



# Fourth Quarter 2024 Earnings Presentation

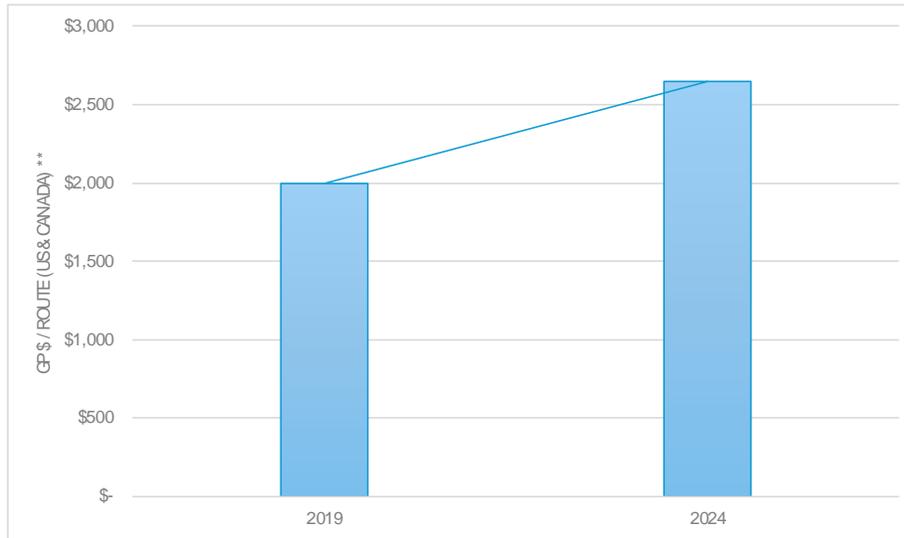
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<b>Sales</b>	<b>+8.7%</b>
<b>Specialty Sales</b>	<b>+11.5%</b>
<b>Unique Customers</b>	<b>+4.5%</b>
<b>Placements</b>	<b>+12.3%</b>
<b>Specialty Cases</b>	<b>+6.1%</b>
<b>Center-of-Plate Pounds</b>	<b>+3.6%</b>

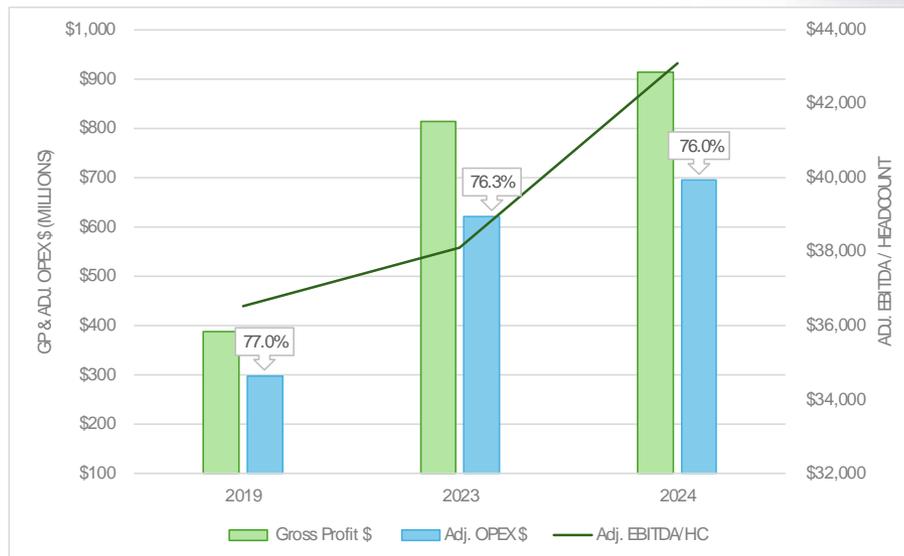


**GP\$ per Route: 2024 +33% vs. 2019**

**Facility Consolidations**

**Acquisition integrations**

**Transfer reductions**



**adj. EBITDA per employee**

**+18% 2024 vs. 2019**

**+13% 2024 vs. 2023**

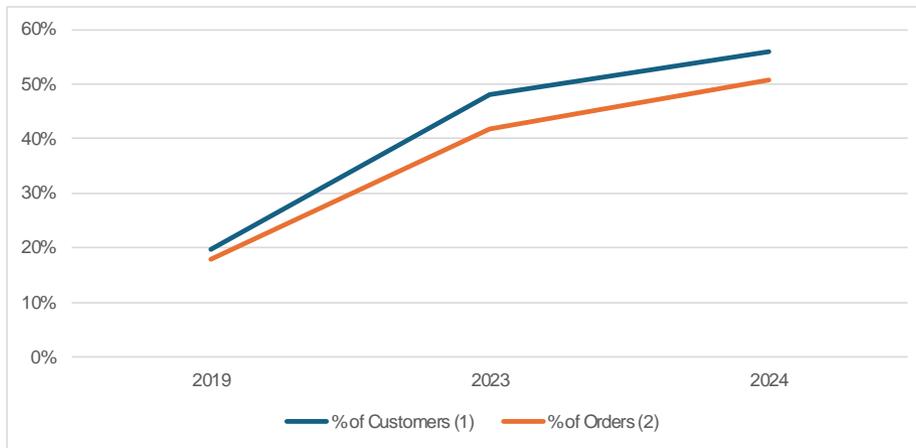
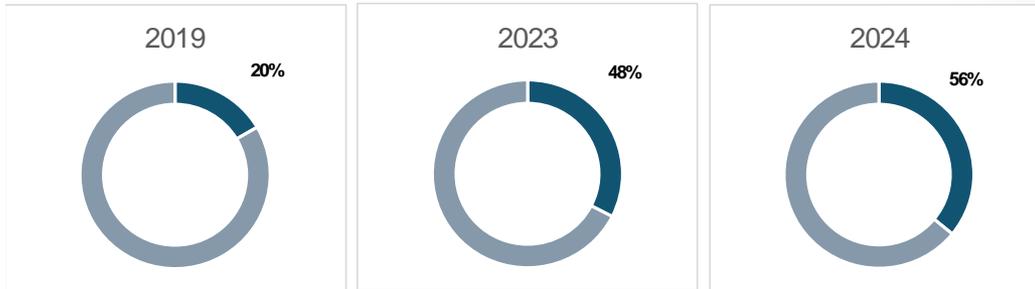
**adj. Opex as % of Gross profit \$**

**92 bps improvement 2024 vs. 2019**

**24 bps improvement 2024 vs. 2023**

## Digital

### Unique Customers Ordering Online (Specialty) \*



**Specialty Online adoption continues to grow**

**Approximately 56% of specialty location customers ordering via digital platform**

**Positive impact to GPM and GP\$ growth**

# 2028 Financial Goals



Expect Texas integration to drive 20 to 30 bps of adj. EBITDA margin improvement by 2028

Capacity invested/high-growth markets to contribute higher than average organic growth

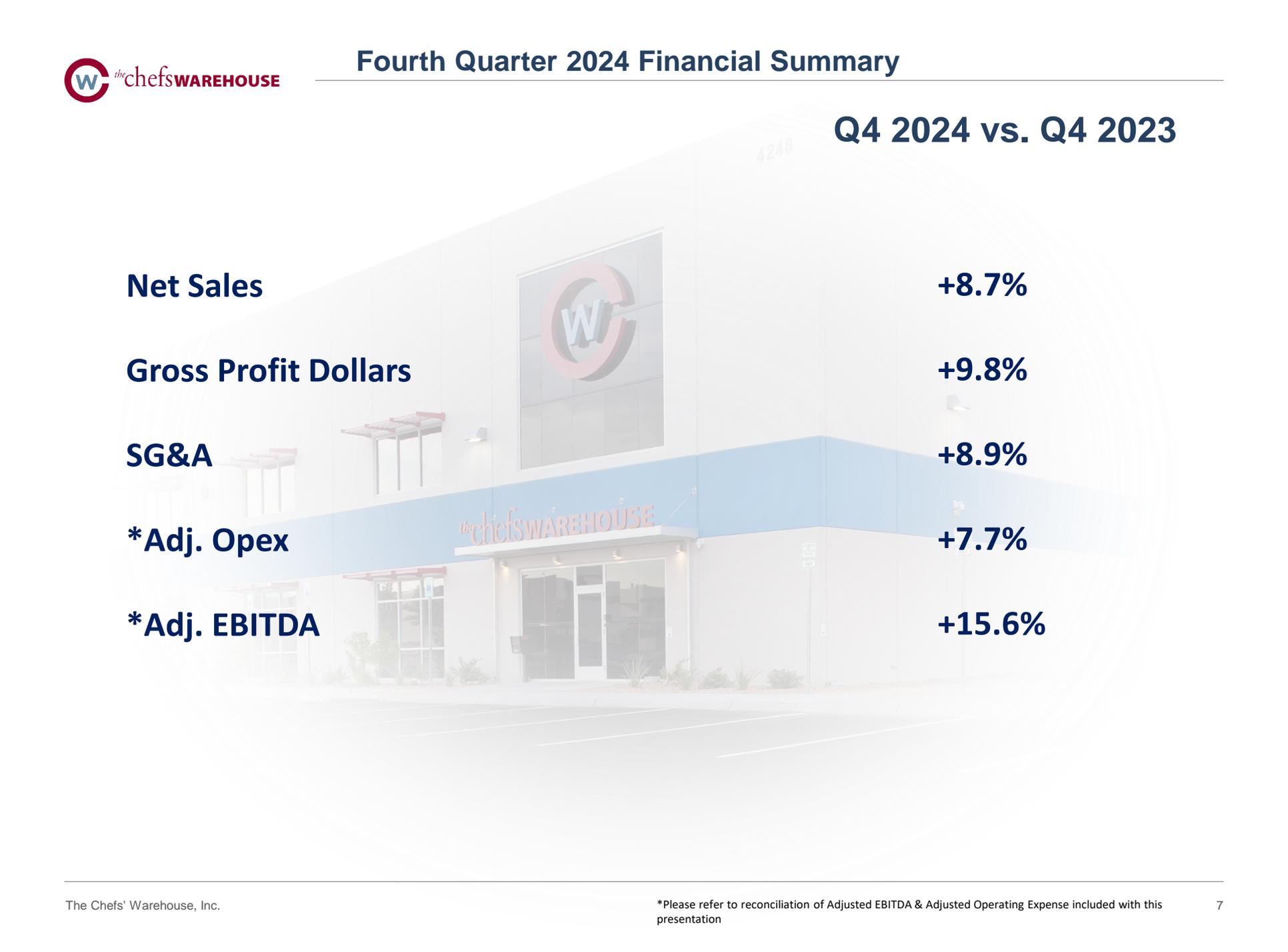
## Warehouse and Distribution

- Route consolidation to optimize stops per route/labor cost ratio
- Select Prime warehouse tech – reducing returns and damages + labor efficiency
- Reduce internal transfers as we build scale in growth markets and integrate acquisitions

Procurement/Pricing – Enhanced demand predictive model + Dynamic pricing model development

Digital Platform – Growth in on-line adoption    AI driven Merchandising    Real-time data to support Sales Reps

### Q4 2024 vs. Q4 2023

A background image of a modern, single-story commercial building with a light blue and white facade. The building features large windows and a prominent 'the chefs WAREHOUSE' sign above the entrance. A large 'WC' logo is visible in a window. The address number '4248' is visible on the upper right corner of the building. The foreground shows a paved parking lot with white lines.

<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>+8.7%</b>
<b>Gross Profit Dollars</b>	<b>+9.8%</b>
<b>SG&amp;A</b>	<b>+8.9%</b>
<b>*Adj. Opex</b>	<b>+7.7%</b>
<b>*Adj. EBITDA</b>	<b>+15.6%</b>

## Year-end 2025 Targets

### Net Debt Leverage

**2.5x – 3.0x**

(in thousands)

<u>Debt Balances</u>	<u>YE 2023</u>	<u>YE 2024</u>
Secured Term Loan	276,250	260,000
Senior Convert 2028	287,500	287,500
Senior Convert 2024	39,684	-
ABL	100,000	120,000
Other	10,000	5,000
<b>Total Debt<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>713,434</b>	<b>672,500</b>
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>	<b>49,878</b>	<b>114,655</b>
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>663,556</b>	<b>557,845</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>193,236</b>	<b>219,007</b>
<b>Net Debt Leverage</b>	<b>3.4x</b>	<b>2.5x</b>

- \$14mm of unscheduled principal paid in '24
- YE cash aided by favorable timing of payments. Expect this to normalize, with Net Debt/Adj EBITDA remaining between 2.5-2.8x for the near future
- '24 Convert matured 12/24, with \$37.9mm of notes converting to shares (858k)

### Free Cash Flow\*



- FY '24 FCF of \$104mm vs (\$19mm) cumulative in '22-23
- '24 FCF aided by favorable YE timing of payments, expect normalization in '25

### Share Repurchases

**\$25mm - \$100mm**

- Chefs repurchased **\$17.4mm** of common stock on the open market in 2024, totaling **426k 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

<sup>^</sup> Excludes Finance Leases

\*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



## Reconciliation of Net Income to EBITDA and Adj. EBITDA

Fiscal Years Ended (Unaudited, in millions)	2019	2023	2024
Net Income	\$ 24.2	\$ 34.6	\$ 55.5
Interest Expense	18.3	45.5	48.7
Depreciation and Amortization	26.0	55.6	64.9
Provision for income tax expenses	8.2	20.9	24.0
<b>EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>156.6</b>	<b>193.1</b>
Adjustments:			
Stock Compensation <sup>(2)</sup>	4.4	20.0	17.8
Duplicate Rent <sup>(3)</sup>	1.5	7.6	4.2
Other operating expenses, net <sup>(4)</sup>	6.4	8.8	1.1
Moving Expenses <sup>(5)</sup>	0.1	0.2	2.8
<b>Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>193.2</b>	<b>219.0</b>
Revenue	\$ 1,591.8	\$ 3,433.8	\$ 3,794.2
<b>Adjusted EBITDA margin</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>

Quarterly YOY (Unaudited, in millions)	Q4 2024	Q4 2023	YOY Δ
Net Income	\$ 23.9	\$ 16.0	
Interest Expense	12.0	12.1	
Depreciation and Amortization	17.4	14.5	
Provision for income tax expenses	10.5	10.1	
<b>EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>21.1%</b>
Adjustments:			
Stock Compensation <sup>(2)</sup>	4.6	4.2	
Duplicate Rent <sup>(3)</sup>	0.9	1.6	
Other operating (income) expenses, net <sup>(4)</sup>	(2.3)	0.5	
Moving Expenses <sup>(5)</sup>	1.2	-	
<b>Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 68.2</b>	<b>\$ 59.0</b>	<b>15.6%</b>

(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.

(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.

## Reconciliation of Total Opex to Adj. Opex

Fiscal Years Ended (Unaudited, in millions)	2019	2023	2024
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 329.5	\$ 704.8	\$ 784.9
Other operating expenses, net	6.4	8.8	1.1
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>335.9</b>	<b>713.6</b>	<b>786.0</b>
Adjustments:			
Depreciation and Amortization	26.0	55.6	64.9
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Moving Expenses <sup>(5)</sup>	0.1	0.2	2.8
<b>Adjusted Operating Expenses <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 297.5</b>	<b>\$ 621.4</b>	<b>\$ 695.2</b>

Quarterly YOY (Unaudited, in millions)	Q4 2024	Q4 2023	YOY Δ
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 206.8	\$ 190.0	
Other operating (income) expenses, net <sup>(4)</sup>	(2.3)	0.5	
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>204.5</b>	<b>190.5</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
Adjustments:			
Depreciation and Amortization	17.4	14.5	
Stock Compensation <sup>(2)</sup>	4.6	4.2	
Duplicate Rent <sup>(3)</sup>	0.9	1.6	
Other operating (income) expenses, net <sup>(4)</sup>	(2.3)	0.5	
Moving Expenses <sup>(5)</sup>	1.2	-	
<b>Adjusted Operating Expenses <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 182.7</b>	<b>\$ 169.7</b>	<b>7.7%</b>

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