



Third Quarter 2025 Earnings Presentation



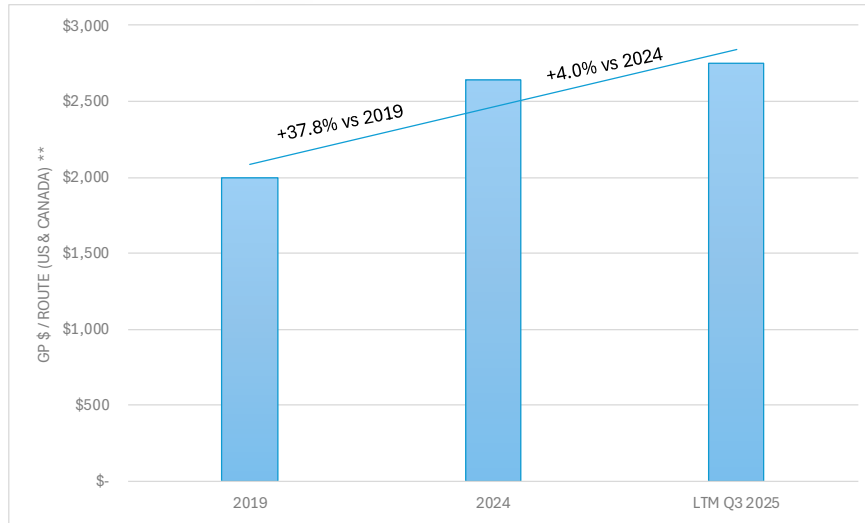
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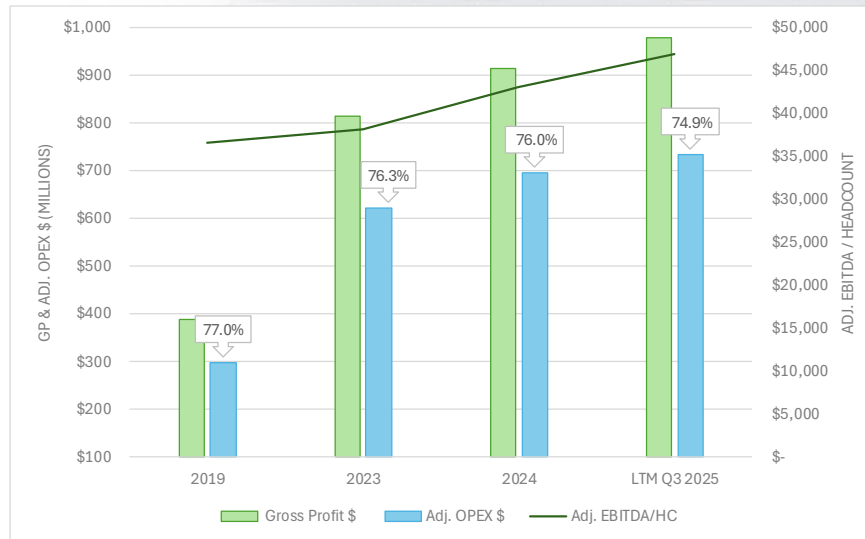
	<u>Q3 2025 vs. Q3 2024</u>	<u>Excl. Hardie's*</u>
Sales	+9.6%	
Specialty Sales	+7.7%	
Unique Customers	+2.6%	
Placements	+5.3%	
Specialty Cases	+3.2%	+5.4%*
Center-of-Plate Pounds	-1.1%	+9.6%*

*Excluding elimination of Hardie's non-core programs: Produce processing/packaging in specialty & Commodity poultry program in COP



GP\$ per Route:
+37.8% LTM Q3 2025 vs. 2019
+4.0% LTM Q3 2025 vs. 2024

Facility Consolidations
Regional route consolidations
Transfer reductions



adj. EBITDA per employee

+28% LTM Q3 2025 vs. 2019
+9% LTM Q3 2025 vs. 2024

adj. Opex as % of Gross profit \$

206 bps improvement LTM Q3 '25 vs. 2019

114 bps improvement LTM Q3 '25 vs. 2024

Q3 2025 vs. Q3 2024

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Net Sales	+9.6%
Gross Profit Dollars	+10.0%
SG&A	+7.9%
*Adj. Opex	+7.0%
*Adj. EBITDA	+19.5%

Q3 2025 Update

Net Debt Leverage

2.0x – 3.0x

(in thousands)

<u>Debt Balances</u>	<u>YE 2024</u>	<u>Q3 2025</u>
Secured Term Loan	260,000	252,750
Senior Convert 2028	287,500	287,500
ABL	120,000	100,000
Other	5,000	-
Total Debt[^]	672,500	640,250
Cash & Equivalents	114,655	65,061
Net Debt	557,845	575,189
Adjusted EBITDA[#]	219,007	246,193
Net Debt Leverage	2.5x	2.3x

- \$32.3mm in YTD cash debt repayments:

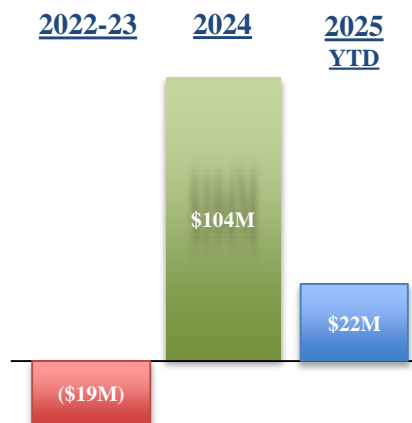
\$20mm ABL (Q1)

\$7.3mm Term Loan, (\$5mm unscheduled)

\$5mm private note (April Maturity)

- Expect Net Debt/Adj EBITDA to end year between 2.1-2.4x

Free Cash Flow*



- FY 2024 FCF of \$104mm aided by favorable YE timing of payments
- YTD 2025 FCF of \$22mm, Q3 decline driven by working capital investment related to tariffs and strategic procurement
- FY estimate of \$60-80mm

Share Repurchases

\$25mm - \$100mm

- Chefs repurchased **\$5mm/81k shares** of common stock in Q3. Since Jan 2024, total repurchases equal **\$32.4mm/667k shares**
- Timing of repurchases will continue to be dependent on share price, market conditions and FCF generation

Announced at Q3 2023 Earnings, Chefs has targeted \$25-\$100mm of share repurchases to be made across 2024-2025

[^] Excludes Finance Leases

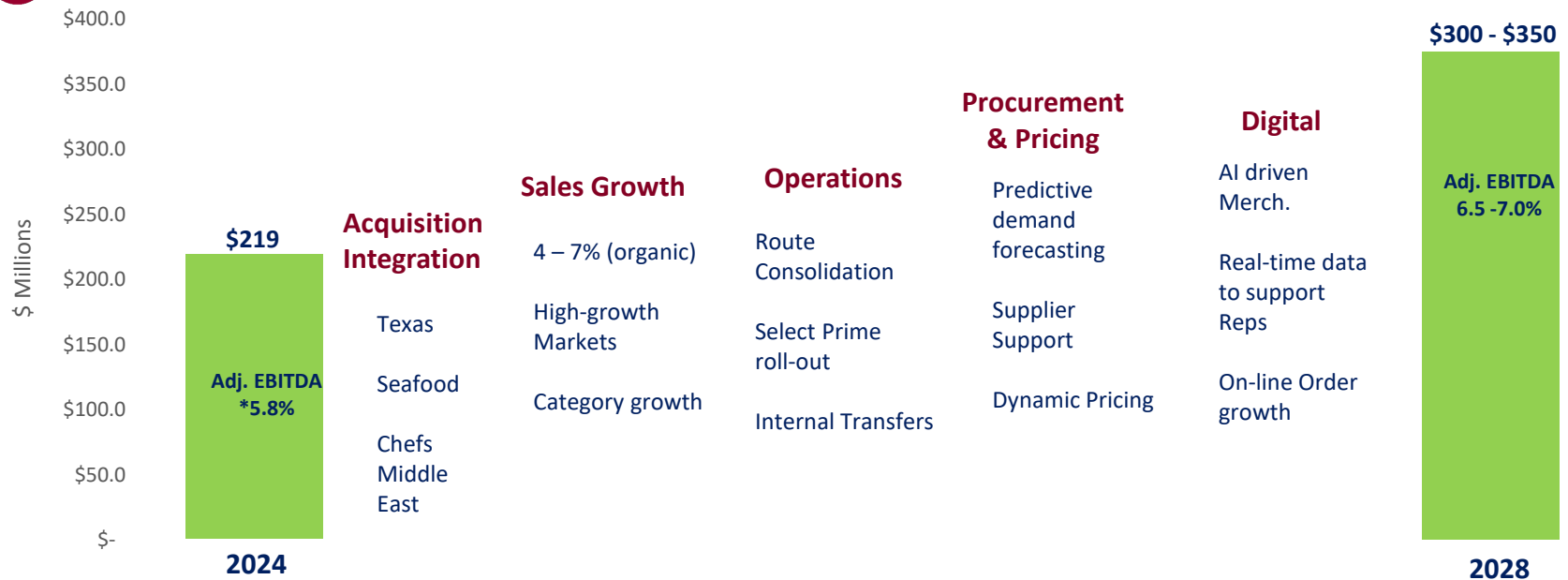
[#] Represents trailing twelve months total as of the stated period

*Target range of annual Free Cash Flow (FCF) available to shareholders before debt reduction, share repurchases and acquisitions

*Free Cash Flow represents Net cash provided by operations less Capital expenditures

Appendix

2028 Financial Goals



Strategic focus to achieving our 2028 Financial goals

- Focus on our core customer base – chef/menu-driven/higher-income
- Complete and grow the “Chefs’ Warehouse Model” in key markets
- Deliver operating leverage via scale, route consolidation and tech-driven operations
- High-growth markets expected to contribute significantly to 2028 Adj. EBITDA target range

Reconciliation of Net Income to EBITDA and Adj. EBITDA

Fiscal Years Ended (Unaudited, in millions)	2019	2023	2024	LTM Q3 2025 ⁽⁶⁾
Net Income	\$ 24.2	\$ 34.6	\$ 55.5	\$ 74.6
Interest Expense	18.3	45.5	48.7	43.5
Depreciation and Amortization	26.0	55.6	64.9	74.5
Provision for income tax expenses	8.2	20.9	24.0	30.2
EBITDA⁽¹⁾	76.7	156.6	193.1	222.8
Adjustments:				
Stock Compensation ⁽²⁾	4.4	20.0	17.8	19.2
Duplicate Rent ⁽³⁾	1.5	7.6	4.2	3.8
Other operating expenses (income), net ⁽⁴⁾	6.4	8.8	1.1	(1.3)
Moving Expenses ⁽⁵⁾	0.1	0.2	2.8	1.6
Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾	\$ 89.1	\$ 193.2	\$ 219.0	\$ 246.1
Revenue	\$ 1,591.8	\$ 3,433.8	\$ 3,794.2	\$ 4,040.5
Adjusted EBITDA margin	5.6%	5.6%	5.8%	6.1%

(Unaudited, in millions)	Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended		Thirteen Weeks Ended		CQ YOY Δ
	Sep '25	Sep '24	Sep '25	Sep '24	
Net Income	\$ 50.7	\$ 31.6	\$ 19.1	\$ 14.1	
Interest Expense	31.5	36.7	10.5	11.7	
Depreciation and Amortization	57.2	47.6	19.8	16.5	
Provision for income tax expenses	19.7	13.5	9.3	6.0	
EBITDA⁽¹⁾	159.1	129.4	58.7	48.3	21.5%
Adjustments:					
Stock Compensation ⁽²⁾	14.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	
Duplicate Rent ⁽³⁾	2.9	3.3	1.2	0.9	
Other operating expenses (income), net ⁽⁴⁾	1.0	3.4	0.1	(0.0)	
Moving Expenses ⁽⁵⁾	0.4	1.6	0.1	0.9	
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	\$ 178.0	\$ 150.9	\$ 65.1	\$ 54.5	19.5%
Revenue	\$ 3,006.9	\$ 2,760.6			

(1) We are presenting EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, as well as Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage to revenue, which are not measurements determined in accordance with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, because we believe these measures provide additional metrics to evaluate our operations and results and which we believe, when considered with both our GAAP results and the reconciliation to net income, provide a more complete understanding of our business than could be obtained absent this disclosure. We use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, together with financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP, such as revenue and cash flows from operations, to assess our historical and prospective operating performance and to enhance our understanding of our core operating performance. The use of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as performance measures permits a comparative assessment of our operating performance relative to our performance based upon GAAP results while isolating the effects of some items that vary from period to period without any correlation to core operating performance or that vary widely among similar companies. Amounts may not add due to rounding.

(2) Represents non-cash stock compensation expense associated with awards of restricted shares of the company's common stock to the company's key employees and independent directors.

(3) Represents rent and occupancy costs expected to be incurred in connection with our facility consolidations while we are unable to use those facilities.

(4) Represents non-cash changes in the fair value of contingent earn-out liabilities related to our acquisitions, non-cash charges related to asset disposals, asset impairments, including intangible asset impairment charges, certain third-party deal costs incurred in connection with our acquisitions or financing arrangements and certain other costs.

(5) Represents moving expenses for the consolidation and expansion of several of our distribution facilities.

(6) Last twelve months ended September 26, 2025 is calculated as the thirty-nine weeks ended September 26, 2025 plus the year ended December 27, 2024 less the thirty-nine weeks ended September 27, 2024.

Reconciliation of Total Opex to Adj. Opex

Fiscal Years Ended	2019	2023	2024	LTM Q3 2025 ⁽⁶⁾
(Unaudited, in millions)				
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 329.5	\$ 704.8	\$ 784.9	\$ 831.5
Other operating expenses (income), net ⁽⁴⁾	6.4	8.8	1.1	(1.3)
Total Operating Expense	335.9	713.6	786.0	830.2
Adjustments:				
Depreciation and Amortization	26.0	55.6	64.9	74.5
Stock Compensation ⁽²⁾	4.4	20.0	17.8	19.2
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Adjusted Operating Expenses ⁽¹⁾	\$ 297.5	\$ 621.4	\$ 695.2	\$ 732.4
Gross Profit \$	\$ 386.6	\$ 814.5	\$ 914.1	\$ 978.4
Adj. OpEx as % of GP	77.0%	76.3%	76.0%	74.9%

	Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended		Thirteen Weeks Ended		CQ YOY Δ
	Sep '25	Sep '24	Sep '25	Sep '24	
(Unaudited, in millions)					
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 624.6	\$ 578.0	\$ 208.1	\$ 192.9	
Other operating expenses, net ⁽⁴⁾	1.0	3.4	0.1	(0.0)	
Total Operating Expense	625.6	581.4	208.2	192.9	7.9%
Adjustments:					
Depreciation and Amortization	57.2	47.6	19.8	16.5	
Stock Compensation ⁽²⁾	14.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	
Duplicate Rent ⁽³⁾	2.9	3.3	1.2	0.9	
Other operating expenses (income), net ⁽⁴⁾	1.0	3.4	0.1	(0.0)	
Moving Expenses ⁽⁵⁾	0.4	1.6	0.1	0.9	
Adjusted Operating Expenses ⁽¹⁾	\$ 549.5	\$ 512.3	\$ 182.1	\$ 170.2	7.0%
Gross Profit \$	\$ 727.5	\$ 663.2			
Adj. OpEx as % of GP	75.5%	77.2%			

(1) Adjusted Operating Expenses represents expenses not associated with products and services. We are presenting Adjusted Operating Expenses, which is not a measurement determined in accordance with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, because we believe this measure provides an additional metric to evaluate our operations and results and which we believe, when considered with both our GAAP results and the reconciliation to total operating expenses, provides a more complete understanding of our business than could be obtained absent this disclosure. We use Adjusted Operating Expenses, together with financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP, such as revenue and cash flows from operations, to assess our historical and prospective operating performance and to enhance our understanding of our core operating performance. The use of Adjusted Operating Expenses as a performance measure permits a comparative assessment of our operating performance relative to our performance based upon GAAP results while isolating the effects of some items that vary from period to period without any correlation to core operating performance or that vary widely among similar companies. Amounts may not add due to rounding.

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Reconciliation of Net Income to Adj. Net Income & Adj. Net Income per Share

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	Sep '25	Sep '24
(Unaudited, in millions)		
Net Income	\$ 19.1	\$ 14.1
Other operating expenses (income), net ⁽²⁾	0.1	(0.0)
Duplicate Rent ⁽³⁾	1.2	0.9
Moving Expenses ⁽⁴⁾	0.1	0.9
Debt modification and extinguishment expenses ⁽⁵⁾	-	0.1
Tax effect of adjustments ⁽⁶⁾	1.0	(0.6)
Total Adjustments	<u>\$ 2.4</u>	<u>\$ 1.3</u>
Adjusted Net Income ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 21.5</u>	<u>\$ 15.4</u>
Add effect of dilutive securities:		
Interest on convertible notes, net of tax	1.2	1.3
Adjusted net income available to common shareholders	<u>\$ 22.7</u>	<u>\$ 16.7</u>
Diluted shares outstanding	45.8	45.9
Diluted adjusted net income per common share	<u>\$ 0.50</u>	<u>\$ 0.36</u>

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(5) Represents debt modification costs, extinguishment costs and interest expense related to the write-off of certain deferred financing fees related to our credit agreements.

(6) Represents the adjustments to the tax provision values to reflect a normalized annual effective tax rate on adjusted pretax earnings of 28.0% and 30.0% for the third quarters of 2025 and 2024 and year-to-date periods of 2025 and 2024, respectively.