# Alliance Data NYSE: ADS

First Quarter 2019 Results April 25, 2019



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# Agenda

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 President and CEO

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Consolidated Results

- Segment Results
- 2019 Outlook
- 2019 Updated Guidance



# Q1, 2019 Consolidated Results

(MM, except per share)

	Quarter Ended March 31,				
	2019	2018	% Change		
Revenue	\$1,334	\$1,382	-3%		
Income from continuing operations	\$174	\$177	-1%		
Income from continuing operations per diluted share (EPS)	\$3.28	\$3.17	+3%		
Core EPS	\$3.72	\$3.95	-6%		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$423	\$435	-3%		
Adjusted EBITDA, net	\$317	\$347	-9%		
Diluted shares outstanding	53.2	55.7			
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Results Prior to Discontinued Operations Classification					
Revenue	\$1,824	\$1,884	-3%		
Core EPS	\$4.07	\$4.44	-8%		



# Q1, 2019 Segment Results

	Quarter Ended March 31,				
	2019	2018	% Change	•	
Revenue:				-	
LoyaltyOne <sup>®</sup>	\$204	\$226	-10%	•	Unfavorable FX of \$14mm; shift to net revenue of \$9mm
Card Services	\$1,130	\$1,155	-2%		
	\$1,334	\$1,381	-3%	]	
Adjusted EBITDA, net:					
LoyaltyOne	\$55	\$54	+2%	•	Unfavorable FX of \$3mm
Card Services	\$295	\$319	-7%		
Corporate/Other	(\$33)	(\$26)		•	Higher medical benefits
	\$317	\$347	-9%		



### Q1, 2019

#### **Overall**

- First quarter results consistent with guidance of revenue down mid-single digits and core EPS down high-single digits (includes Epsilon®)
  - Revenue of \$1.8 billion, down 3 percent
  - Core EPS of \$4.07, down 8 percent
- 1.3 million shares repurchased during quarter (approximately 2 percent of outstanding)
- Corporate leverage ratio of 2.4x

### **LoyaltyOne**

- AIR MILES® revenue and adjusted EBITDA down 12 percent and up 7 percent, on constant currency basis
  - Revenue down 3 percent when adjusted for additional merchandise outsourcing, which triggered net revenue presentation under ASC 606
- AIR MILES issued up 3 percent
- Burn rate of 87 percent compared to 96 percent last year
  - Lower burn rate pressures revenue growth
- BrandLoyalty revenue and adjusted EBITDA up 3 percent and 14 percent, respectively, on constant currency basis
  - Excludes \$8 million of restructuring charges at BrandLoyalty in effort to lower fixed cost structure



### Q1, 2019

### **Epsilon**

- Signed definitive agreement to sell to Publicis Groupe
- Expect closing by early third quarter
- Key considerations:
  - \$4.4 billion in purchase consideration (\$4.0 billion excluding tax reimbursement)
  - Certainty and speed of close: 100 percent cash, fully committed financing
  - Ability to drive larger ADS-Publicis relationship post-closing
- Multiple:

urchase price (with and without tax reimbursement)		\$4,400mm	\$4,000mm
LTM Epsilon adjusted EBITDA	\$463mm		
Epsilon corporate support reduction <sup>1</sup>	<u>(70mm)</u>		
Net adjusted EBITDA		<u>\$393mm</u>	<u>\$393mm</u>
Implied multiple		11.2x	10.2x

- Use of proceeds:
  - \$3.5 billion in net cash (after taxes and fees)
    - \$4.4 billion in proceeds less approximately \$100 million in fees and \$800 million in taxes
      - Net \$400 million of tax leakage (\$800 million less \$400 million reimbursement)
    - Net proceeds to be used for debt retirement and share repurchases



### Q1, 2019

#### Card Services

- New client signings: Houzz (e-commerce home furnishings); Sephora (beauty) and Burlington (high growth off-mall discount department store)
  - Year-to-date signings at \$2 billion vintage
- Attractive and heathier verticals continue to gain share
  - 2015-19 client signings now \$5 billion of card receivables; full ramp expected to be \$13 billion
    - Omni-channel and strong on-line brands are fueling the growth
- Active client receivable growth of approximately 11 percent
  - 5 percent decline in reported average receivables reflects sale/reclassifications to held-for-sale of non-strategic clients
  - Expect to exit 2019 at 15 percent growth rate
- Credit quality stable to improving
  - Delinquency rate down 10 basis points to 5.25 percent
  - Net principal loss rate of 6.39 percent vs. 6.68 percent last year
    - Tracking to 6 percent or better for full year
  - Commenced retail deposit platform during quarter, a new source of funding
  - ROE target for full-year greater than 30 percent



# Q1, 2019 Credit Metrics

	Quarter Ended March 31,		
	2019	2018	Change
Credit sales	\$6,315	\$6,806	-7%
Average card receivables	\$16,850	\$17,722	-5%
Normalized average card receivables <sup>1</sup>	\$18,764	\$18,627	+1%
Total gross yield (revenue/normalized average card receivables)	24.1%	24.8%	-0.7%
Operating expenses as % of normalized average card receivables <sup>2</sup>	10.1%	8.8%	+1.3%
Principal loss rates	6.39%	6.68%	-0.3%
Delinquency rate	5.25%	5.35%	-0.1%
Return on equity	32%	30%	+2%

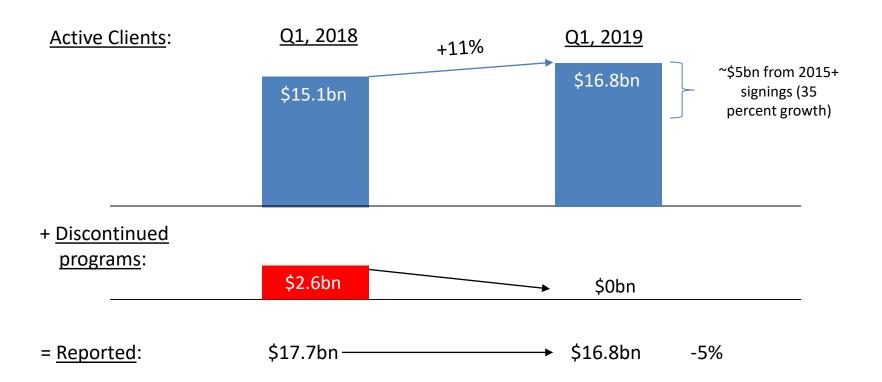
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mark-to-market on held-for-sale receivables increased this metric by approximately 85 basis points.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes held-for-sale receivables. Drives revenue and operating expenses.

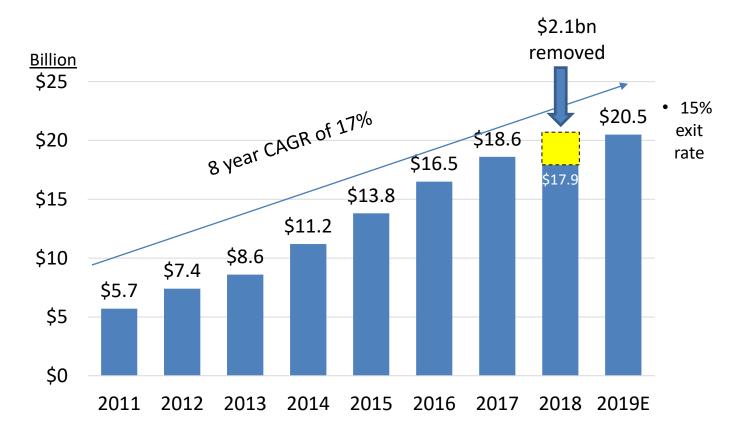
# Card Services: Average Receivables Growth

- Reported growth of -5 percent
  - Includes impact of discontinued programs
- Active client growth of +11 percent





### Card Services: End of Year Receivables



Consistent ROE's > than 30 percent or 2-3x industry



# Card Services: Principal Loss Rates

Consistent with long-term trend





# 2019 Revised Guidance

Revenue	_	2018A		2019G	
Original		\$ 7,791		\$ 8,100	+4%
Less Epsilon	_	(2,175)		(2,257)	
Revised Guidance	-	\$ 5,616		\$ 5,843	+4%
Core EPS	<u>-</u>	2018A		2019G	
Original		\$22.72		\$22.00	-3%
Less Epsilon (assumed 1/1/2019):					
Adjusted EBITDA	(\$475)		(\$474)		
Depreciation and amortization	115		121		
Allocated interest expense (\$1.9bn in senior debt)	102		102		
Income taxes	62	_	61		
Core earnings	(\$196)		(\$190)		
Diluted shares outstanding	55.1		53.6		
	_	(\$3.55)		(\$3.53)	
Revised guidance		\$19.17		\$18.47	-4%
Projected adjustments (assumed 1/1/2019):					
Corporate expense reductions (post Epsilon)				\$1.00 to \$1.15	
Q1 repurchases (not in original guidance)			\$0.40		
Additional senior debt pay-down - \$500 million use of proceeds			\$0.30		
Share repurchases - \$1.1bn use of proceeds (example of \$190 per share, \$170 per share) 1				\$2.50 to \$2.85	
Run-rate core EPS			\$22.67 to \$23.17		
Accretion to original guidance				3% to 5%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Accretion depends upon actual repurchase price.



### 2019 Revised Guidance

**Revised core EPS guidance** Revenue of \$5.8 billon and core EPS of \$18.47. Adjusted for reclassification of Epsilon as discontinued operations as of January 1, 2019. Guidance related to the Card Services and Loyalty One remains unchanged.

<u>Reported core EPS</u> Bridging from \$18.47 to full-year reported earnings require the addition of the <u>partial year</u> accretive impacts from the projected adjustments. Timing and share price considerations will impact the final reported earnings and guidance will be adjusted as implemented.

<u>Pro forma run-rate core EPS</u> Assumes share repurchases and corporate expense reductions are also consummated as of January 1, 2019. The Company expects the run-rate to be accretive to the initial \$22.00 per share guidance.

- Run-rate core EPS of \$22.67 to \$23.17, 3 to 5 percent accretion
- GAAP EPS run-rate accretion expected to be 3x core



# ADS 2.0 - Summary

#### Card Services:

- Move towards healthier growth verticals working
  - 2015-19 client signings: \$5 billion of card receivables increasing to \$13 billion when fully ramped
- Divestiture/reclassification of non-strategic clients completed in fourth quarter of 2018
  - Removes pressure on growth
- Reported card receivables growth should equal active card receivables growth in fourth quarter
- Tracking to end 2019 with \$20.5 billion in card receivables, up 15 percent; strong jump-off point for 2020
- Credit quality stable to improving
  - First quarter delinquency and net principal loss rates better than prior year
- Target ROE equal or better than 30 percent
- 2. LoyaltyOne: Tracking to plan
- 3. Epsilon: Agreement to sell for \$4.4 billion
- 4. Overall:
  - Core EPS run-rate tracking expected to exceed original guidance; GAAP EPS accretion 3x core
    EPS accretion
  - Pro forma leverage significantly reduced from 2.4x to 1.7x
  - 2020: Strong starting point for Card Services with stronger capital structure



#### **Financial Measures**

In addition to the results presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, the Company may present financial measures that are non-GAAP measures, such as constant currency financial measures, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, adjusted EBITDA, net of funding costs, core earnings and core earnings per diluted share (core EPS). Constant currency excludes the impact of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The Company calculates constant currency by converting our current period local currency financial results using the prior period exchange rates. The Company uses adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA, net as an integral part of internal reporting to measure the performance and operational strength of reportable segments and to evaluate the performance of senior management. Adjusted EBITDA eliminates the uneven effect across all reportable segments of non-cash depreciation of tangible assets and amortization of intangible assets, including certain intangible assets that were recognized in business combinations, and the non-cash effect of stock compensation expense. Similarly, core earnings and core EPS eliminate non-cash or non-operating items, including, but not limited to, stock compensation expense, amortization of purchased intangibles, restructuring or strategic transaction costs, amortization of debt issuance and hedging costs. The Company believes that these non-GAAP financial measures, viewed in addition to and not in lieu of the Company's reported GAAP results, provide useful information to investors regarding the Company's performance and overall results of operations.



# Q & A

