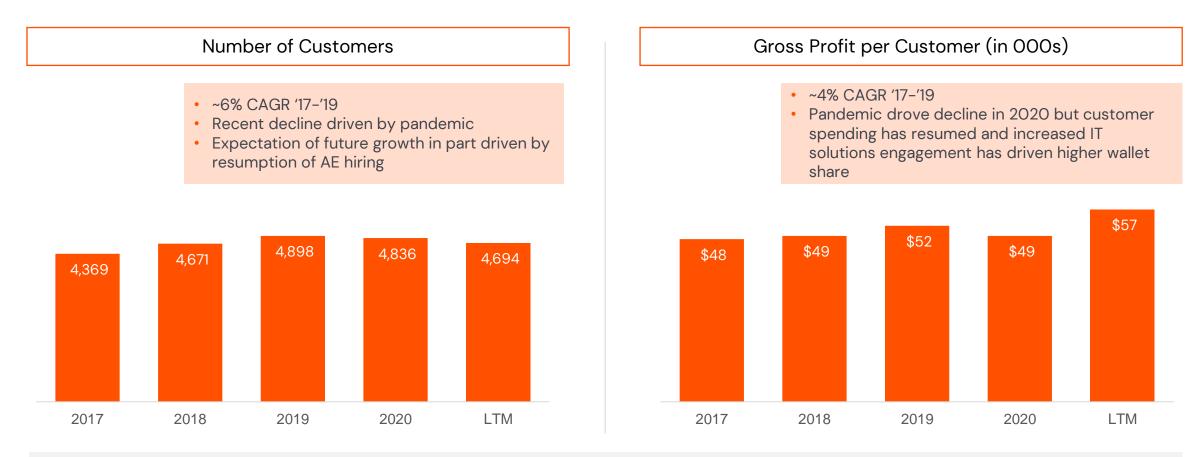
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "AE" or "Account Executive" is defined as an individual in our salesforce that manages Customer accounts; Hunter AEs were moved to a sales specialist group not included under Softchoice's definition of AEs.

<sup>2</sup> Hunter AEs defined as sales executives focused on acquiring new customers by mainly prospecting activities; limited base business provided to such reps (if any).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> CAGR excludes Hunter AEs.

### Growth in customer base and wallet share

We have a proven history of growing our customer base and increasing customer spend



Data driven insights model resulting in compounding growth through new customer wins and increased customer spend



# Framing the customer and wallet share opportunity We have a focused approach to capture additional revenue opportunities

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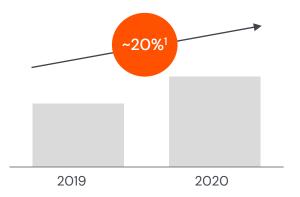
## Expand partner relationships

#### Co-investment with key partners has accelerated our growth

#### Core cloud partnerships

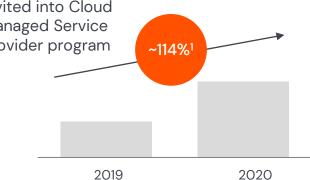


- Top level partner
- Softchoice has received direct funding from Microsoft to accelerate advanced capabilities since 2018





- Member of the Google Partner Executive **Advisory Council**
- Investments from Google in Softchoice to build capabilities since mid-2019; expansion of partnership in 2021
- Invited into Cloud Managed Service Provider program



- 6-year history as an AWS solution provider
- Ongoing investments by AWS in Softchoice to add new AWS capacity and advanced delivery capabilities

## Progress update

- In Oct. 2021, announced a multi-year agreement with AWS to build on Softchoice's cloud expertise and develop new capabilities so that organizations can transform and innovate in the cloud.
- We will rapidly scale our AWS services-oriented team of solution architects and team of AWS sales specialists, operations and service delivery team members

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Represents trend in US\$ Gross Sales.

## Deliver Project Monarch benefits

### Project Monarch will drive over \$25mm of annual EBITDA uplift in 2022

#### Transformative business process re-engineering initiative that went live in Q3 2020

- ~\$50mm invested over 2 years
- Implementation and benefits analysis overseen by third parties
- Implemented scalable end-to-end business processes supported by best-in-class technology architecture:
  - Data-driven price quoting engine
  - New ERP and HRIS systems
  - New sales automation software
  - Updates to legacy technologies to automate process (e.g. CRM, pricing tools)
- Enhanced contract and customer data management functionalities
- Re-engineered processes including automation of previously manual activities
- New roles including master data team, deal desk, enhanced strategic sourcing team and contracts specialists
- Drives operating leverage and supports our growth agenda
- Benefits will offset growth investments in 2022

## Progress update

Through Q3 2021, the Company remains confident in delivering anticipated \$25M in annual EBITDA benefits in 2022

#### **Gross Profit Uplift**

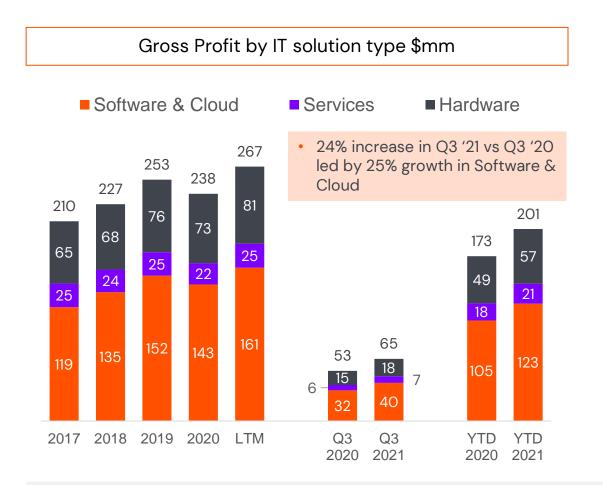
- 1. Pricing alignment
- Performing better than planned
- 2. Procurement savings
- On plan for 2021

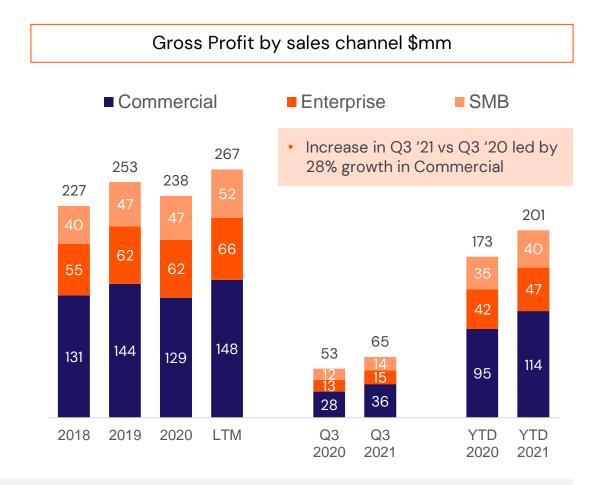
#### **Net OpEx Savings**

- 3. Process streamlining and automation
- Most will accrue in 2022

## Solid top-line Gross Profit performance

Our highly efficient, proven commercial model has delivered double digit Gross Profit growth



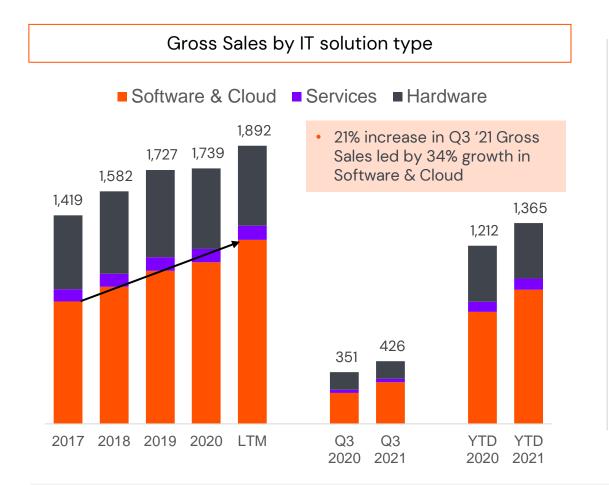


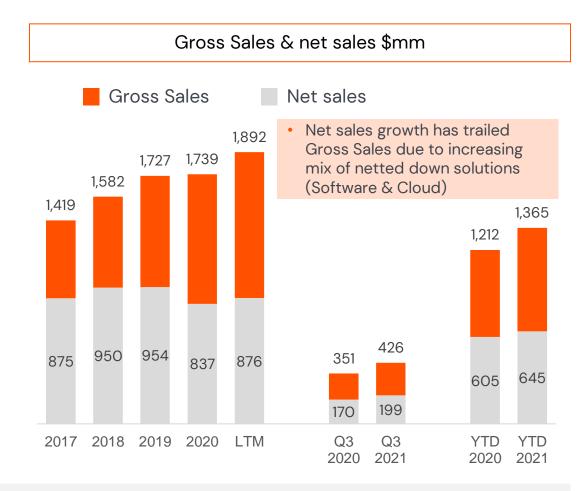
2021 increases across all IT solution types and sales channels



## Gross Sales volumes leading to Gross Profit growth

Software and cloud comprising increasing share of overall Gross Sales mix



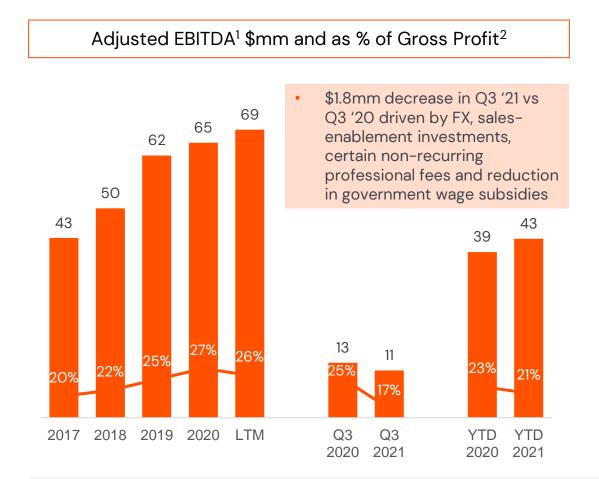


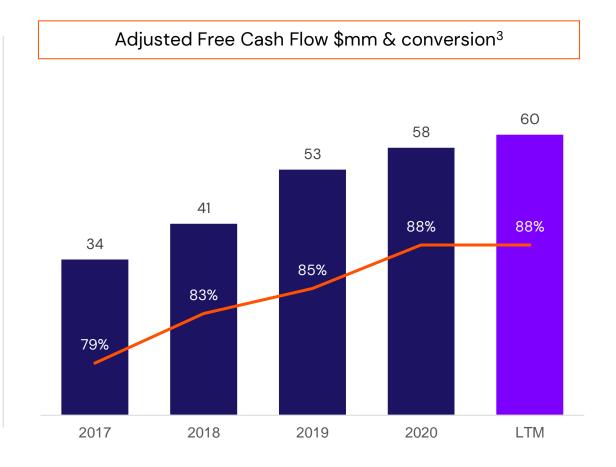
Secular trends driving increases in software, cloud and services Gross Sales volumes



## Operating leverage has driven margin expansion

Asset-light model with highly attractive profitability and Free Cash Flow





We are positioned to deliver significant EBITDA growth with strong Free Cash Flow conversion

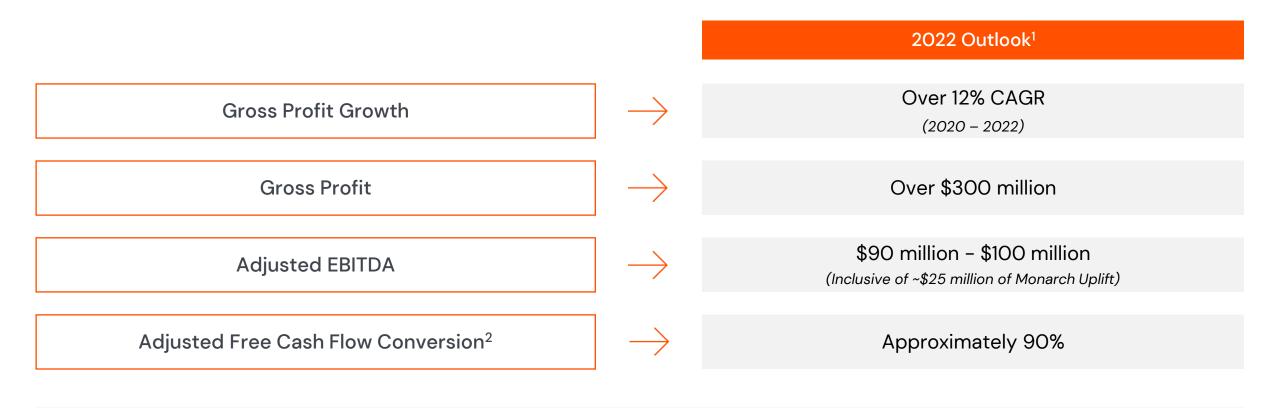
¹ Adjusted EBITDA for Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2018 presented including pro-forma IFRS 16 adjustments. Adjusted EBITDA for Fiscal 2020 includes ~\$14mm of Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy. Adjusted EBITDA is not adjusted to subtract funds received under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy ("CEWS") program provided by the federal government of Canada and therefore reflects the lower operating costs resulting from the CEWS payments, including \$3.7 million in Q3 2020 and YTD 2020 (and \$10.3 million in Q4 2020) compared to nil in Q3 2021 and \$0.7 million in YTD 2021.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Margin based on Adjusted EBITDA as a Percentage of Gross Profit.
<sup>3</sup> Adjusted Free Cash Flow Conversion based on Adjusted EBITDA less Maintenance Capex less lease payments, divided by Adjusted EBITDA

## Significant and sustainable growth trajectory

We are highly confident in our ability to deliver attractive and profitable growth



Strong recent momentum and 2021 investments support our Gross Profit and adjusted EBITDA outlook



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adjusted Free Cash Flow Conversion based on Adjusted EBITDA less Maintenance Capex less lease payments, divided by Adjusted EBITDA.

## Softchoice's capital structure Equipped to deliver shareholder value



#### Strong financial position

~1.9x net leverage at Sep. 30, 2021 (net debt to LTM Adj. EBITDA)

Decline from 2.9x at Dec. 31, 2020

Increase from 1.3x at Jun. 30, 2021 driven by Q3 timing-related working capital movements

Anticipated working capital inflow in Q4 '21 expected to reduce total debt and net leverage by year end



#### Significant free cash generation

LTM Adjusted Free Cash Flow Conversion of ~88% of Adj. EBITDA (Adj. EBITDA less Maintenance CapEx and Lease Payments)

Negative Working Capital position generally results in inflows as the business grows

Uses of Free Cash Flow:

- Interest on debt
- Taxes
- Quarterly dividend (C\$0.07)
- One-time phantom share payment of ~\$14mm in Q2 '22

#### Discretionary potential uses:

- Debt repayment
- · Dividend increase
- · Share buybacks
- M&A



#### Simple capital structure

- ~59.5mm Common Shares
- ~64mm Fully Diluted Shares (incl. options)

Offering completed Oct. 15, '21 did not materially change fully diluted shares but increased public float to ~30mm Common Shares (vs ~22mm pre offering)

Top common shareholders:

- Birch Hill Equity Partners ~46%
- Mawer Investment Management ~14%
- Directors & Management ~4%
- Others (primarily institutional) ~37%



## Leadership team

We have a world-class management team that has built a high-performance culture



Vince De Palma President & CEO

~4 years with Softchoice

Shred-it | ADP | Stericycle | McKinsey & Company | Pitney Bowes



Bryan Rocco Chief Financial Officer

~4 years with Softchoice

Birch Hill | Credit Suisse | BMO | Spin Master | BAM



Andrew Caprara
Chief Operating Officer

~7 years with Softchoice

McKinsey & Company | Stryker



**Karen Scott** SVP, People & Growth

~2 years with Softchoice

Mosaic | SGS & Co



Habeeb Syed

SVP, Legal and General Counsel

~6 years with Softchoice

BLG



Kevin Hendrick

SVP, Sales

~6 years with Softchoice

ADP | CEB | UPS | American Express | US Bank



Maria Odoardi SVP, Business Transformation

~26 years with Softchoice

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Sean Denomey SVP, Services

~8 years with Softchoice

M Systems Group | Bell



Jeff Reis

SVP, Information Technology

~3 years with Softchoice

Shred-it | Stericycle



## Powerful team culture and organization

Our four values underpin our organization's culture

#### Our core values...

1 We grow our people first

2 We have customer passion

3 We take care of each other

4 We own the end result

...and our unwavering people-first approach...



16 Consecutive Years



Certified Great Place to Work



Best Workplaces in Technology



Best Workplaces for Today's Youth ...have positioned Softchoice as the best employer in the industry

~85%

2020 employee retention



Average tenure for executive leadership team

~30%

Increase in median tenures of AEs over 2017 to 2020



# Appendix



#### Softchoice's evolution

#### A lot has changed since we last met



#### Legacy Softchoice



#### **Evolution**



## Transformation and growth



## Acceleration and margin expansion

#### (Fiscal 2021 – beyond)

- Continued expansion of our salesforce and sales productivity to drive customer growth and expand our wallet share
- Acceleration of our Hybrid Multi-Cloud and Collaboration & Digital Workplace solutions
- Capture of Project Monarch benefits to enhance Softchoice's business strategy and efficiently scale the business

#### (Pre-Fiscal 2015)

- Traditional VAR focused primarily on product resale to customers
- Significant technology partner exposure to Microsoft
- Lack of pricing alignment, coordinated procurement and scalability

#### (Fiscal 2016 – fiscal 2017)

- Strategic shift towards IT services and solutions across three primary sub-sectors:
  - Hybrid Multi-Cloud
  - Collaboration & Digital Workplaces
  - 3. Software Asset Management
- Evolution and diversification of our technology partner relationships beyond purely transactional
- Beginning of salesforce expansion
- New CEO, CFO, SVP Sales, and SVP IT in 2017

#### (Fiscal 2018 - fiscal 2020)

- 1. Executed a commercial model redesign
  - Re-segmented our customer base to focus on the most attractive segments
  - Continued expansion of sales, specialists, and support teams
- Project Monarch began in 2018 and implemented in 2020, creating bestin-class processes
- Hybrid Multi-Cloud Strategy resulted in increased investment in Softchoice's capabilities
- Further developed our Services Strategy to reinforce our move towards a software-focused IT solution provider

We have made meaningful strategic improvements to our organizational structure and go-to-market approach to expand our role as a strategic partner and capitalize on our attractive market opportunities.



## Revenue recognition overview

### The impact of netting down

#### Illustrative examples by IT solutions type

Software Software Hardware Hardware Services SaaS Subscription/ Professional and Example IT Hardware On-premise Support-Assurance Managed Laptop solution software license Warranty Services (e.g. O365) Gross sales (Total Invoiced amount \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 to customer for solutions delivered/ services performed) Adjustment for sales transacted Nil (\$85)Nil (\$85)Nil as agent \$100 \$15 \$100 \$15 \$100 Net sales Principal Agent Principal Agent Principal Relationship Relationship Relationship Relationship Relationship Cost of sales (\$85)Nil (\$85)Nil (\$75) Gross \$15 \$15 \$15 \$15 \$25 profit

Increasing percentage of Gross Sales are netted down stemming from growth of software and cloud solutions, and the industry trend towards more software sold as SaaS

Variance in IFRS net sales

No change in

sales \$

No change in Gross Profit



## Non-IFRS and Other Measures Reconciliations

(Information in thousands of U.S. dollars, unless otherwise stated)

(Information in thousands of U.S. dollars, unless otherwise stated)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Reconciliation of Net Sales to Gross Sales				
Net Sales	199,009	169,523	644,891	605,360
Net adjustment for sales transacted as agent	227,417	181,490	720,475	606,614
Gross Sales	426,426	351,013	1,365,366	1,211,974
Reconciliation of Operating Expenses to Adjusted Cash Operating Expenses				
Operating expenses	60,566	51,244	208,630	172,423
Depreciation and amortization	(5,424)	(6,501)	(16,140)	(17,203)
Equity-settled share-based compensation and other costs (1)	(498)	(1,057)	(29,180)	(9,310)
Non-recurring compensation and other costs (2)	(163)	(633)	(682)	(1,423)
Business transformation non-recurring costs (3)	(334)	(3,519)	(1,074)	(11,113)
IPO related costs (4)	(235)	-	(2,992)	_
Adjusted Cash Operating Expenses	53,912	39,534	158,562	133,374
Reconciliation of Income (loss) from operations to Adjusted EBITDA				
Income (loss) from operations	4,618	1,408	(7,450)	424
Depreciation and amortization	5,424	6,501	16,140	17,203
Equity-settled share-based compensation and other costs (1)	498	1,057	29,180	9,310
Non-recurring compensation and other costs (2)	163	633	682	1,423
Business transformation non-recurring costs (3)	334	3,519	1,074	11,113
IPO related costs (4)	235	-	2,992	-
Adjusted EBITDA	11,272	13,118	42,618	39,473
Adjusted EBITDA as a Percentage of Gross Profit <sup>(5)</sup>	17.3%	24.9%	21.2%	22.8%
Reconciliation of Net Loss to Adjusted Net Income				
Net loss	(2,214)	(859)	(17,323)	(17,209)
Amortization of intangible assets	3,281	4,349	9,779	10,676
Equity-settled share-based compensation and other costs (1)	498	1,057	29,180	9,310
Non-recurring compensation and other costs (2)	163	633	682	1,423
Business transformation non-recurring costs (3)	334	3,519	1,074	11,113
IPO related costs (4)	235	-	2,992	-
Related party debt interest <sup>(6)</sup>	-	984	1,737	2,888
Subordinated debt interest <sup>(6)</sup>	-	255	446	747
Interest expense (recovery) on accretion of non-interest bearing notes (7)	-	96	120	162
Extinguishment of deferred financing fees (8)	-	-	1,621	-
Unrecoverable withholding taxes (9)	_	-	1,035	-
Loss on lease modification (10)	1,184	- ( )	1,184	-
Foreign exchange loss (gain) (11)	4,044	(3,982)	(1,680)	4,200
Tax recovery on deferred tax liability (12)	(1.011)	(0.05.1)	(2,863)	(7.070)
Related tax effects (13)	(1,911)	(2,054)	(8,021)	(7,672)
Adjusted Net Income	5,614 59,070,380	3,998 45,039,549	19,963 51,366,389	15,638 45,126,350
Weighted Average Number of Shares (Basic)				
Weighted Average Number of Shares (Diluted)	63,447,117	56,452,755	55,743,126	56,539,555
Adjusted EPS (Basic) (14)	0.10	0.09	0.39	0.35
Adjusted EPS (Diluted) (14)	0.09	0.07	0.36	0.28



## Non-IFRS and Other Measures Reconciliations

(Information in thousands of U.S. dollars, unless otherwise stated)

The following measures are reported on a trailing twelve-month basis only:

(Information in thousands of U.S. dollars, unless otherwise stated)	Trailing Twelve-Months Ended September 30,		Fiscal Year Ended December 31,	
	2021	2020	2020	2019
Reconciliation of Net Cash (used in) Provided by				
Operating Activities to Adjusted Free Cash Flow				
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	14,792	3,843	(10,548)	30,404
Adjusted for:				
Share-based compensation and other costs (15)	28,059	5,578	5,003	3,722
Non-recurring compensation and other costs (2)	2,126	2,004	2,867	941
Business transformation non-recurring costs (3)	4,591	15,361	14,630	12,334
IPO related costs (4)	2,992	-	_	_
Realized foreign exchange (gains) losses	(9,897)	475	228	3,336
Finance and other expense (income) (16)	1,025	(548)	(144)	(866)
Cash taxes paid	5,714	6,578	5,491	7,761
Cash interest paid	7,094	8,887	8,475	9,449
Change in non-cash operating working capital	12,108	14,458	39,458	(4,623)
Adjusted EBITDA	68,604	56,636	65,460	62,458
Maintenance Capex	(675)	(1,946)	(1,132)	(2,830)
IFRS 16 Lease Payments (17)	(7,508)	(6,671)	(6,676)	(6,700)
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	60,421	48,019	57,652	52,928
Adjusted Free Cash Flow Conversion	88%	85%	88%	85%

		Trailing Twelve-Months Ended September 30,		Fiscal Year Ended December 31,	
	2021	2020	2020	2019	
Revenue Retention	108%	96%	94%	104%	
Customers	4,694	4,843	4,836	4,898	
Gross Profit per Customer \$000's	57	50	49	52	
Average number of Account Executives	384	406	404	400	
Gross Profit per Account Executive \$000's	695	592	590	632	



#### Non-IFRS and Other Measures Reconciliations

#### Notes:

- These expenses represent costs recognized in connection with the Legacy Option Plan and the new Omnibus Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan (see Note 10 in the Interim Financial Statements for additional details), pursuant to which options granted are fair valued at the time of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and adjusted for any plan modifications. Included in YTD 2021, there was \$16.9 million relating to certain payments made in connection with extinguishment of certain equity-based entitlements (the "Cash-Out Agreements") in conjunction with the IPO. Other costs relate to the employee investment plan and the long-term profit-sharing plan, which were dissolved upon the completion of the IPO, and fair value adjustments in relation to existing equity-based arrangements. As a result of the IPO, a \$6.1 million fair value adjustment was triggered on an existing equity-based arrangement which was dissolved thereafter. See "Share Information Prior to the Completion of the Offering".
- (2) These expenses include compensation costs relating to severance and a one-time accrual recorded in Fiscal 2020 associated with the set-up of a new corporate vacation policy. Other costs are comprised of professional, legal, consulting, accounting and management fees that are non-recurring and are sporadic in nature as they primarily relate to costs incurred in connection with shareholder distributions.
- (3) These costs relate to the implementation of Project Monarch which were largely comprised of one-time third-party consulting expenses, personnel costs for dedicated internal resources and software related costs. All costs relating to Project Monarch were segregated for tracking purposes and are monitored on a regular basis. As at September 30, 2021, \$48.7 million has been invested in operating and capital expenditures for Project Monarch. See "Summary of Factors Affecting Performance Business Transformation (Project Monarch)".
- In connection with the IPO, the Company incurred expenses related to professional fees, legal, consulting, accounting and compensation that would otherwise not have been incurred and therefore are non-recurring. These costs have been separately identified and adjusted for clarity. There were \$253 of IPO related costs which were incurred in Q1 2021 that were previously classified under non-recurring compensation and other costs; these costs have been reclassed into IPO related costs in YTD 2021.
- (5) Adjusted EBITDA as a Percentage of Gross Profit is calculated as Adjusted EBITDA divided by gross profit. See "Non-IFRS Measures Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as a Percentage of Gross Profit".
- (6) Related party and subordinated debt interest was settled at the time of Offering. For additional details see "Related Party Transactions", "Subordinated Debt Information" and "Share Information Prior to the Completion of the Offering".
- (7) This represents the expense relating to the accretion of the present value of the non-interest bearing notes recognized over the term of the notes. These notes were settled at the time of Offering. See also "Related Party Transactions", "Subordinated Debt Information" and "Share Information Prior to the Completion of the Offering".
- (8) As a result of the refinancing, the unamortized balance of the deferred financing fees on the former revolving credit facility and term credit facility of \$1,621 were extinguished in Q2 2021.
- (9) Non-controlling interest portion of unrecoverable withholding taxes on royalties. Non-controlling interest was eliminated upon the IPO of the Company.
- (10) Loss on lease modification recognized in Q3 2021 as a result the recognition of a sublease receivable for an office space that has been subleased and the corresponding derecognition of a right-of-use asset associated with this space.
- (11) Foreign exchange (gain) loss includes both realized and unrealized amounts.
- (12) Tax recovery on deferred tax liability as a result of tax rate change due to change from Canadian Controlled Private Company to public company.
- (13) This relates to the tax effects of the adjusting items, which was calculated by applying the statutory tax rate of 26.5% and adjusting for any permanent differences and capital losses.
- Basic Adjusted EPS is calculated using the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted Adjusted EPS includes the dilutive impact of the stock options in addition to the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. See "Non-IFRS Measures and Other Measures Non-IFRS Measures Adjusted Net Income (Loss) and Adjusted EPS".
- Share-based compensation represents costs recognized in connection with repurchases of stock options from terminated employees. Included in the trialing twelve months ended Q3 2021, there was \$16.9 million relating to Cash-Out Agreements in conjunction with the IPO. Other costs are comprised of the employee investment plan and the long-term profit-sharing plan, which were dissolved in connection with the IPO; and fair value adjustments in relation to existing equity-based arrangements. As a result of the IPO, a \$6.1 million fair value adjustment was triggered on an existing equity-based arrangement which was dissolved thereafter. See "Share Information Prior to the Completion of the Offering".
- (16) Finance and other expense (income) refers to interest income on cash, and payments received from employees for parking, net of non-controlling interest portion of unrecoverable withholding taxes on royalties.
- (17) Lease payments in Q3 2021 and YTD 2021 included a one-time early lease termination payment of \$0.5 million.



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