

1Q 2021 Results

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Regulation G

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Estimates of COVID-19 Impact in 2020

The Company has provided its estimates for the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, including on the Company's revenue. These estimates were determined using methodologies and assumptions that vary depending on the specific reporting segment and situation. For the Research Models and Services segment, estimates were primarily based on comparisons to daily historical research model sales volumes prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent reduction in research model order activity associated with our clients' COVID-19 pandemic-related site closures and/or their reduced on-site activity, as well as our discussions with clients, particularly of our research model services and HemaCare businesses, with regard to revenue expectations and operational impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. For the Discovery and Safety Assessment segment, estimates were based on multiple factors including, but not limited to, discussions with clients with regard to the cause of delays to discovery projects and safety assessment studies, location-specific actions to ensure employee safety in our facilities, the impact of remote versus in-person activities and services, and supply chain delays and other resource constraints. For the Manufacturing Support segment, estimates were based on multiple factors including, but not limited to, analysis of the sales impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic, assessments of idle instruments and the related revenue streams due to the inability to access clients' sites, as well as discussions with clients with regard to their revenue expectations and operations. The estimated revenue loss related to COVID-19 was also expected to be partially offset by incremental work on clients' COVID-19 programs. Because these estimates and assumptions involve risks and uncertainties, actual events and results may differ materially from these estimates and assumptions, and Charles River assumes no obligation and expressly disclaims any duty to update them.

Robust 1Q21 Performance

- Robust 1Q21 financial performance – 13% organic revenue growth and 170 bps of non-GAAP operating margin improvement YOY – demonstrates:
 - Strength of the biopharmaceutical market environment
 - Power of our unique portfolio
 - Both of which we believe are as strong as they have ever been
- Clients are increasingly choosing to partner with CRL for:
 - Flexible and efficient outsourcing solutions
 - Scientific depth and breadth of our portfolio
 - Unwavering focus on seamlessly serving their diverse needs
- Clients are opting to work with a smaller number of CROs who offer broad scientific capabilities
 - Enables them to drive greater efficiency and accelerate speed of their research, non-clinical development, and manufacturing programs
- Complexity of scientific research is also increasing clients' reliance on a high-science outsourcing partner like CRL

Strategically Differentiating from the Competition

- To further differentiate CRL from competition, strategically expanding portfolio in areas that deliver greatest value to clients and offer significant growth potential
- Already in 2021, have enhanced scientific capabilities for advanced drug modalities through acquisitions of:
 - Distributed Bio
 - Cognate BioServices
 - Retrogenix
- Distributed Bio and Retrogenix strengthened Discovery portfolio
- Cognate (completed on March 29th) provides excellent growth opportunity by enabling us to offer CDMO services in high-growth, high-science, cell and gene therapy sector
- Very pleased to welcome the talented staff of each organization
- Believe that by continuing to invest in our portfolio and people, we are maintaining and enhancing our position as the leading, non-clinical CRO

Strong Trends Support Outlook for 2021

- Believe strength of our portfolio and robust industry fundamentals are leading to unprecedented client demand across most of our businesses
- In 1Q21, experienced continuation of robust demand from the end of 2020, including, new, record booking and proposal levels in Safety Assessment business
- Organic revenue growth above 10% for the second consecutive quarter, even after normalizing for last year's COVID-19 impact
- Overall, believe robust 1Q21 performance and solid business trends support our improved outlook for the year

1Q21 Revenue

(\$ in millions)	1Q21	1Q20	YOY Δ
Revenue, reported	\$824.6	\$707.1	16.6%
(Increase)/decrease due to FX			(2.9)%
Contribution from acquisitions			<u>(0.7)%</u>
Revenue growth, organic			13.0%

- Quarterly revenue surpassed \$800M for first time
- Organic revenue growth driven by double-digit growth across all three business segments
- YOY comparison to last year's COVID-related revenue impact contributed ~140 bps to the 1Q21 revenue growth rate
 - Primarily affected the RMS segment
- Broad-based growth across all client segments, with biotech leading the way as they continued to benefit from robust funding

1Q21 Operating Margin

	1Q21	1Q20	YOY Δ
GAAP OM%	15.0%	13.3%	170 bps
Non-GAAP OM%	20.7%	19.0%	170 bps

- Improvement driven by RMS and DSA
- Reflected operating leverage from robust revenue growth and continued efforts to drive efficiency
- Expect the same factors will drive non-GAAP operating margin improvement in 2021
 - Believe operating margin will approach 21%, above our target

1Q21 EPS

	1Q21	1Q20	YOY Δ
GAAP EPS	\$1.20	\$1.02	17.6%
Non-GAAP EPS	\$2.53	\$1.84	37.5%

- Outstanding earnings growth principally reflected:
 - Double-digit revenue growth
 - Meaningful operating margin improvement

Increasing 2021 Guidance

- Based on 1Q21 performance and positive outlook for remainder of the year, meaningfully increasing revenue growth and non-GAAP EPS for 2021
- Normalized for last year's COVID impact, would still expect low-double-digit organic revenue growth
- Non-GAAP EPS represents 20%-23% growth YOY, an increase of \$0.75 at midpoint from prior outlook

Increasing 2021 Guidance Including Cognate

	CURRENT	PRIOR
Revenue growth, reported	19%-21%	16%-18%
Contribution from acquisitions	(4.5%)-(5.0%)	(4.5%)-(5.0%)
Decrease/(Increase) due to FX	<u>(~2.5%)</u>	<u>(2.0%)-(2.5%)</u>
Revenue growth, organic	12%-14%	9%-11%
GAAP EPS	\$5.95-\$6.20	--
Acquisition-related amortization	\$2.15-\$2.40	--
Acquisition-related adjustments	\$0.75-\$0.80	--
Other items	~\$0.55	--
Venture capital investment losses/(gains)	<u>\$0.25</u>	--
Non-GAAP EPS	\$9.75-\$10.00	\$9.00-\$9.25

DSA Results – Revenue

(\$ in millions)	1Q21	1Q20	YOY Δ
Revenue, reported	\$501.2	\$438.7	14.2%
(Increase)/decrease due to FX			(2.3)%
Contribution from acquisitions			<u>(0.3)%</u>
Revenue growth, organic			11.6%

- Revenue growth driven by broad-based demand for both Discovery and Safety Assessment (SA) services

DSA Results - Safety Assessment (SA)

- Performance reflected robust demand from biotech and biopharma clients and price increases
- Bookings and proposal volume reach record highs in 1Q21, with strength across all regions and major service areas
- Bookings increased substantially more than target
- Clients are expanding preclinical pipelines and intensifying focus on complex biologics
 - Provides us with greater visibility
- Believe they are securing space with CRL further in advance to ensure no delays to research
- Believe these trends position SA extremely well; support low-double-digit organic revenue growth for DSA segment
 - Higher than prior outlook
- Pleased with extensive depth and breadth of SA portfolio and remain intently focused on continuing to enhance value we provide to clients

DSA Results – Discovery Services

- Discovery Services had another exceptional quarter, led by broad-based demand for oncology, early discovery, and CNS services
- Efforts to broaden and strengthen discovery capabilities and enhance scientific expertise are enabling us to expand support for clients' discovery research
- Clients increasingly view CRL as a premier scientific partner who can support efforts to identify new drug targets and discover novel therapeutics
- Intend to continue to build Discovery portfolio so clients can outsource complex discovery projects to us, including advanced modalities
- Distributed Bio and Retrogenix enhanced our large molecule discovery capabilities
 - Retrogenix, through proprietary cell microarray technology, offers target receptor identification and off-target screening services
 - Will enhance clients' early discovery efforts and enable them to explore potential preclinical safety liabilities
- Combination of Distributed Bio and Retrogenix further strengthens our integrated, end-to-end solution for therapeutic antibody and cell and gene therapy discovery and development
- Continuing to add cutting-edge technologies through strategic partnership strategy, most recently with Valence Discovery, a new artificial intelligence (AI) drug discovery partner

DSA Results – Operating Margin

	1Q21	1Q20	YOY Δ
DSA GAAP OM%	18.1%	16.5%	160 bps
DSA Non-GAAP OM%	23.8%	22.0%	180 bps

- Leverage from robust DSA revenue growth was primary driver of margin improvement
- Expect this trend to continue to propel DSA non-GAAP operating margin into the mid-20% range for 2021

RMS Results – Revenue

(\$ in millions)	1Q21	1Q20	YOY Δ
Revenue, reported	\$176.9	\$146.0	21.2%
(Increase)/decrease due to FX			(4.2)%
Contribution from acquisitions			<u>(2.2)%</u>
Revenue growth, organic			14.8%

- Robust demand for research models in China was primary driver of 1Q21 revenue growth
- Higher revenue for research model services, including GEMS and CRADL, also contributed to revenue growth
- ~620 bps of growth was attributable to the comparison to last year's COVID-related revenue impact from client site closures and associated disruptions

RMS Results – Research Models

- Demand trends for research models largely consistent with trends prior to pandemic
- Growth in China widely outpacing mature markets
 - Research models business in China had an exceptional 1Q21, even normalizing for last year's COVID-19 impact
 - Driven by resurgence of demand across all client segments
- Biomedical research in China has returned to pre-COVID levels, and in some areas, even greater levels
- In U.S. and Europe, client order activity has also rebounded

RMS Results – RM Services

- RM Services also continued to perform well
- GEMS benefited from renewed outsourcing demand as clients seek greater flexibility and efficiency afforded them when we manage their proprietary colonies, as we did for many clients during the pandemic
- Also continuing to generate substantial interest for CRADL (Charles River Accelerator Development Labs), as both small and large biopharma clients seek turnkey research capacity
 - Allows them to invest in people and research rather than infrastructure
- To accommodate demand, actively expanding existing capacity in Boston/Cambridge and South San Francisco (SSF) biohubs
- Utilizing CRADL also provides clients with collaborative opportunities to seamlessly access other CRL services, from Discovery to GEMS, further enhancing the speed and efficiency of their research programs

RMS Results – HemaCare & Cellero

- Cell supply revenue growth remained below targeted level in 1Q21, due to some limitations on donor access
 - Believe revenue will increase during 2021 as donor availability continues to improve
- Continuing to work diligently to expand donor base in the U.S. and add more comprehensive capabilities at all sites to accommodate robust demand in broader cell therapy market
- Believe Cognate acquisition is particularly timely because it creates new business opportunities for HemaCare and Cellero in cell and gene therapy development
- Expanded capabilities are establishing CRL as a trusted partner who can move clients' programs forward using the same cellular products through each step of research and early-stage development phases and into CGMP production

RMS Results – Operating Margin

	1Q21	1Q20	YOY Δ
RMS GAAP OM%	25.4%	18.7%	670 bps
RMS Non-GAAP OM%	28.7%	23.0%	570 bps

- Significant margin improvement is due to:
 - Comparison to 23% non-GAAP operating margin in 1Q20 which was depressed by onset of COVID-related disruptions and resulting impact on research model order activity
 - 1Q21 performance reflects operating leverage on robust revenue growth, particularly for research models in China

Manufacturing Results – Revenue

(\$ in millions)	1Q21	1Q20	YOY Δ
Revenue, reported	\$146.5	\$122.4	19.7%
(Increase)/decrease due to FX			<u>(4.1)%</u>
Revenue growth, organic			15.6%

- Revenue increase driven by double-digit growth in both Biologics Testing Solutions (Biologics) and Microbial Solutions

Manufacturing – Operating Margin

	1Q21	1Q20	YOY Δ
Manufacturing GAAP OM%	33.8%	33.6%	20 bps
Manufacturing Non-GAAP OM%	35.5%	35.6%	(10) bps

- Stable operating margin YOY is consistent with historical Q1 trends
- Non-GAAP operating margin outlook in line with revised expectations for 2021 of mid-30% when factoring in Cognate acquisition

Manufacturing Results – Microbial Solutions

- Microbial Solutions growth rate rebounded >10% in 1Q21, reflecting strong demand for Endosafe® endotoxin testing systems, cartridges, and core reagents in all geographic regions
- Continue to work through delayed instrument installations that resulted from COVID-19 restrictions
 - Gaining access to more client sites
- Pleased with strength of underlying demand for endotoxin testing platform
 - Performs FDA-mandated, lot release testing for clients' critical quality-control testing needs
- Clients prefer our comprehensive and efficient microbial testing solutions because of quality, speed, and accuracy of testing platform

Mfg Results – Biologics Testing Solutions

- Biologics reported another exceptional quarter of strong, double-digit revenue growth
 - Principally driven by robust market demand for testing cell and gene therapies and COVID-19 therapeutics
- Believe cell and gene therapies will continue to drive significant growth for years to come
- Demand for COVID-19 vaccine testing is intensifying as therapies move on to commercial production phase, even as some early-stage testing activity subsides
- Given strength of demand, continuing to build our extensive portfolio of services to support the safe manufacture of biologics and ensure available capacity to accommodate client demand

Cognate Acquisition

- Believe Cognate will be highly complementary to Biologics business and portfolio as a whole
- Cognate establishes CRL as a premier scientific partner for cell and gene therapy development, testing, and manufacturing
- Broader services will provide clients with integrated solution from basic research through CGMP production, enabling them to outsource CGMP cell therapy production and required analytical testing to one scientific partner
 - Reduces bottlenecks and inefficiencies of utilizing multiple outsource providers
- Because CRL already provides extensive non-clinical services for cell and gene therapies, integration process is particularly focused on unlocking new business opportunities across our portfolio

Broadening Portfolio & Scientific Expertise

- Acquisition of Cognate is part of ongoing strategy to broaden our unique portfolio and scientific expertise in order to support new paradigms and therapeutic areas of research
- Biopharma clients seek to drive greater efficiency and leverage scientific benefits by working with fewer, trusted partners who have broad, integrated capabilities
- Transformed our business over the last decade to accommodate client needs through M&A, strategic partnerships, internal investment, and promoting a culture of continuous improvement in everything we do
- Built the leading safety assessment franchise in the world and established integrated, end-to-end discovery offering for both small and large molecules
- Given emerging importance of complex biologics and cell and gene therapies, adding CDMO capabilities is a logical extension for the portfolio

Importance of Growth Strategy

- Will continue to move our growth strategy forward
- Disciplined M&A and strategic partnerships remain vital components, as we endeavor to further enhance scientific expertise, global reach, and innovative technologies we can offer clients across all three business segments
- Investing in scientific capabilities, as well as internally in necessary staff and resources, will help ensure that we can meet clients' needs and support robust growth in our markets
- Biotech funding has never been stronger, clients are investing more in research and development, and it is incumbent on CRL to be the scientific partner who can help move client programs forward from concept, to non-clinical development, to safe manufacture of life-saving therapeutics

1Q21 Results

(\$ in millions)	1Q21	1Q20	YOY Δ	Organic Δ
Revenue	\$824.6	\$707.1	16.6%	13.0%
GAAP OM%	15.0%	13.3%	170 bps	
Non-GAAP OM%	20.7%	19.0%	170 bps	
GAAP EPS	\$1.20	\$1.02	17.6%	
Non-GAAP EPS	\$2.53	\$1.84	37.5%	

- Delivered strong revenue growth, well above the 10% level on an organic basis
- Encouraging operating margin performance reflects our efforts to:
 - Build a more scalable and efficient infrastructure
 - Leverage the robust growth in our end markets

Increased 2021 Guidance Including Cognate

Revenue growth, reported	19%-21%
Revenue growth, organic	12%-14%
GAAP EPS	\$5.95-\$6.20
Non-GAAP EPS	\$9.75-\$10.00

- Increased 2021 guidance reflects the enhanced growth profile, including the strong 1Q21 performance and the addition of Cognate and other acquisitions
- Given the robust top-line performance, we expect to drive meaningful operating margin improvement this year
 - 2021 non-GAAP margin approaching 21%
- Increased non-GAAP EPS guidance represents YOY growth above 20%

Revised 2021 Segment Revenue Outlook

	2021 Reported Revenue Growth	2021 Organic Revenue Growth
RMS	Low-20% range	High teens
DSA	Mid-teens	Low-double digits
Manufacturing	High-30% range	Mid-teens
Consolidated CRL	19%-21%	12%-14%

- Outlook for 2021 continues to reflect the strong business environment and the differentiated capabilities we provide to support our clients' needs
 - RMS segment reflects COVID-19 recovery, exceptional growth in China, and expectation that cell supply revenue growth improves during the year
 - DSA segment reflects strong 1Q21 performance and intensified early-stage research activity
 - MFG segment reflects both Biologics and Microbial contributions

Revised 2021 Segment Operating Margin Outlook

- RMS segment will continue to be a primary contributor to CRL's overall margin improvement in 2021
 - RMS non-GAAP operating margin meaningfully above 25% this year
- DSA non-GAAP operating margin is expected to increase over the prior year, into the mid-20% range
- Factoring in Cognate's margin, MFG non-GAAP operating margin is expected to be in the mid-30% range, or moderately below its 2020 level

Unallocated Corporate Expenses

(\$ in millions)	1Q21	4Q20	1Q20
GAAP	\$61.6	\$45.7	\$46.5
Non-GAAP	\$51.2	\$41.4	\$39.8

- Non-GAAP unallocated corporate costs were slightly higher than our expectations
 - 6.2% of total revenue in 1Q21, compared to 5.6% of total revenue in 1Q20
- 1Q21 increase was primarily the result of:
 - Continued investments to support the growth of our businesses
 - Higher performance-based compensation costs, due in part to the 1Q21 operating outperformance
- Despite higher 1Q21 expenses, continue to expect non-GAAP unallocated corporate costs to be in the mid-5% range as percent of revenue for 2021
- GAAP unallocated corporate costs expected to be ~6% of total revenue in 2021

Tax Rate

	1Q21	4Q20	1Q20
GAAP	3.6%	16.4%	8.3%
Non-GAAP	14.5%	17.8%	14.3%

- 1Q21 non-GAAP tax rate was 20 bps higher YOY and consistent with our outlook in February
 - Prior outlook (February): Mid-teens tax rate due to the gaiting of the excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation
- Continue to expect full-year 2021 tax rate will be in the low-20% range (GAAP and non-GAAP)
 - Unchanged from our outlook provided in February

Net Interest Expense

(\$ in millions)	1Q21	4Q20	1Q20
GAAP interest expense, net	\$29.7	\$33.1	\$14.8
Non-GAAP interest expense, net	\$3.7	\$33.1	\$14.8
Adjustments for foreign exchange forward contract and related interest expense ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$13.4</u>	<u>(\$16.1)</u>	<u>\$4.2</u>
Adjusted net interest expense	\$17.1	\$17.0	\$19.0

- Total adjusted net interest expense for 1Q21 was essentially flat sequentially and a decrease of nearly \$2M YOY
 - Lower average debt levels resulted in interest rate savings based on leverage ratio
- At the end of 1Q21, total outstanding debt was \$2.2B, representing a gross leverage ratio of 2.3x and a net leverage ratio of 1.9x

(1) 1Q21 amounts reported in total adjusted interest expense include \$14.0M gain on forward contract partially offset by \$0.1M of additional interest expense.

Capital Structure

- In March, issued \$1B senior notes to further optimize capital structure and take advantage of attractive interest rate environment
- Proceeds of the bond offering were used to:
 - Redeem a previously issued, higher-rate \$500M bond
 - Pay down the existing term loan and a portion of the revolving credit facility
 - Finance a portion of the Cognate acquisition
- In April, amended existing credit agreement to establish a new revolver with borrowing capacity of up to \$3B
- Refinancing activities reduced average interest rate on debt by ~50 bps to 2.65%

Capital Structure (con't.)

- On a pro forma basis, including Cognate and Retrogenix, gross leverage ratio was just under 3x and total outstanding debt was ~\$3B
- For 2021, total adjusted net interest expense expected in the range of \$83-\$86M
 - Higher debt balances due primarily to Cognate, partially offset by the lower average interest rate from refinancing activities
- For 2021, GAAP interest expense expected to be in a range of \$96-\$99M

CRL Capitalization (\$ in MM)	<u>4/24/2021</u>
4.25% Senior notes due 2028	\$500
3.75% Senior notes due 2029	\$500
4.00% Senior notes due 2031	\$500
Revolving credit facility	\$1,452
Finance leases & other	\$11
Total debt (<i>short & long-term</i>)	\$2,963
Additional borrowing capacity	\$1,522

Cash Flow

(\$ in millions)	1Q21	1Q20	2021 Outlook
Free cash flow (FCF)	\$142.2	\$42.9	~\$435
Capital expenditures	\$28.0	\$25.7	~\$220
Depreciation	\$32.7	\$29.4	\$145-\$150
Amortization	\$28.8	\$27.9	\$145-\$160

- Significant increase in FCF from last year was due to the strong 1Q21 operating performance, along with continued focus on working capital management
- Increasing capex guidance for 2021 by \$40M to ~\$220M, reflecting investments in Cognate to support this high-growth business
 - Expect capex to remain below 7% of total revenue this year, which is consistent with 2019 Investor Day target
- Updating 2021 FCF guidance to ~\$435M, the upper end of prior guidance range
 - Increase due to strong 1Q21 performance, even after incorporating Cognate transaction costs and capital needs

2021 Revised Guidance Summary (Including Cognate)

	GAAP	Non-GAAP
Revenue growth	19%-21% reported	12%-14% organic ⁽¹⁾
Operating margin	Comparable to 2020 level	Approaching 21%
Unallocated corporate	~6% as a % of revenue	Mid-5% range as a % of revenue
Net interest expense (total)	\$96M-\$99M	\$83M-\$86M
Tax rate	Low-20% range	Low-20% range
EPS	\$5.95-\$6.20	\$9.75-\$10.00
Cash flow	Operating cash flow ~\$655M	Free cash flow ~\$435M
Capital expenditures	~\$220M	~\$220M

(1) Organic revenue growth is defined as reported revenue growth adjusted for acquisitions and foreign currency translation

2Q21 Outlook (Including Cognate)

	2Q21 Outlook
Reported revenue growth YOY	At or near 30% including Cognate
Organic revenue growth YOY	At or near 20%
Non-GAAP EPS growth YOY	More than 50% vs. 2Q20

- 2Q21 updated outlook reflects a continuation of strong demand environment
- 2Q21 revenue growth reflects the YOY comparison to last year's COVID-related revenue impact, which will contribute ~700 bps in 2Q21
- As a result of COVID-19 impact on 2Q20, expect 2Q21 non-GAAP operating margin and EPS to increase significantly vs. the prior year

Concluding Remarks

- Very pleased with our strong 1Q21 performance, which included robust revenue, earnings and free cash flow growth
- Remain confident about our prospects for the year, and our ability to consistently grow the top-line, bottom-line, and cash flow generation
 - Reflected in the substantial improvement in our 2021 outlook
- Hosting a virtual Investor Day on Thursday, May 27th via ir.criver.com
 - Plan to update our longer-term financial targets, which we believe will reflect the strong demand environment

1Q21 Regulation G Financial Reconciliations

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP
SELECTED BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)⁽¹⁾
(in thousands, except percentages)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 27, 2021	March 28, 2020
Research Models and Services		
Revenue	\$ 176,910	\$ 145,996
Operating income	44,935	27,373
Operating income as a % of revenue	25.4 %	18.7 %
Add back:		
Amortization related to acquisitions	5,339	5,652
Severance	7	(9)
Acquisition related adjustments ⁽²⁾	456	285
Site consolidation costs, impairments and other items	-	229
Total non-GAAP adjustments to operating income	<u>\$ 5,802</u>	<u>\$ 6,157</u>
Operating income, excluding non-GAAP adjustments	\$ 50,737	\$ 33,530
Non-GAAP operating income as a % of revenue	28.7 %	23.0 %
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 9,679	\$ 8,752
Capital expenditures	\$ 2,983	\$ 5,412
Discovery and Safety Assessment		
Revenue	\$ 501,178	\$ 438,683
Operating income	90,949	72,283
Operating income as a % of revenue	18.1 %	16.5 %
Add back:		
Amortization related to acquisitions	22,648	23,007
Severance	412	83
Acquisition related adjustments ⁽²⁾	5,270	1,289
Site consolidation costs, impairments and other items	147	-
Total non-GAAP adjustments to operating income	<u>\$ 28,477</u>	<u>\$ 24,379</u>
Operating income, excluding non-GAAP adjustments	\$ 119,426	\$ 96,662
Non-GAAP operating income as a % of revenue	23.8 %	22.0 %
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 44,608	\$ 41,330
Capital expenditures	\$ 17,040	\$ 14,729
Manufacturing Support		
Revenue	\$ 146,478	\$ 122,380
Operating income	49,437	41,112
Operating income as a % of revenue	33.8 %	33.6 %
Add back:		
Amortization related to acquisitions	2,214	2,247
Severance	294	256
Acquisition related adjustments ⁽²⁾	42	2
Site consolidation costs, impairments and other items	40	-
Total non-GAAP adjustments to operating income	<u>\$ 2,590</u>	<u>\$ 2,505</u>
Operating income, excluding non-GAAP adjustments	\$ 52,027	\$ 43,617
Non-GAAP operating income as a % of revenue	35.5 %	35.6 %
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 6,569	\$ 6,366
Capital expenditures	\$ 7,110	\$ 5,161

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP
SELECTED BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)⁽¹⁾
(in thousands, except percentages)

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>	
	<u>March 27, 2021</u>	<u>March 28, 2020</u>
CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS SLIDE		
Unallocated Corporate Overhead	\$ (61,618)	\$ (46,487)
Add back:		
Severance	(151)	-
Acquisition related adjustments ⁽²⁾	10,560	6,983
Other items ⁽³⁾	-	(287)
Total non-GAAP adjustments to operating expense	<u>\$ 10,409</u>	<u>\$ 6,696</u>
Unallocated corporate overhead, excluding non-GAAP adjustments	\$ (51,209)	\$ (39,791)
Total		
Revenue	\$ 824,566	\$ 707,059
Operating income	123,703	94,281
Operating income as a % of revenue	15.0 %	13.3 %
Add back:		
Amortization related to acquisitions	30,201	30,906
Severance	562	330
Acquisition related adjustments ⁽²⁾	16,328	8,559
Site consolidation costs, impairments and other items ⁽³⁾	187	(58)
Total non-GAAP adjustments to operating income	<u>\$ 47,278</u>	<u>\$ 39,737</u>
Operating income, excluding non-GAAP adjustments	\$ 170,981	\$ 134,018
Non-GAAP operating income as a % of revenue	20.7 %	19.0 %
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 61,508	\$ 57,260
Capital expenditures	\$ 28,030	\$ 25,721

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CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP EARNINGS TO NON-GAAP EARNINGS (UNAUDITED)⁽¹⁾
(in thousands, except per share data)

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>	
	<u>March 27, 2021</u>	<u>March 28, 2020</u>
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 61,530	\$ 50,769
Add back:		
Non-GAAP adjustments to operating income (Refer to previous schedule)	47,278	39,737
Write-off of deferred financing costs and fees related to debt financing	25,979	-
Venture capital and strategic equity investment losses, net	16,719	12,035
Other ⁽²⁾	(2,370)	-
Tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments:		
Non-cash tax provision related to international financing structure ⁽³⁾	1,035	1,073
Tax effect of the remaining non-GAAP adjustments	(21,013)	(11,804)
Net income attributable to common shareholders, excluding non-GAAP adjustments	<u>\$ 129,158</u>	<u>\$ 91,810</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding - Basic	49,980	49,189
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Stock options, restricted stock units and performance share units	<u>1,095</u>	<u>777</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding - Diluted	<u>51,075</u>	<u>49,966</u>
Earnings per share attributable to common shareholders:		
Basic	\$ 1.23	\$ 1.03
Diluted	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.02
Basic, excluding non-GAAP adjustments	\$ 2.58	\$ 1.87
Diluted, excluding non-GAAP adjustments	\$ 2.53	\$ 1.84

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CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP REVENUE GROWTH
TO NON-GAAP REVENUE GROWTH, ORGANIC (UNAUDITED) ⁽¹⁾

Three Months Ended March 27, 2021	Total CRL	RMS Segment	DSA Segment	MS Segment
Revenue growth, reported	16.6 %	21.2 %	14.2 %	19.7 %
Increase due to foreign exchange	(2.9)%	(4.2)%	(2.3)%	(4.1)%
Contribution from acquisitions ⁽²⁾	(0.7)%	(2.2)%	(0.3)%	- %
Non-GAAP revenue growth, organic ⁽³⁾	13.0 %	14.8 %	11.6 %	15.6 %

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(2) The contribution from acquisitions reflects only completed acquisitions.

(3) Organic revenue growth is defined as reported revenue growth adjusted for acquisitions and foreign exchange.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP REVENUE AND EARNINGS PER SHARE (EPS)
Guidance for the Twelve Months Ended December 25, 2021E

2021 GUIDANCE INCLUDING COGNATE	CURRENT	PRIOR
Revenue growth, reported	19% – 21%	16% – 18%
Less: Contribution from acquisitions ⁽¹⁾	(4.5%) – (5.0%)	(4.5%) – (5.0%)
Unfavorable/(favorable) impact of foreign exchange	~(2.5%)	(2.0%) – (2.5%)
Revenue growth, organic ⁽²⁾	12% – 14%	9% – 11%
GAAP EPS estimate	\$5.95 – \$6.20	—
Acquisition-related amortization ⁽³⁾	\$2.15 – \$2.40	—
Acquisition-related adjustments ⁽⁴⁾	\$0.75 – \$0.80	—
Other items ⁽⁵⁾	~\$0.55	—
Venture capital and other strategic investment losses/(gains), net ⁽⁶⁾	\$0.25	—
Non-GAAP EPS estimate	\$9.75 – \$10.00	\$9.00 – \$9.25
Free cash flow ⁽⁷⁾	~\$435 million	—

Footnotes to Guidance Table:

(1) The contribution from acquisitions reflects only those acquisitions that have been completed.

(2) Organic revenue growth is defined as reported revenue growth adjusted for acquisitions and foreign currency translation.

(3) Acquisition-related amortization includes an estimate of \$0.45-\$0.65 for the impact of the Cognate acquisition and \$0.05-\$0.10 for other acquisitions completed in 2021 because the preliminary purchase price allocation has not been completed.

(4) These adjustments are related to the evaluation and integration of acquisitions, and primarily include transaction, advisory, and certain third-party integration costs, as well as certain costs associated with acquisition-related efficiency initiatives.

(5) These items primarily relate to charges of a) approximately \$0.15 associated with U.S. and international tax legislation, and b) approximately \$0.40 associated with debt extinguishment costs and the write-off of deferred financing costs related to debt refinancing.

(6) Venture capital and other strategic investment performance only includes recognized gains or losses. The Company does not forecast the future performance of these investments.

(7) Reconciliation of the current 2021 free cash flow guidance is as follows: Cash flow from operating activities of approximately \$655 million, less capital expenditures of approximately \$220 million, equates to free cash flow of approximately \$435 million.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP
SELECTED BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)⁽¹⁾
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended
	December 26, 2020
Unallocated Corporate Overhead	\$ (45,747)
Add back:	
Severance and executive transition costs	375
Acquisition related adjustments ⁽²⁾	4,020
	\$ 4,395
Total non-GAAP adjustments to operating expense	\$ 4,395
Unallocated corporate overhead, excluding non-GAAP adjustments	\$ (41,352)

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CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TAX RATE TO NON-GAAP TAX RATE (UNAUDITED) ⁽¹⁾
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended		
	March 27, 2021	December 26, 2020	March 28, 2020
Income from operations before income taxes & noncontrolling interests	\$ 66,302	\$ 172,427	\$ 55,459
Add back:			
Amortization related to acquisitions	30,201	28,097	30,906
Severance	562	1,051	330
Acquisition related adjustments ⁽²⁾	16,328	5,724	8,559
Site consolidation costs, impairments and other items ⁽³⁾	187	877	(58)
Write-off of deferred financing costs and fees related to debt financing	25,979	-	-
Venture capital and strategic equity investment losses (gains), net	16,719	(68,635)	12,035
Loss due to U.S. Pension termination	-	10,283	-
Other ⁽⁴⁾	(2,370)	-	-
Income before income taxes & noncontrolling interests, excluding specified charges (Non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 153,908</u>	<u>\$ 149,824</u>	<u>\$ 107,231</u>
Provision for income taxes (GAAP)	\$ 2,367	\$ 28,237	\$ 4,622
Non-cash tax benefit related to international financing structure ⁽⁵⁾	(1,035)	(1,454)	(1,073)
Tax effect of the remaining non-GAAP adjustments	21,013	(87)	11,804
Provision for income taxes (Non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 22,345</u>	<u>\$ 26,696</u>	<u>\$ 15,353</u>
Total rate (GAAP)	3.6 %	16.4 %	8.3 %
Total rate, excluding specified charges (Non-GAAP)	14.5 %	17.8 %	14.3 %

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CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP NET INTEREST EXPENSE⁽¹⁾
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended			Fiscal Year Ended
	March 27, 2021	December 26, 2020	March 28, 2020	December 25, 2021E
GAAP Interest expense, net	\$ 29,684	\$ 33,084	\$ 14,751	\$96,000-\$99,000
Exclude:				
Write-off of deferred financing costs and fees related to debt financing	(25,979)	-	-	(26,000)
Non-GAAP Interest expense, net	3,705	33,084	14,751	70,000-73,000
Adjustments for foreign exchange forward contract and related interest expense, net ⁽²⁾	13,356	(16,068)	4,213	13,000
Adjusted Interest expense, net	<u>\$ 17,061</u>	<u>\$ 17,016</u>	<u>\$ 18,964</u>	<u>\$83,000-\$86,000</u>

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⁽²⁾ Amounts reported in total adjusted interest expense include a \$14.0 million gain on a forward contract and \$0.1 million of additional interest expense for the three months ended March 27, 2021; a \$15.4 million loss on a forward contract and \$0.1 million of additional interest expense for the three months ended December 26, 2020; and a \$6.1 million gain on a forward contract partially offset by \$1.4 million of additional interest expense for the three months ended March 28, 2020.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF GROSS/NET LEVERAGE RATIO, INCLUDING GAAP NET INCOME TO ADJUSTED EBITDA (1)
(dollars in thousands, except for per share data)

	March 27, 2021	December 26, 2020	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018	December 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	December 26, 2015	December 27, 2014	December 28, 2013	December 29, 2012
DEBT (2):										
Total Debt & Finance Leases	\$ 2,205,266	\$ 1,979,784	\$ 1,888,211	\$ 1,668,014	\$ 1,145,104	\$ 1,235,009	\$ 863,031	\$ 777,863	\$ 663,789	\$ 666,520
Plus: Other adjustments per credit agreement	\$ 33,163	\$ 2,328	\$ 712	\$ 3,033	\$ 298	\$ 3,621	\$ 1,370	\$ 2,828	\$ 9,787	\$ 9,680
Less: Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents up to \$150M	\$ (150,000)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Indebtedness per credit agreement	\$ 2,088,429	\$ 1,982,112	\$ 1,888,924	\$ 1,671,047	\$ 1,145,402	\$ 1,238,630	\$ 864,401	\$ 780,691	\$ 673,576	\$ 676,200
Less: Cash and cash equivalents (net of \$150M above)	(315,411)	(228,424)	(238,014)	(195,442)	(163,794)	(117,626)	(117,947)	(160,023)	(155,927)	(109,685)
Net Debt	\$ 1,773,018	\$ 1,753,688	\$ 1,650,910	\$ 1,475,605	\$ 981,608	\$ 1,121,004	\$ 746,454	\$ 620,668	\$ 517,649	\$ 566,515

	March 27, 2021	December 26, 2020	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018	December 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	December 26, 2015	December 27, 2014	December 28, 2013	December 29, 2012
ADJUSTED EBITDA (2):										
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 375,064	\$ 364,304	\$ 252,019	\$ 226,373	\$ 123,355	\$ 154,765	\$ 149,313	\$ 126,698	\$ 102,828	\$ 97,295
Adjustments:										
Adjust: Non-cash gains/losses of VC partnerships & strategic investments	26,148	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Less: Aggregate non-cash amount of nonrecurring gains	(1,423)	(1,361)	(310)	—	—	(685)	(9,878)	(2,048)	—	—
Plus: Interest expense	99,647	76,825	79,586	65,258	29,777	27,709	15,072	11,950	20,969	33,342
Plus: Provision for income taxes	79,553	81,808	50,023	54,996	171,369	66,835	43,391	46,685	32,142	24,894
Plus: Depreciation and amortization	239,172	234,924	198,095	161,779	131,159	126,658	94,881	96,445	96,636	81,275
Plus: Non-cash nonrecurring losses	13,783	16,810	427	559	17,716	6,792	10,427	1,615	4,202	12,283
Plus: Non-cash stock-based compensation	58,570	56,341	57,271	47,346	44,003	43,642	40,122	31,035	24,542	21,855
Plus: Permitted acquisition-related costs	26,183	18,750	34,827	19,181	6,687	22,653	13,451	6,285	1,752	3,676
Plus: Pro forma EBITDA adjustments for permitted acquisitions	5,420	8	12,320	15,648	690	18,573	9,199	10,787	—	253
Adjusted EBITDA (per the calculation defined in compliance certificates)	\$ 922,117	\$ 848,408	\$ 684,259	\$ 591,140	\$ 524,756	\$ 466,942	\$ 365,978	\$ 329,452	\$ 283,071	\$ 274,873

	March 27, 2021	December 26, 2020	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018	December 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	December 26, 2015	December 27, 2014	December 28, 2013	December 29, 2012
LEVERAGE RATIO:										
Gross leverage ratio per credit agreement (total debt divided by adjusted EBITDA)	2.26x	2.34x	2.76x	2.83x	2.2x	2.7x	2.4x	2.4x	2.4x	2.5x
Net leverage ratio (net debt divided by adjusted EBITDA)	1.9x	2.1x	2.4x	2.5x	1.9x	2.4x	2.0x	1.9x	1.8x	2.1x

	March 27, 2021	December 26, 2020	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018	December 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	December 26, 2015	December 27, 2014	December 28, 2013	December 29, 2012
INTEREST COVERAGE RATIO:										
Capital Expenditures	166,578	166,560	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cash Interest Expense	99,814	77,145	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest Coverage ratio per the credit agreement (Adjusted EBITDA minus Capital Expenditures divided by cash interest expense)	7.57x	8.84x	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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- Pursuant to the definition in its credit agreement dated April 21, 2021, the Company has defined its pro forma leverage ratio as total debt divided by adjusted EBITDA for the trailing-twelve-month period. The Company has defined interest coverage ratio as adjusted EBITDA for the trailing-twelve-month period less the aggregate amount of capital expenditures for the trailing-twelve-period, divided by the consolidated interest expense for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters.

Total Debt represents third-party debt and financial lease obligations minus up to \$150M of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents. Adjusted EBITDA represents net income, prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (GAAP), adjusted for interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, and certain items that management believes are not reflective of the operational performance of the business. These adjustments include, but are not limited to, non-cash gains/loss on venture capital portfolios and strategic partnerships, acquisition-related expenses including transaction and advisory costs; asset impairments; changes in fair value of contingent consideration obligations; employee stock compensation; historical EBITDA of companies acquired during the period; and other items identified by the company.

Total Debt and EBITDA have not been restated for periods prior to Q1-2021.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF FREE CASH FLOW (NON-GAAP) ⁽¹⁾
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Fiscal Year Ended
	March 27, 2021	March 28, 2020	December 25, 2021E
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 170,229	\$ 68,590	~\$655,000
Less: Capital expenditures	(28,030)	(25,721)	(~220,000)
Free cash flow	<u>\$ 142,199</u>	<u>\$ 42,869</u>	<u>~\$435,000</u>

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