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  - Percentage changes are referenced to the comparable period in 2012, unless otherwise noted.
  - Total sales include recurring subscription sales and non-recurring sales.
  - Definitions of Run Rate and Retention Rate provided on page 14.

Third Quarter 2013 Highlights

- Strong Financial Results
  - Operating revenues increased 10% to $258 million, or by 5% organically[1]
  - Net income increased 15% to $55 million
  - Diluted EPS rose 18% to $0.46
  - Adjusted EBITDA[2] grew by 4% to $113 million
  - Adjusted EPS[3] rose 8% to $0.53
- Run Rate Growth of 12% to over $1 billion - Organic Subscription Growth of 4%
  - Index and ESG subscription Run Rate up 23% to $360 million – 9% organic[1] growth
  - Asset-based fee Run Rate up 28%
  - RMA Run Rate growth of 10% - organic growth of 6%
  - Retention remains a strength
- Disciplined Capital Management
  - Repurchased 2.7 million shares during Third Quarter 2013 – 4.9 million repurchased since December 2012
  - Retained Morgan Stanley to explore strategic alternatives for the Governance segment

(1) For the purposes of analyzing revenue and Run Rate trends, organic growth comparisons exclude the impact of the acquisitions of IPD Group Limited ("IPD") and Investor Force Holdings, Inc. ("InvestorForce"), as well as the sale of the CFRA product line.

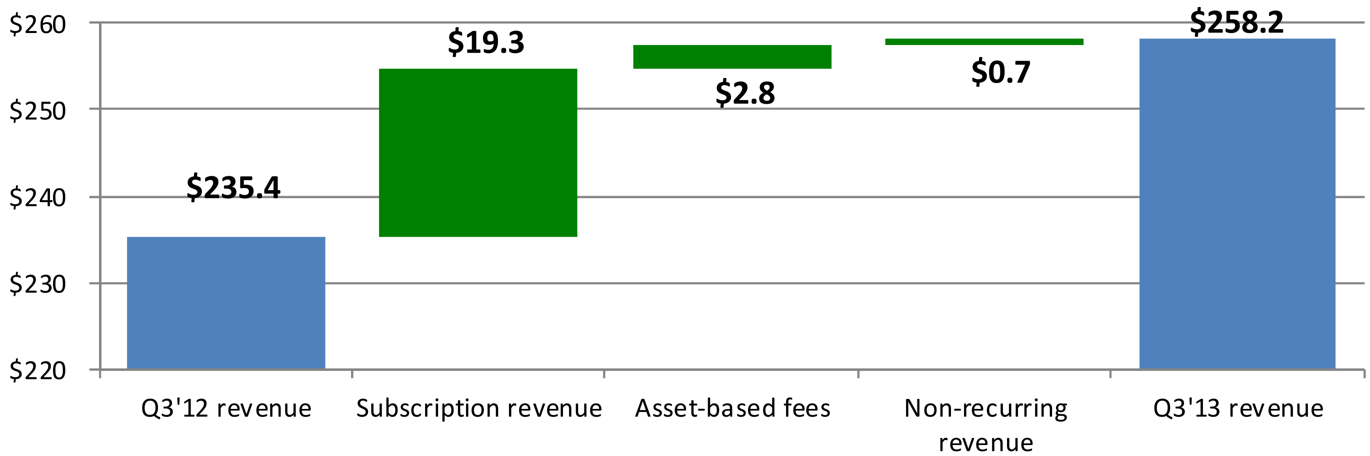
(2) Net income before provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization, other net expense and income, non-recurring stock-based compensation, the lease exit charge and restructuring costs. Please see pages 14-17 for reconciliation.

(3) For the purposes of calculating Adjusted EPS, the after-tax impact of non-recurring stock-based compensation, amortization of intangible assets, debt repayment and refinancing expenses, the lease exit charge and restructuring costs are excluded from the calculation of EPS. Please see pages 14-17 for reconciliation.

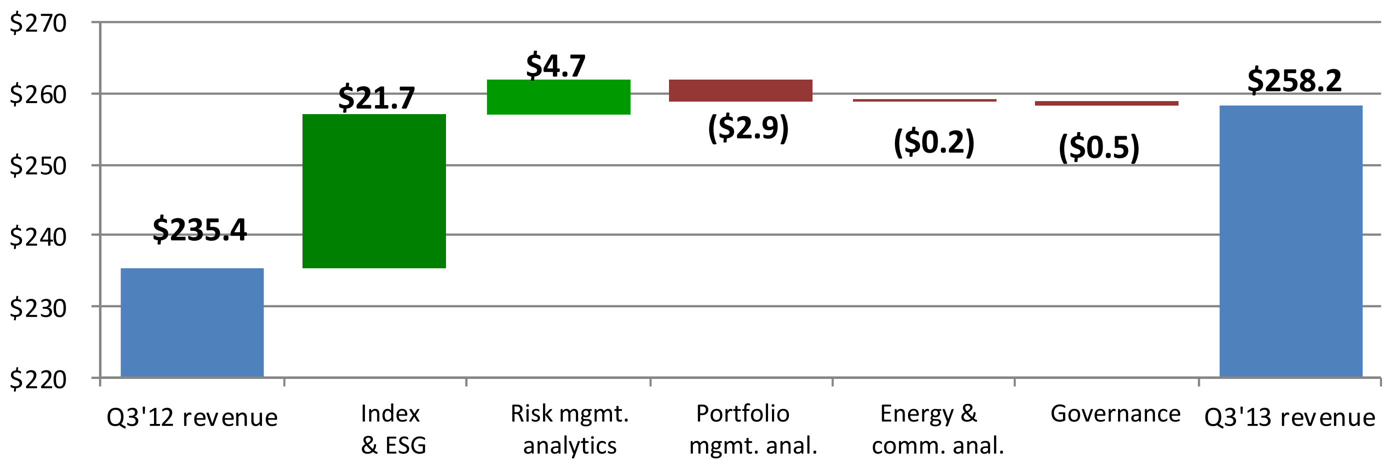
Breakdown of Q3'12 vs Q3'13 Revenue Growth

(Dollars in millions)

Year-over-Year Change in Revenues by Type



Year-over-Year Change in Revenues by Product

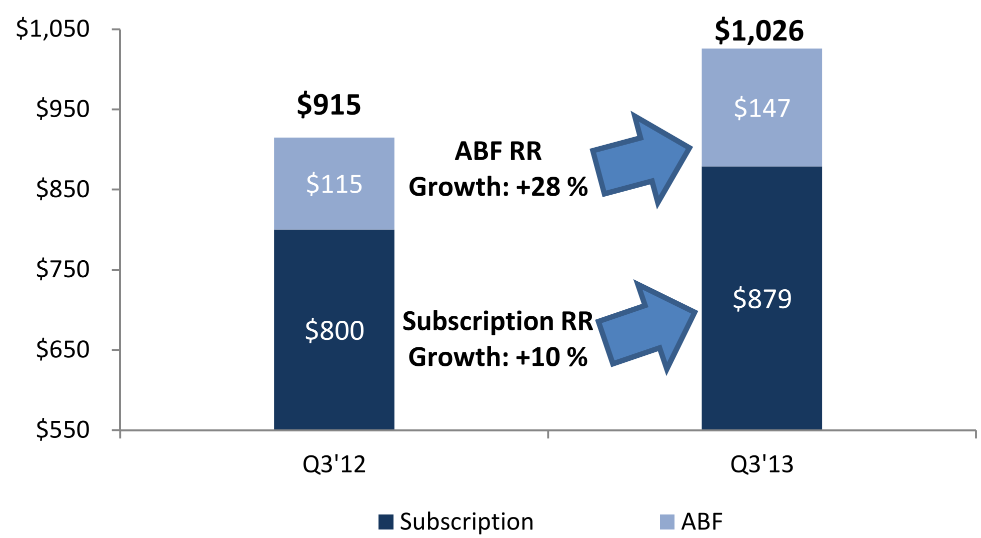


Summary of Third Quarter 2013 Operating Metrics

(Dollars in millions)

- Run Rate grew YoY by **12%** to **over $1 billion**
  - Subscription Run Rate grew by 10%, or 4% organically
  - Asset-based fee ("ABF") Run Rate growth of 28% (Vanguard ABF was removed from Run Rate in Q3'12)
  - Currency changes *lowered* Run Rate by $2 million YoY but led to $6 million sequential *benefit*
- Total sales of $35 million, up 11%
  - Positive organic sales growth plus benefit from acquisitions
- Recurring subscription sales also up 11% from Q3'12
- Aggregate retention rate improved to 92%

MSCI Total Run Rate



Total Sales and Retention

	Q3'12	Q3'13	Diff.	YTD'12	YTD'13	Diff.
Recurring Sub. Sales	**$27**	**$30**	**11%**	**$89**	**$92**	**3%**
Non-Recurring Sales	**$4**	**$5**	**12%**	**$18**	**$20**	**9%**
Total Sales	**$31**	**$35**	**11%**	**$107**	**$112**	**4%**
Agg. Retention	**90%**	**92%**	**2%**	**91%**	**92%**	**1%**

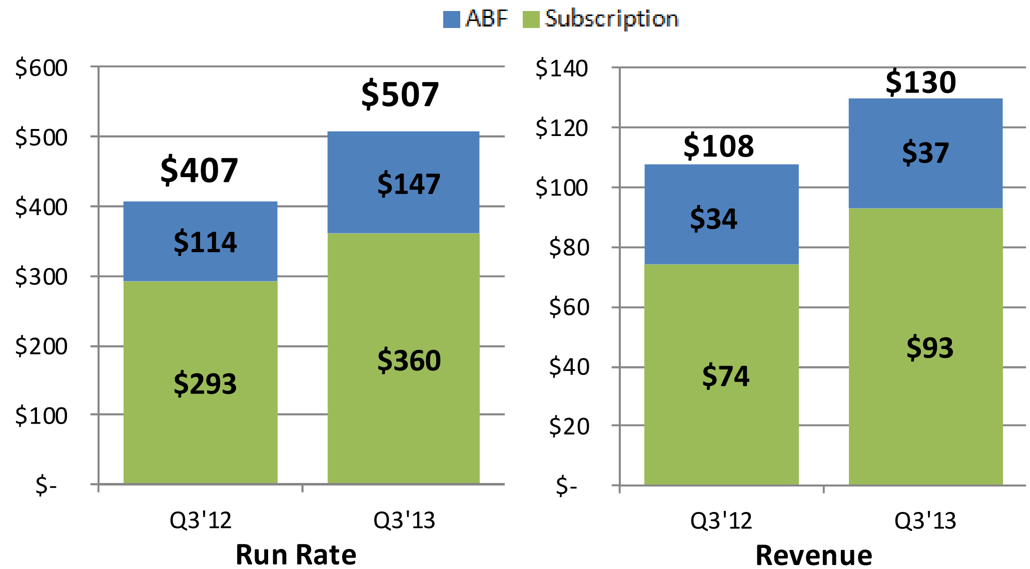
Index and ESG Products

(Dollars in millions)

Third Quarter 2013 Highlights:

- Revenues grew **20%** to **$130 million**, or **9%** organically
  - Subscription revenue grew by 26%, or by 10% organically
- Run Rate grew by **24%** YoY to **$507 million**
  - Subscription Run Rate grew by **23%**, or **9%** organically
  - Asset-based fee Run Rate rose 28%
  - ESG growth remained strong
  - F/X rates impact on YoY change in Run Rate minimal but increased Run Rate by $2 million sequentially
- Total sales of $16 million in Q3’13 up as a result of IPD acquisition
- Aggregate Retention Rate strong at **95%** in Q3’13 and YTD’13

Index and ESG Run Rate and Revenue



Index and ESG Sales and Retention

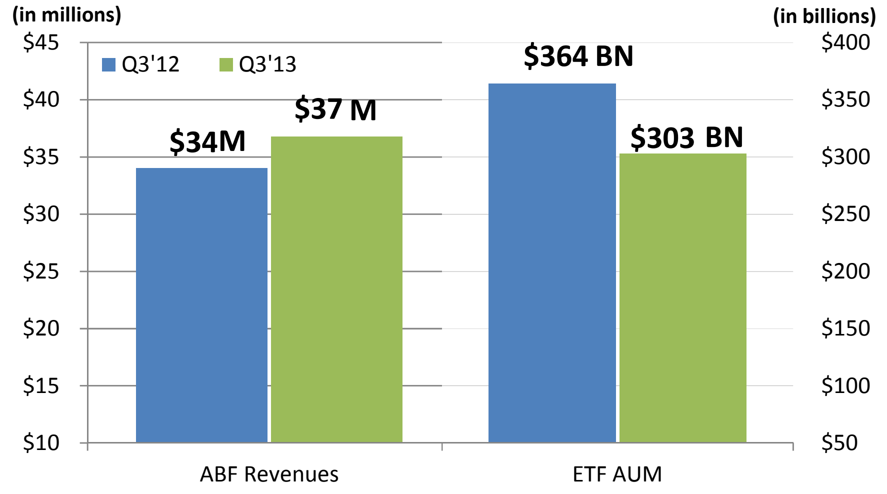
	Q3'12	Q3'13	Diff.	YTD'12	YTD'13	Diff.
Total Sales	$13	$16	21%	$42	$51	20%
Agg. Retention	94%	95%	1%	94%	95%	1%

Asset-Based Fees

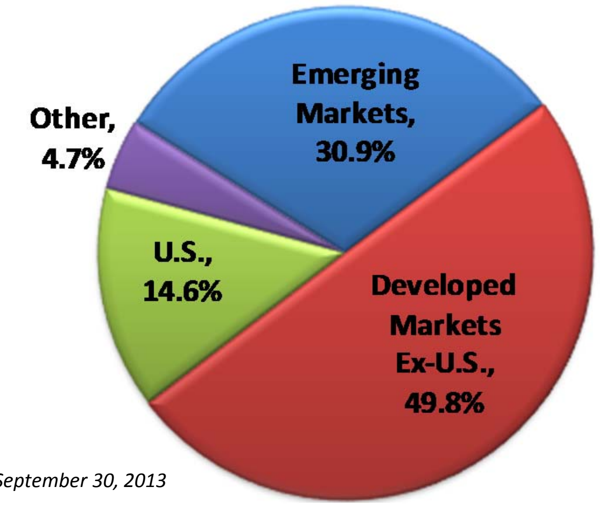
Third Quarter 2013 Highlights:

- Revenues grew **8%** to **$37 million**
  - Strong inflows into ETFs and increases in non-ETF passive funds more than offset the loss of Vanguard
- Asset-based fee Run Rate rose **28%** to **$147 million**, and rose **12%** from Q2’13
  - 3.7 average basis point fee at quarter-end
- Total ETF AUM fell by 17% to $303 billion at the end of Q3’13
  - Excluding Vanguard, AUM ETF grew $70 billion versus Q3’12 – including inflows of $47 billion
- ETF AUM growth of $33 billion from Q2’13 - $13 billion of inflows plus $20 billion of market appreciation

ABF Revenues versus ETF AUM



MSCI-Linked ETF AUM by Market Exposure



AUM of $303 billion as of September 30, 2013

Source: Bloomberg

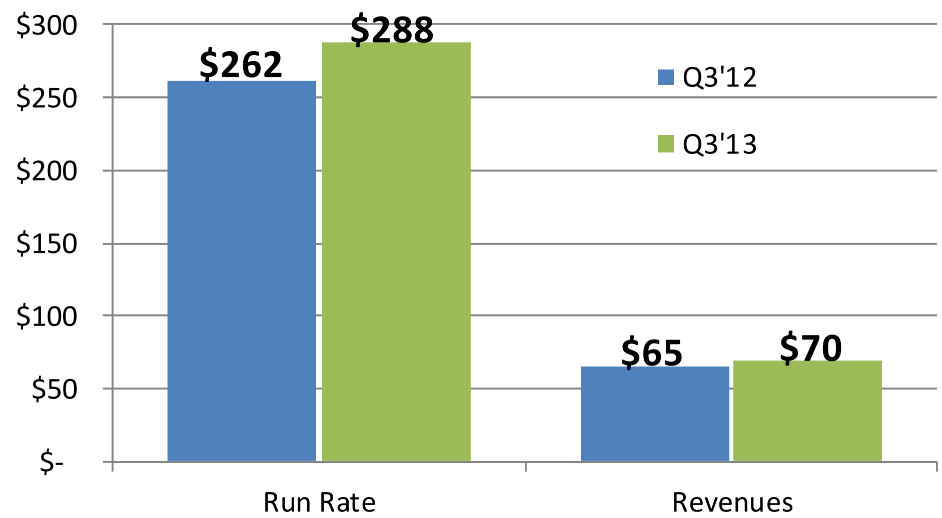
Risk Management Analytics

(Dollars in millions)

Third Quarter 2013 Highlights:

- Revenues grew by **7%** to **$70 million,** or **3%** organically
- Run Rate grew by **10%** YoY to **$288 million,** or **6%** organically
  - Growth strongest at asset managers and asset owners
- Total sales of $11 million in Q3’13
  - Stronger sales in North America and Asia/Pacific drove organic sales growth and offset weakness in Europe
  - Added two new reference asset owner clients
- Aggregate Retention Rate increased to **92%** for Q3’13 and 93% for YTD’13

Risk Management Analytics Run Rate and Revenue



Risk Management Analytics Sales and Retention

	Q3'12	Q3'13	Diff.	YTD'12	YTD'13	Diff.
Total Sales	$9	$11	13%	$30	$33	9%
Agg. Retention	89%	92%	3%	91%	93%	2%

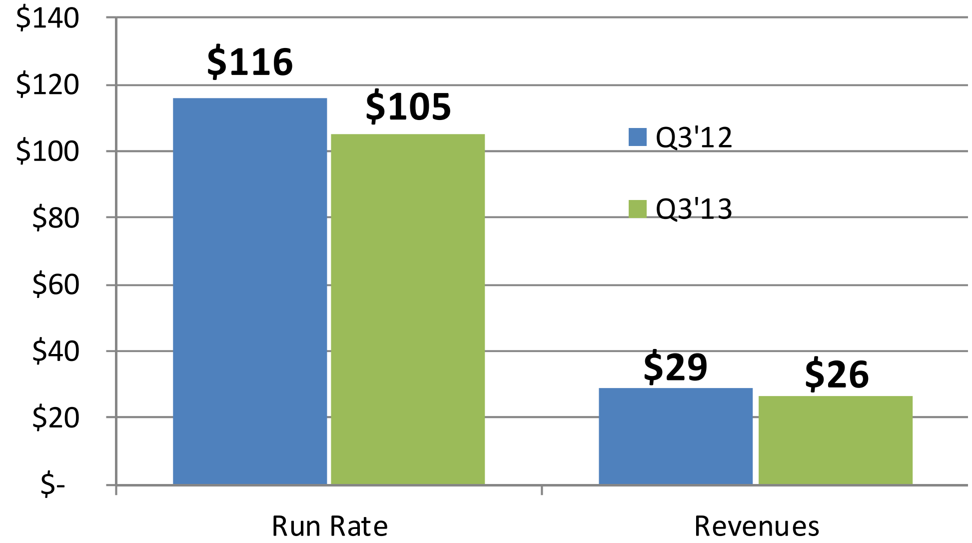
Portfolio Management Analytics

(Dollars in millions)

Third Quarter 2013 Highlights:

- Revenues declined **10%** to **$26 million**
- Run Rate declined by **10%** YoY to **$105 million** but **up slightly** from **Q2'13**
  - F/X remained a drag: $3 million YoY, but modest $0.5 million benefit compared to Q2'13
  - Stable Q3'13 as sales in line with cancels
- Total sales of **$3 million** up 10% from prior year
  - New products driving majority of sales
- Aggregate Retention Rate improved to **89%** in Q3'13, at 86% for YTD'13

Portfolio Management Analytics
Run Rate and Revenue



Portfolio Management Analytics
Sales and Retention

	Q3'12	Q3'13	Diff.	YTD'12	YTD'13	Diff.
Total Sales	$3	$3	10%	$10	$9	-10%
Agg. Retention	85%	89%	4%	87%	86%	-1%
Core Retention	87%	90%	3%	89%	87%	-2%

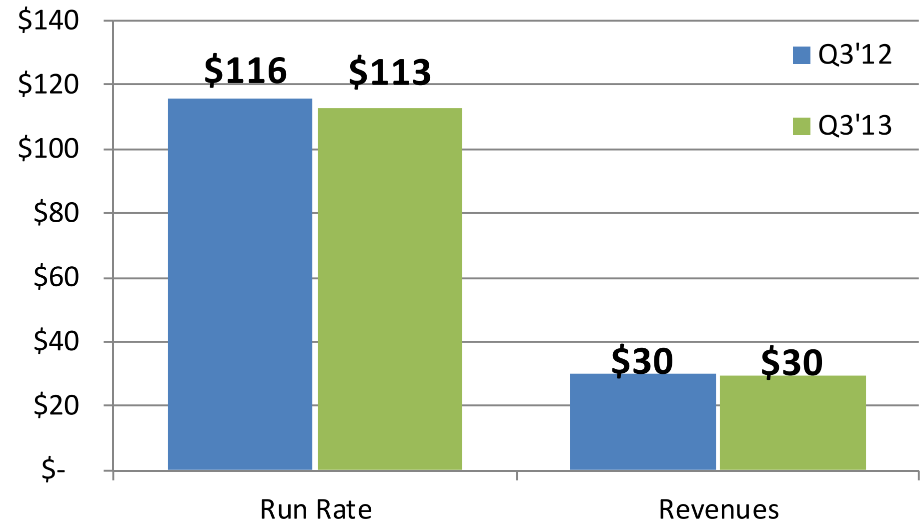
Governance

(Dollars in millions)

Third Quarter 2013 Highlights:

- Revenues rose **7% organically to $30 million -** down **1%** due to sale of CFRA
- Run Rate increased **5% organically** to **$113 million** - declined by **3%** as reported
  - Organic growth driven by sales of executive compensation data and analytics
- Total sales for Q3'13 were $5 million
  - Majority of sales decline a result of CFRA sale
- Aggregate Retention Rate at 89% in Q3'13 and 90% for YTD'13
- Retained Morgan Stanley to explore strategic alternatives for this business(1)

Governance Run Rate and Revenue



Governance Sales and Retention

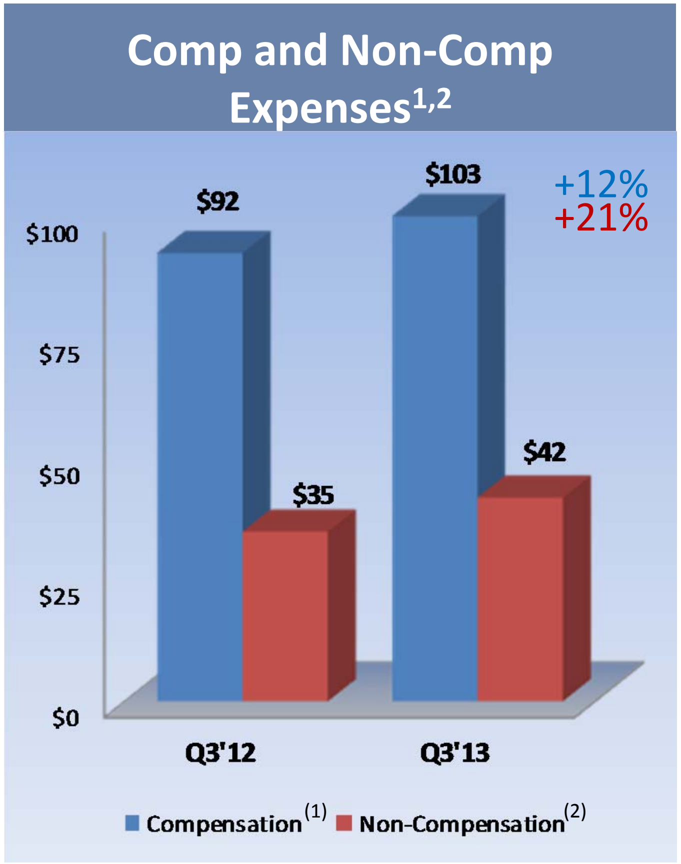
	Q3'12	Q3'13	Diff.	YTD'12	YTD'13	Diff.
Total Sales	$6	$5	-17%	$24	$18	-23%
Agg. Retention	91%	89%	-2%	91%	90%	0%

(1) There can be no assurance that exploring strategic alternatives will result in a transaction or that any transaction will ultimately be consummated.

Compensation and Non-Compensation EBITDA Expense

(Dollars in millions)

- Comp[1] and Non-comp expenses[2] increased 14% to $145 million
  - Compensation expense rose 12%
    - Increase driven by the impact of the acquisitions of IPD and InvestorForce
    - Total headcount growth of 29% YoY to 3,123, up 6% from Q2'13
    - Severance expense also lower
  - Non-compensation costs up 21%
    - Higher non-compensation costs driven by acquisitions of IPD and InvestorForce
    - Higher travel, marketing and recruiting costs, among other items, also contributed to the increase

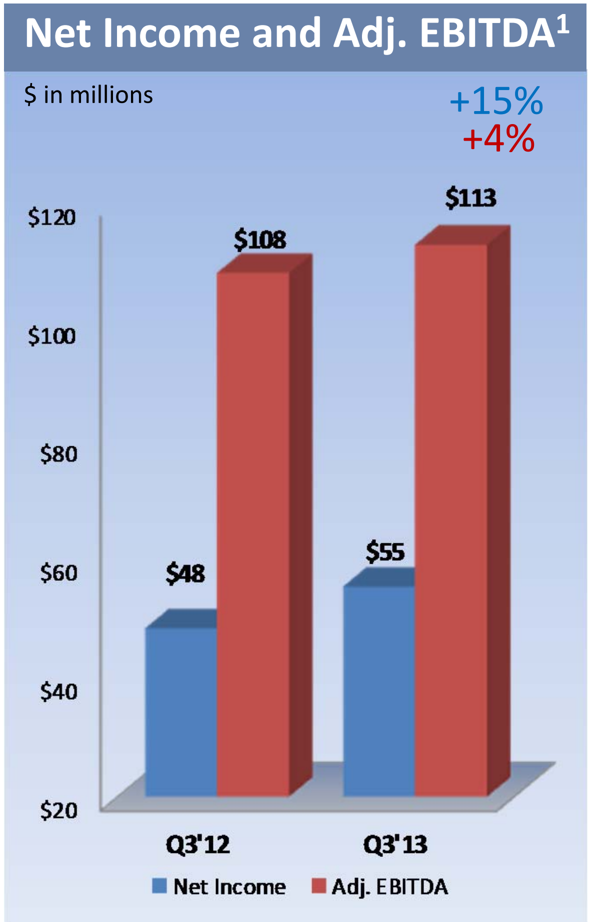


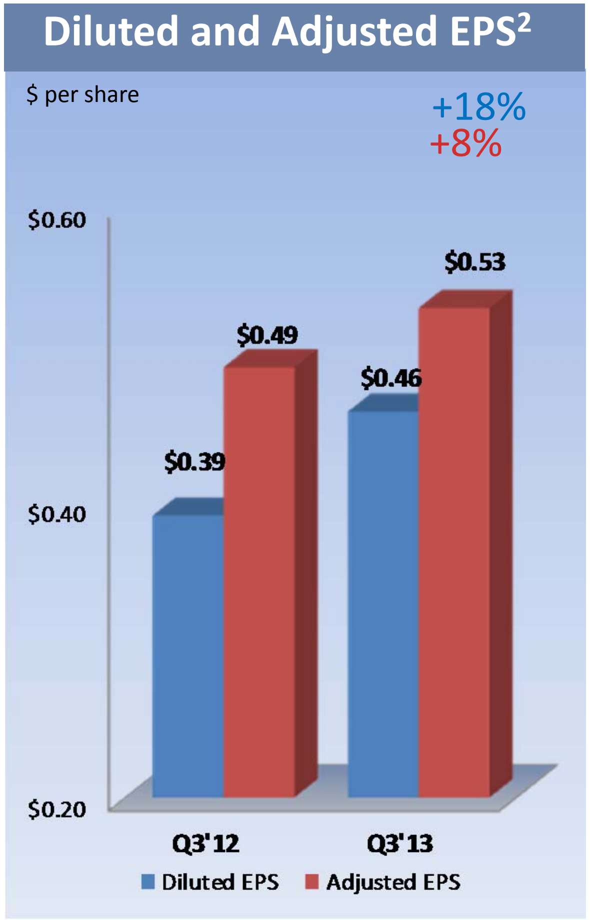
(1) Compensation expense excludes non-recurring stock-based compensation. Please see page 17 for reconciliation to operating expenses.

(2) Non-compensation excludes depreciation, amortization, the lease exit charge and restructuring costs. Please see page 17 for reconciliation to operating expenses.

Summary of Profitability Metrics: Net Income, EPS and Adjusted EBITDA[1]

- Net Income increased 15%
  - Interest expense fell due to lower interest cost on the remaining debt and lower debt level
- Diluted EPS increased 7 cents to $0.46
- Adjusted EBITDA[1] was $113 million, up 4%
- Adjusted EPS[2] increased 4 cents to $0.53
- 2% decrease in diluted weighted average shares outstanding





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Select Balance Sheet, Cash Flow and Other Items

(in millions)	As of September 30, 2013	As of December 31, 2012
Cash and cash equivalents	$284	$183
Short-term investments	-	71
Total cash and short-term investments	**$284**	**$254**
Current maturities of long-term debt	$54	$43
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	753	812
Total debt	**$807**	**$855**

	Q3'13	**YTD'13**
Net Cash from Operations	$69 million	$226 million
Significant Non-Operating Cash Out-Flows		
Capital Expenditures	$12 million	$21 million
Debt Repayments	$11 million	$48 million
August 2013 ASR	$100 million	$100 million
Acquisition of InvestorForce	--	$24 million

Remaining Share Repurchase Authorization through 12/2014 **$100 million**

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Operating Metrics

- MSCI has presented supplemental non-GAAP financial measures as part of this presentation. A reconciliation is provided that reconciles each non-GAAP financial measure with the most comparable GAAP measure. The presentation of non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as alternative measures for the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. These measures are used by management to monitor the financial performance of the business, inform business decision making and forecast future results.
- Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income before provision for income taxes, other net expense and income, depreciation and amortization, non-recurring stock-based compensation expense, the lease exit charge and restructuring costs.
- Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS are defined as net income and EPS, respectively, before provision for non-recurring stock-based compensation expenses, amortization of intangible assets, restructuring costs, the lease exit charge and the accelerated amortization or write off of deferred financing and debt discount costs as a result of debt repayment (debt repayment and refinancing expenses), as well as for any related tax effects.
- We believe that adjusting for the lease exit charge, restructuring costs and debt repayment and refinancing expenses is useful to management and investors because it allows for an evaluation of MSCI's underlying operating performance. Additionally, we believe that adjusting for non-recurring stock-based compensation expenses, debt repayment and refinancing expenses and depreciation and amortization may help investors compare our performance to that of other companies in our industry as we do not believe that other companies in our industry have as significant a portion of their operating expenses represented by these items. We believe that the non-GAAP financial measures presented in this presentation facilitate meaningful period-to-period comparisons and provide a baseline for the evaluation of future results.
- Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS are not defined in the same manner by all companies and may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.
- The Run Rate at a particular point in time represents the forward-looking revenues for the next 12 months from all subscriptions and investment product licenses we currently provide to our clients under renewable contracts or agreements assuming all contracts or agreements that come up for renewal are renewed and assuming then-current currency exchange rates. For any license where fees are linked to an investment product's assets or trading volume, the Run Rate calculation reflects an annualization of the most recent periodic fee earned under such license or subscription. The Run Rate for IPD products was approximated using the trailing 12 months of revenues primarily adjusted for estimates for non-recurring sales, new sales and cancellations. The Run Rate does not include fees associated with "one-time" and other non-recurring transactions. In addition, we remove from the Run Rate the fees associated with any subscription or investment product license agreement with respect to which we have received a notice of termination or non-renewal during the period and determined that such notice evidences the client's final decision to terminate or not renew the applicable subscription or agreement, even though such notice is not effective until a later date.
- The Aggregate Retention Rates are calculated by annualizing the cancellations for which we have received a notice of termination or non-renewal during the applicable period and have determined that such notice evidences the client's final decision to terminate or not renew the applicable subscription or agreement, even though such notice is not effective until a later date. This annualized cancellation figure is then divided by the subscription Run Rate at the beginning of the year to calculate a cancellation rate. This cancellation rate is then subtracted from 100% to derive the annualized Aggregate Retention Rate for the applicable period. The Aggregate Retention Rate is computed on a product-by-product basis. Therefore, if a client reduces the number of products to which it subscribes or switches between our products, we treat it as a cancellation. In addition, we treat any reduction in fees resulting from renegotiated contracts as a cancellation in the calculation to the extent of the reduction. For the calculation of the Core Retention Rate, the same methodology is used except the cancellations in the applicable period are reduced by the amount of product swaps.

Reconciliation of Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS

In thousands, except per share data	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012	Three Months Ended June 30, 2013	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012
Net Income	$ 55,310	$ 48,274	$ 61,053	$ 175,300	$ 129,786
Plus: Non-recurring stock-based compensation	-	626	-	-	1,400
Plus: Amortization of intangible assets	14,448	15,959	14,509	43,443	47,877
Plus: Debt repayment and refinancing expenses	-	-	-	-	20,639
Plus: Lease exit charge	-	3,327	(365)	(365)	3,327
Plus: Restructuring costs	-	-	-	-	(51)
Less: Income tax effect	(5,172)	(7,280)	(4,711)	(14,151)	(25,954)
Adjusted net income	**$ 64,586**	**$ 60,906**	**$ 70,486**	**$ 204,227**	**$ 177,024**
Diluted EPS	**$ 0.46**	**$ 0.39**	**$ 0.50**	**$ 1.44**	**$ 1.05**
Plus: Non-recurring stock-based compensation	-	0.01	-	-	0.01
Plus: Amortization of intangible assets	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.36	0.39
Plus: Debt repayment and refinancing expenses	-	-	-	-	0.17
Plus: Lease exit charge	-	0.03	-	-	0.03
Plus: Restructuring costs	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Income tax effect	(0.05)	(0.07)	(0.04)	(0.12)	(0.22)
Adjusted EPS	**$ 0.53**	**$ 0.49**	**$ 0.58**	**$ 1.68**	**$ 1.43**

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Net Income

In thousands		Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 Performance and Risk	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 Governance	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 Total	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Performance and Risk	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Governance	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Total
Net Income				$ 55,310			$ 48,274
Plus:	Provision for income taxes			30,937			27,320
Plus:	Other expense (income), net			6,189			7,935
Operating income		**$ 88,172**	**$ 4,264**	**$ 92,436**	**$ 80,472**	**$ 3,057**	**$ 83,529**
Plus:	Non-recurring stock-based compensation	-	-	-	572	54	626
Plus:	Depreciation and amortization of property, equipment and leasehold improvements	4,845	1,089	5,934	3,755	878	4,633
Plus:	Amortization of intangible assets	11,193	3,255	14,448	12,638	3,321	15,959
Plus:	Lease exit charge	-	-	-	2,925	402	3,327
Plus:	Restructuring costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA		**$ 104,210**	**$ 8,608**	**$ 112,818**	**$ 100,362**	**$ 7,712**	**$ 108,074**

In thousands		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 Performance and Risk	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 Governance	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 Total	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Performance and Risk	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Governance	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 Total
Net Income				$ 175,300			$ 129,786
Plus:	Provision for income taxes			85,757			71,308
Plus:	Other expense (income), net			19,078			50,535
Operating income		**$ 268,445**	**$ 11,690**	**$ 280,135**	**$ 243,927**	**$ 7,702**	**$ 251,629**
Plus:	Non-recurring stock-based compensation	-	-	-	1,269	131	1,400
Plus:	Depreciation and amortization of property, equipment and leasehold improvements	13,263	2,997	16,260	11,137	2,574	13,711
Plus:	Amortization of intangible assets	33,580	9,863	43,443	37,916	9,961	47,877
Plus:	Lease exit charge	(308)	(57)	(365)	2,925	402	3,327
Plus:	Restructuring costs	-	-	-	(32)	(19)	(51)
Adjusted EBITDA		**$ 314,980**	**$ 24,493**	**$ 339,473**	**$ 297,142**	**$ 20,751**	**$ 317,893**

Reconciliation of Operating Expenses

In thousands	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012	Three Months Ended June 30, 2013	% Change from September 30, 2012	% Change from June 30, 2013
Cost of services					
Compensation	$ 58,751	$ 50,111	$ 61,768	17.2%	(4.9%)
Non-recurring stock based compensation	-	267	-	n/m	n/m
Total compensation	$ 58,751	$ 50,378	$ 61,768	16.6%	(4.9%)
Non-compensation	21,289	16,448	21,734	29.4%	(2.0%)
Lease exit charge[1]	-	1,524	(143)	n/m	n/m
Total non-compensation	21,289	17,972	21,591	18.5%	(1.4%)
Total cost of services	$ 80,040	$ 68,350	$ 83,359	17.1%	(4.0%)
Selling, general and administrative					
Compensation	$ 44,495	$ 42,296	$ 39,890	5.2%	11.5%
Non-recurring stock based compensation	-	359	-	n/m	n/m
Total compensation	$ 44,495	$ 42,655	$ 39,890	4.3%	11.5%
Non-compensation	20,885	18,515	17,944	12.8%	16.4%
Lease exit charge[1]	-	1,803	(222)	n/m	n/m
Total non-compensation	20,885	20,318	17,722	2.8%	17.8%
Total selling, general and administrative	$ 65,380	$ 62,973	$ 57,612	3.8%	13.5%
Restructuring costs	-	-	-	n/m	n/m
Amortization of intangible assets	14,448	15,959	14,509	(9.5%)	(0.4%)
Depreciation and amortization of property, equipment and leasehold improvements	5,934	4,633	5,246	28.1%	13.1%
Total operating expenses	$ 165,802	$ 151,915	$ 160,726	9.1%	3.2%

Compensation	$ 103,246	$ 92,407	$ 101,658	11.7%	1.6%
Non-recurring stock-based compensation	-	626	-	n/m	n/m
Non-compensation expenses	42,174	34,963	39,678	20.6%	6.3%
Lease exit charge[1]	-	3,327	(365)	n/m	n/m
Restructuring costs	-	-	-	n/m	n/m
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[1]Second quarter 2013 and third quarter 2012 included benefits of $0.4 million and charges of $3.3 million, respectively, associated with an occupancy lease exit charge resulting from the consolidation of our New York offices.
n/m = not meaningful