



# First Quarter 2025 Earnings Presentation



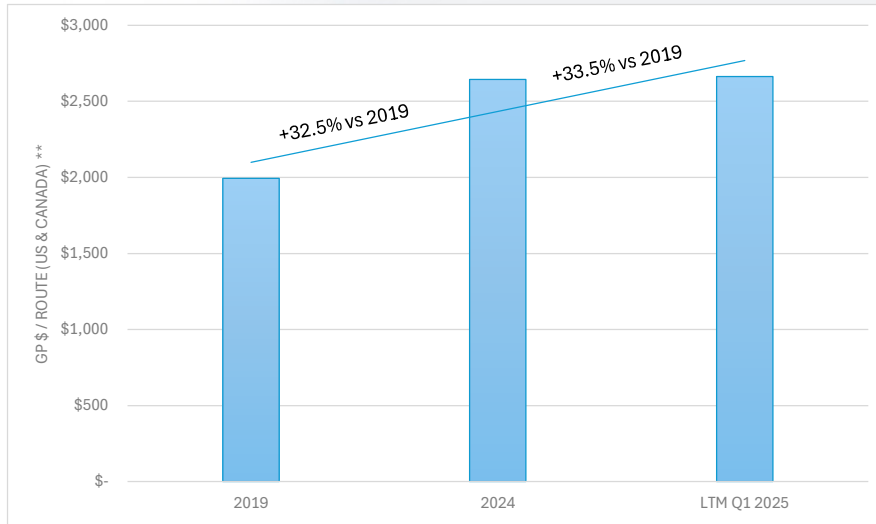
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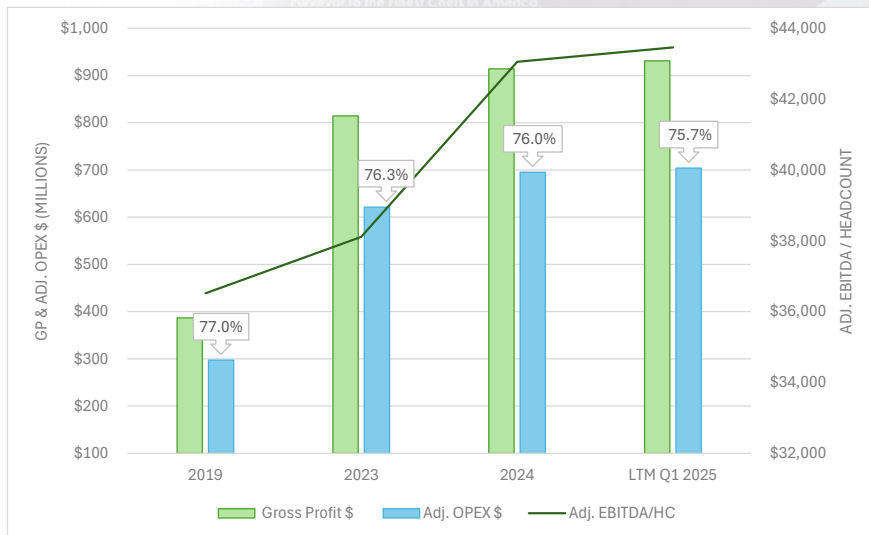


<b>Sales</b>	<b>+8.7%</b>
<b>Specialty Sales</b>	<b>+10.7%</b>
<b>Unique Customers</b>	<b>+4.5%</b>
<b>Placements</b>	<b>+7.7%</b>
<b>Specialty Cases</b>	<b>+5.7%</b>
<b>Center-of-Plate Pounds</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>



**GP\$ per Route:**  
**LTM Q1 2025 +33.5% vs. 2019**  
**2024 +32.5% vs. 2019**

**Facility Consolidations**  
**Regional route consolidations**  
**Transfer reductions**



**adj. EBITDA per employee**

**+19% LTM Q1 2025 vs. 2019**  
**+1% LTM Q1 2025 vs. 2024**

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

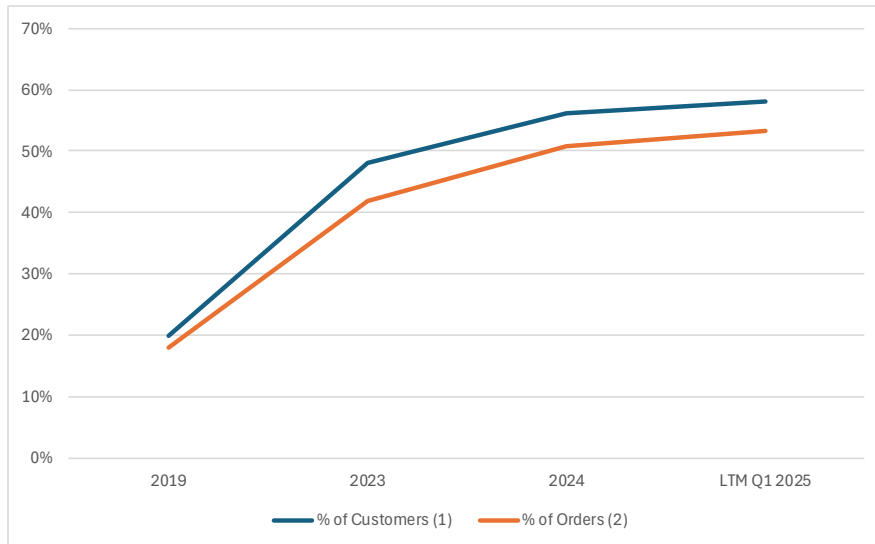
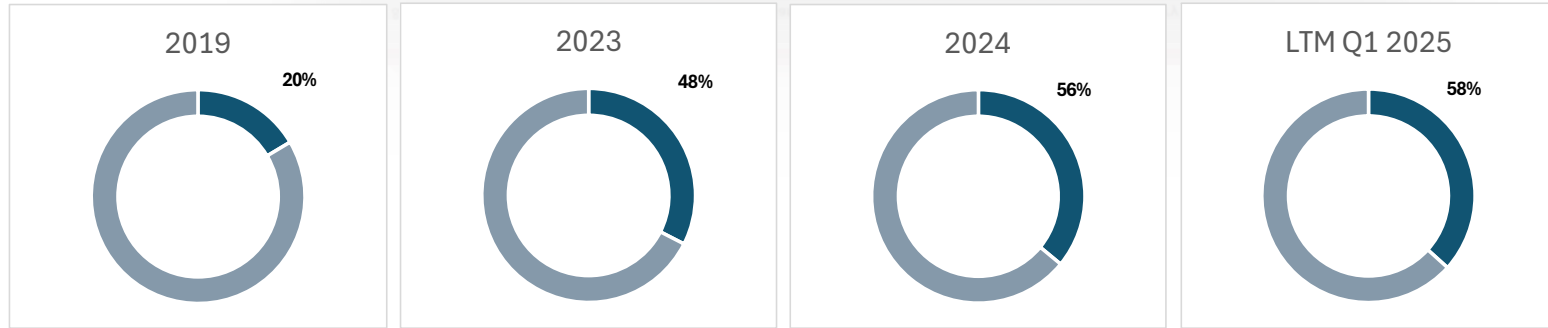
**127 bps improvement LTM Q1 '25 vs. 2019**

**36 bps improvement LTM Q1 '25 vs. 2024**



Dairy & Eggs    Meat & Poultry    Seafood    Cheese & Charcuterie    Oil & Vinegar    Baking & Pastry    Pantry    Produce    Frozen Grocery

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



**Specialty locations' online order adoption rate continues to grow**

**Approximately 58% of specialty location customers ordering via digital platform**

**Actively expanding and integrating Produce and COP locations**

## Q1 2025 vs. Q1 2024

A background image of a modern, single-story commercial building with a large glass window featuring the 'W' logo. The building has a blue horizontal band across the middle and a sign above the entrance that reads 'the chefs WAREHOUSE'. The address '4248' is visible on the upper right corner of the building.

<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>+8.7%</b>
<b>Gross Profit Dollars</b>	<b>+7.9%</b>
<b>SG&amp;A</b>	<b>+6.5%</b>
<b>*Adj. OpEx</b>	<b>+5.5%</b>
<b>*Adj. EBITDA</b>	<b>+18.2%</b>

## Q1 2025 Update

### Net Debt Leverage

**2.0x – 3.0x**

(in thousands)

<u>Debt Balances</u>	<u>YE 2024</u>	<u>Q1 2025</u>
Secured Term Loan	260,000	259,250
Senior Convert 2028	287,500	287,500
ABL	120,000	100,000
Other	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Debt<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>672,500</b>	<b>651,750</b>
Cash & Equivalents	114,655	116,530
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>557,845</b>	<b>535,220</b>
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>#</sup>	219,007	226,330
<b>Net Debt Leverage</b>	<b>2.5x</b>	<b>2.4x</b>

- Repaid \$20mm on our ABL line in Q1 '25
- QE cash aided by favorable timing of payments. We expect Net Debt/Adj EBITDA to remain between 2.3-2.6x into the near future
- \$5mm private note to mature in April

<sup>^</sup> Excludes Finance Leases

<sup>#</sup> 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

### Free Cash Flow\*



- FY 2024 FCF of \$104mm aided by favorable YE timing of payments
- Q1 2025 FCF of \$37mm, FY estimate remains \$60-100mm

### Share Repurchases

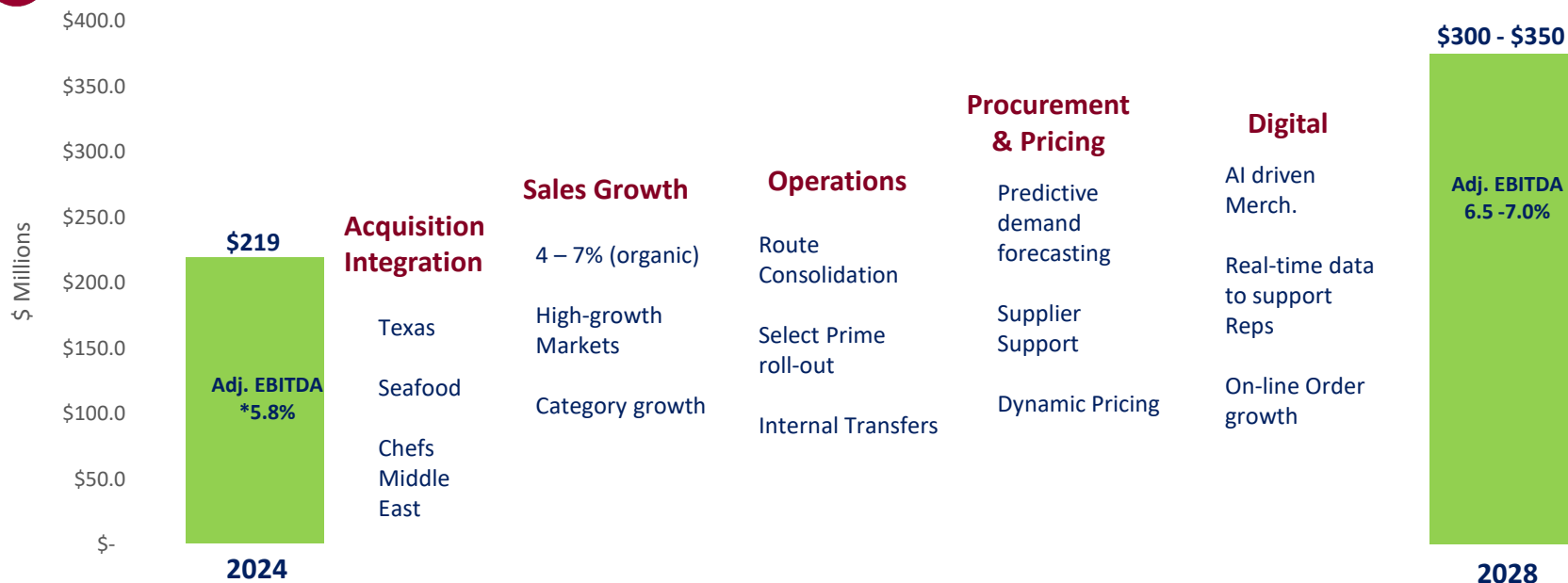
**\$25mm - \$100mm**

- Chefs repurchased **\$17.4mm** of common stock on the open market in 2024, totaling **426k shares**. No repurchases have been made to-date in 2025.
- 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

# 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 Q1 2025* <sup>(6)</sup>
Net Income	\$ 24.2	\$ 34.6	\$ 55.5	\$ 63.8
Interest Expense	18.3	45.5	48.7	45.7
Depreciation and Amortization	26.0	55.6	64.9	67.9
Provision for income tax expenses	8.2	20.9	24.0	25.4
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	76.7	156.6	193.1	202.8
Adjustments:				
Stock Compensation <sup>(2)</sup>	4.4	20.0	17.8	18.3
Duplicate Rent <sup>(3)</sup>	1.5	7.6	4.2	3.7
Other operating (income) expenses, net <sup>(4)</sup>	6.4	8.8	1.1	(1.5)
Moving Expenses <sup>(5)</sup>	0.1	0.2	2.8	3.0
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	89.1	193.2	219.0	226.3
Revenue	\$ 1,591.8	\$ 3,433.8	\$ 3,794.2	\$ 3,870.5
Adjusted EBITDA margin	5.6%	5.6%	5.8%	5.8%

Quarterly YOY (Unaudited, in millions)	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	YOY Δ
Net Income	\$ 10.3	\$ 1.9	
Interest Expense	10.3	13.2	
Depreciation and Amortization	18.3	15.4	
Provision for income tax expenses	2.2	0.9	
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	41.1	31.4	30.9%
Adjustments:			
Stock Compensation <sup>(2)</sup>	4.8	4.2	
Duplicate Rent <sup>(3)</sup>	1.0	1.4	
Other operating (income) expenses, net <sup>(4)</sup>	0.5	3.1	
Moving Expenses <sup>(5)</sup>	0.2	0.1	
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 47.5	\$ 40.2	18.2%

(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.

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

(6) Last twelve months for Q1 2025 is calculated as the first quarter 2025 plus fiscal year 2024 less the first quarter 2024.

## Reconciliation of Total Opex to Adj. Opex

Fiscal Years Ended (Unaudited, in millions)	2019	2023	2024	LTM Q1 2025* <sup>(6)</sup>
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 329.5	\$ 704.8	\$ 784.9	\$ 797.3
Other operating expenses, net <sup>(4)</sup>	6.4	8.8	1.1	(1.5)
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>335.9</b>	<b>713.6</b>	<b>786.0</b>	<b>795.8</b>
Adjustments:				
Depreciation and Amortization	26.0	55.6	64.9	67.9
Stock Compensation <sup>(2)</sup>	4.4	20.0	17.8	18.3
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Other operating (income) expenses, net <sup>(4)</sup>	6.4	8.8	1.1	(1.5)
Moving Expenses <sup>(5)</sup>	0.1	0.2	2.8	3.0
<b>Adjusted Operating Expenses <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 297.5</b>	<b>\$ 621.4</b>	<b>\$ 695.2</b>	<b>\$ 704.4</b>
Gross Profit \$	<b>386.6</b>	<b>814.5</b>	<b>914.1</b>	<b>930.7</b>
Adj. OpEx as % of GP	<b>77.0%</b>	<b>76.3%</b>	<b>76.0%</b>	<b>75.7%</b>

Quarterly YOY (Unaudited, in millions)	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	YOY Δ
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 202.8	\$ 190.3	
Other operating expenses, net <sup>(4)</sup>	0.5	3.1	
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 203.3</b>	<b>\$ 193.4</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
Adjustments:			
Depreciation and Amortization	18.3	15.4	
Stock Compensation <sup>(2)</sup>	4.8	4.2	
Duplicate Rent <sup>(3)</sup>	1.0	1.4	
Other operating expenses, net <sup>(4)</sup>	0.5	3.1	
Moving Expenses <sup>(5)</sup>	0.2	0.1	
<b>Adjusted Operating Expenses <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 178.5</b>	<b>\$ 169.2</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
Revenue	<b>950.7</b>	<b>874.5</b>	
Adj. OpEx as % of Revenue	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>19.3%</b>	

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