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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017
OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission file number 001-14875

FTI CONSULTING, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

555 12th Street NW
Washington, D.C.
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

52-1261113
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

20004
(ZIP Code)

(202) 312-9100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of Each Class | Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value | New York Stock Exchange |

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Large Accelerated Filer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Emerging growth company | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$1.4 billion, based on the closing sales price of the registrant's common stock on June 30, 2017.

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding on February 15, 2018 was 37,437,467.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of our 2017 fiscal year are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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PART I

Forward-Looking Information

This Annual Report on Form 10-K (the “Annual Report”) includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), that involve uncertainties and risks. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning our plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, future revenues, future results and performance, future capital allocations and expenditures, expectations, plans or intentions relating to acquisitions, share repurchases and other matters, business trends, new, or changes to, laws and regulations, including the 2017 U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and other information that is not historical. Forward-looking statements often contain words such as “*estimates*,” “*expects*,” “*anticipates*,” “*projects*,” “*plans*,” “*intends*,” “*believes*,” “*forecasts*” and variations of such words or similar expressions. All forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, management’s financial guidance and examination of operating trends, are based upon our historical performance and our current plans, estimates and expectations at the time we make them, and various assumptions. There can be no assurance that management’s expectations, beliefs, forecasts and projections will result or be achieved. Our actual financial results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, any forward-looking statements. The inclusion of any forward-looking information should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that the future plans, estimates, forecasts or expectations contemplated by us will be achieved. Given these risks, uncertainties and other factors, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements.

There are a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in, or implied by, statements in this Annual Report. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make in this Annual Report are set forth in this report, including under the heading “Risk Factors” in Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf apply only as of the date of this Annual Report and are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements included herein. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances and do not intend to do so.

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Unless otherwise indicated or required by the context, when we use the terms “Company,” “FTI Consulting,” “we,” “us” and “our,” we mean FTI Consulting, Inc., a Maryland corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Company Overview

General

FTI Consulting is a global business advisory firm dedicated to helping organizations manage change, mitigate risk and resolve disputes: financial, legal, operational, political and regulatory, reputational and transactional. Individually, each of our segments and practices is staffed with experts recognized for the depth of their knowledge and a track record of making an impact. Collectively, FTI Consulting offers a comprehensive suite of services designed to assist clients across the business cycle, from proactive risk management to rapid response to unexpected events and dynamic environments.

We report financial results for the following five reportable segments:

- Corporate Finance & Restructuring;
- Forensic and Litigation Consulting;
- Economic Consulting;
- Technology; and
- Strategic Communications.

We work closely with our clients to help them anticipate, illuminate and overcome complex business challenges and make the most of opportunities arising from factors such as the economy, financial and credit markets, governmental legislation and regulation, and litigation. We provide advice and services, such as restructuring (including bankruptcy), capital formation and indebtedness, interim business management, performance improvements, forensic accounting and litigation matters,

international arbitrations, mergers and acquisitions (“M&A”), antitrust and competition matters, securities litigation, electronic discovery (or “e-discovery”), management and retrieval of electronically stored information (“ESI”), reputation management and strategic communications. Our experienced professionals are acknowledged leaders in their chosen field not only for their level of knowledge and understanding, but for their ability to structure practical workable solutions to complex issues and real-world problems. Our clients include Fortune 500 corporations, FTSE 100 companies, global banks, major law firms, and local, state and national governments and agencies around the globe. In addition, major United States (“U.S.”) and international law firms refer us or engage us on behalf of their clients. We believe clients retain us because of our recognized expertise and capabilities in highly specialized areas, as well as our reputation for successfully meeting our clients’ needs.

We have organized our business segments across four geographic regions consisting of: (i) the North America region, which consists of our 48 U.S. offices located in 19 states and three offices located in Calgary, Toronto and Vancouver, Canada; and our offices in Latin America located in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, the Cayman Islands and the Virgin Islands (British); (ii) the Asia Pacific region, which consists of 15 offices located in Australia, China (including Hong Kong), India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore; and (iii) the Europe, Middle East and Africa (“EMEA”) region, which consists of 19 offices located in Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Qatar, South Africa, Spain, United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom (“UK”).

We derive the majority of our revenues from providing professional services to clients in the U.S. For the year ended December 31, 2017, we derived approximately 30% of our consolidated revenues from the work of professionals who are assigned to locations outside the U.S.

Summary Financial and Other Information

The following table sets forth the percentage of consolidated revenues for the last three years contributed by each of our five reportable segments.

| Reportable Segment | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | 27% | 27% | 25% |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 26% | 25% | 27% |
| Economic Consulting | 27% | 28% | 25% |
| Technology | 10% | 10% | 12% |
| Strategic Communications | 10% | 10% | 11% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

The following table sets forth the number of offices and countries in which each segment operates, as well as the net number of revenue-generating professionals in each of our reportable segments.

| Reportable Segment | Year Ended December 31, | | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2017 | | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | Offices | Countries | Billable Headcount | Billable Headcount | Billable Headcount |
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | 43 | 15 | 901 | 895 | 838 |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 52 | 18 | 1,067 | 1,110 | 1,131 |
| Economic Consulting | 37 | 15 | 683 | 656 | 599 |
| Technology | 30 | 8 | 292 | 288 | 349 |
| Strategic Communications | 34 | 16 | 630 | 647 | 599 |
| Total | | | 3,573 | 3,596 | 3,516 |

Our Reportable Segments

Corporate Finance & Restructuring

Our Corporate Finance & Restructuring segment focuses on the strategic, operational, financial and capital needs of our clients around the world. We address the full spectrum of financial, operational and transactional risks and opportunities facing our clients. Our clients include companies, boards of directors, investors, private equity sponsors, banks, lenders, and other financing sources and creditor groups, as well as other parties-in-interest. We deliver a wide range of service offerings, including corporate restructuring (and bankruptcy) and interim management services for clients in financial distress. Additionally, our services include financing, M&A, M&A integration, valuation and tax advice, as well as financial, operational and performance improvement services. We also provide expert witness testimony, bankruptcy and insolvency litigation support, and trustee and examiner services. Our clients demand our industry expertise, which includes emphasis in the energy, healthcare, real estate, retail and consumer products, and telecom, media and technology ("TMT") sectors.

In 2017, our Corporate Finance & Restructuring segment operated through restructuring, business transformation and transactions practices, which offer the following services:

Restructuring.

- **Turnaround & Restructuring.** We provide advisory services to help our clients stabilize finances and operations to reassure creditors and other stakeholders that proactive steps are being taken to preserve and enhance value. For clients confronting liquidity problems, excessive leverage, underperformance, overexpansion, or other business or financial issues, we develop liquidity forecasts, identify cash flow improvements, obtain financing, negotiate loan covenant waivers and guide complex debt restructuring.

Our company advisory group advises and assists clients by providing liquidity management, operational improvement, turnaround and restructuring, and capital solutions services to achieve successful turnarounds. Through our out-of-court services, we assist clients to rightsize infrastructure, improve liquidity and solvency, improve cash flow and working capital management, sell noncore assets or business units and recapitalize. We perform due diligence reviews, financial statement, cash flow and EBITDA (earnings before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization) analyses, prepare liquidity forecasts and financial projections, recommend credit alternatives, assist in determining optimal capital structure, monitor portfolios of assets, assess collateral, provide crisis credit and securitized transaction assistance, negotiate loan covenant waivers and guide complex debt restructurings. We also lead and manage the financial aspects of in-court restructurings and bankruptcies by offering services that help our clients assess the impact of a bankruptcy filing on their financial condition and operations. We provide critical services specific to court-supervised insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings. We represent underperforming companies that are debtors-in-possession and lenders. With a focus on minimizing disruption and rebuilding the business after an exit from bankruptcy or insolvency, we help clients accelerate a return to business as usual.

Our creditor advisory group advises and assists secured and unsecured creditors in distressed situations to maximize recoveries and preserve the value of assets. Our services include assessing the short-term and long-term liquidity needs, evaluating operations and the reasonableness of business plans, determining enterprise value, negotiating executable restructuring programs, building a consensus within the creditor group, investigating intercompany transactions and potential fraudulent conveyances, bankruptcy preparation and reporting services, financial analysis in support of petitions and affiliated motions, strategies for monetizing a debtor's assets, the discovery of unidentified assets and liabilities, and expert witness testimony.

Business Transformation.

- **Business Transformation.** The services offered by our business transformation practice focus on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of clients' operations by implementing systemic changes leading to sustainable results. Our Office of the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") provides holistic, practical, value-enhancing solutions to address people, process and technology gaps. Our solutions are designed to preserve, create and sustain value and to help the CFO team achieve rapid success. We collaborate with CFOs and their finance and accounting organizations and use innovative engagement tools to provide transformation services, manage risk, deliver business intelligence capabilities, and prepare for and execute events, all while building confidence, clarity, controls and consistency.

Our performance improvement practice service offerings help clients drive revenues and unlock profitability through, among other things, sales and supply chain effectiveness, customer and market development, product and

price optimization, cost improvements, human capital optimization, operational excellence and digital transformation.

- **Interim Management.** Our professionals fill the void when our clients need skilled, experienced leadership to pursue opportunities, contend with executive turnover and transition, or drive strategic transactions or change. The experienced and credentialed professionals in our transitional management practice assume executive officer level roles, providing the leadership, financial management, and operating and strategic decision-making abilities to lead transitions due to extraordinary events such as M&A, divestitures, changes in control and carve-outs of businesses from larger enterprises.

Our turnaround management professionals provide their turnaround skills, restructuring expertise, and industry and functional experience to lead through crisis situations, such as financial and operational restructuring and insolvency and bankruptcy, by stabilizing financial position, optimizing financial resources, protecting enterprise value, resolving regulatory compliance issues, building morale and establishing credibility with stakeholders. Our professionals serve in the following interim executive and management roles: chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, chief restructuring officer, controller and treasurer, and other senior positions that report to them.

- **Valuation & Financial Advisory.** We provide clients with the information necessary to manage a broad range of complex transactional and strategic situations requiring relevant, timely and sensitive information. Our strategic advisory and transaction support provides business valuation, intangible asset valuation, financial and strategic analyses, forecasting, strategic alternatives and transaction support services. We also provide transaction opinions (such as fairness, solvency, collateral valuation, intellectual property (“IP”) and intangible asset valuation opinions).

Our financial reporting and tax services include goodwill impairment analyses, portfolio valuations, equity compensation valuations, purchase price allocations, and estate and gift tax analyses and related opinions. We provide litigation support services (including expert witness testimony, damages valuations and analysis, court-ready reports and opinions, and opposing and corroborating expert reports) covering a broad spectrum of industries and situations.

Transactions.

- **Transactions.** We combine the disciplines of structured finance, investment banking, lender services, M&A, M&A integration and valuation services, and Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and other regulatory experience to help our clients maximize value and minimize risk in M&A and other high stakes transactions. The many services that we provide relating to investment banking, lender services, M&A integration, and structured finance and transaction services include: performing due diligence reviews, evaluating key value drivers and risk factors, advising on the most advantageous tax and accounting structures, and assessing quality of earnings, quality of balance sheet and working capital requirements. We identify value enhancers and value issues. We provide comprehensive tax consulting intended to maximize a client’s return on investment. We help structure post-acquisition earn-outs and price adjustment mechanisms to allow a client to realize optimal value and perform services for clients involved in purchase price disputes such as assessing the consistent application of U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), earn-out issues, working capital issues, settlement ranges and allocation of purchase price for tax purposes.

We provide investment banking services in the U.S. through FTI Capital Advisors, LLC, our Financial Industry Regulatory Authority registered subsidiary, which focuses on identifying and executing value-added transactions for public and private middle market companies.

- **Dispute Advisory.** We provide independent litigation consulting, including bankruptcy and avoidance litigation and industry-specific civil, commercial and regulatory dispute services. Our bankruptcy and avoidance litigation services include consulting, expert witness and trial services related to preferential payments, solvency and fraudulent conveyances, substantive consolidation, claims litigation, plan feasibility, valuation disputes and board fiduciary assessments.

Our commercial and regulatory dispute services involve industry-specific expertise relating to industry standards and customary practices, economic damages, fact finding, and forensic review and analysis, primarily related to the

automotive, hospitality, gaming and leisure, real estate and infrastructure, retail and consumer products, structured finance, and TMT industries.

- **Tax Services.** We provide advisory services relating to corporate, partnership, and real estate investment trust (“REIT”) and real estate tax compliance and reporting, international taxation, debt restructuring, foreign, state and local taxes, research and development, transfer pricing, tax valuation services and value-added taxation. We advise businesses on a variety of tax matters ranging from tax transaction support to best practice process implementation and structuring.

Forensic and Litigation Consulting

Our Forensic and Litigation Consulting segment provides law firms, companies, government clients and other interested parties with multidisciplinary, independent dispute advisory, investigations, data analytics, forensic accounting, business intelligence and risk mitigation services, as well as interim management and performance improvement services for our health solutions practice clients. We advise our clients in response to allegations involving the propriety of accounting and financial reporting, fraud, regulatory scrutiny and anti-corruption. We assist our clients in protecting enterprise value by (i) quantifying damages and providing expert testimony in a wide range of dispute situations: claims and liabilities, government and regulatory inquiries, investigations and proceedings, litigation, IP, professional malpractice, lost profits, valuations, breach of contract, purchase price disagreements, business interruption, environmental claims, construction claims and fraud, (ii) employing forensic accounting and complex modeling to analyze financial transactions, and (iii) identifying, collecting, analyzing and preserving structured information within enterprise systems. We have the capacity to provide our full array of practice offerings across jurisdictional boundaries around the world.

In 2017, our Forensic and Litigation Consulting segment operated through risk advisory, investigations and disputes practices, which offer the following services:

Risk Advisory.

- **Anti-Corruption Investigations & Compliance.** We help clients mitigate corruption risks and investigate and prevent corruption issues arising from the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the “FCPA”), the UK Anti-Bribery Act (the “UKBA”), Brazil’s Clean Company Act and other similar global statutes.
- **Compliance, Monitoring & Receivership.** Our expert industry professionals provide full-scale assessments and process improvement and support services for compliance programs, as well as act as independent monitors or in support of trustees, monitors, receivers and examiners. In matters involving the appointment of monitors, receivers or examiners by courts or regulators, our experts possess the necessary independence and skills to test and monitor compliance with and the continuing effectiveness of the terms of settlements or reforms across many industries and professions.
- **Data & Analytics.** We deliver strategic business solutions for clients requiring in-depth identification, analysis and preservation of large, disparate sets of financial, operational and transactional data. We map relationships among various information systems and geographies, mine for specific transactions and uncover patterns that may signal fraudulent activity or transactional irregularities. We assist with recovering assets and designing and implementing safeguards to minimize the risk of recurrence. We produce detailed visualizations from complex data, making it easier to identify abnormalities and share information. We also have the expertise to perform system and information technology (“IT”) audits and due diligence.

Investigations.

- **Cybersecurity.** Our cybersecurity practice uses cutting-edge technologies and capabilities together with our comprehensive practice offerings to enable clients to address their most critical needs and integrate new solutions atop or alongside pre-existing policies and programs to address cyber threats. We help our clients understand their own environments, implement defensive strategies, identify threats, holistically respond to crises, and sustainably recover their operations and reputation after an incident.
- **Forensic Accounting & Advisory Services.** We assist U.S. and multinational clients with responding to allegations involving the propriety of accounting, financial reporting, fraud, regulatory scrutiny and anti-corruption inquiries. We identify, collect, analyze and interpret financial and accounting data and information for fraud, accounting, complex financial reporting, audit and special committee investigations. We analyze issues, identify options and make recommendations to respond to financial misstatements, financial restatements and inadequate

disclosure allegations, claims, threatened and pending litigation, regulatory inquiries and actions, and whistleblower allegations. We employ investigative skills, establish document and database controls, prepare analytical models, perform forensic accounting, present expert testimony and render opinions, and prepare written reports. We have particular expertise investigating compliance with the FCPA and other anti-corruption laws, including the UKBA and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (the "OECD"). We provide consulting assistance and expert witness services to securities counsel and their clients regarding inquiries and investigations initiated by the Divisions of Enforcement and Corporate Finance and Office of the Chief Accountant of the SEC. We assist clients in responding to inquiries from the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

- **Global Risk and Investigations Practice.** We utilize a multidisciplinary approach to conduct complex factual and regulatory investigations combining teams of former federal prosecutors and regulators, law enforcement and intelligence officials, forensic accountants, industry specialists and computer forensic specialists. We uncover actionable intelligence and perform value-added analysis to help our clients address and mitigate risks, protect assets, remediate compliance, make informed decisions and maximize opportunities. Our capabilities and services include white collar defense intelligence and investigations, complex commercial and financial investigations, business intelligence and investigative due diligence, political risk assessments, business risk assessments, fraud and forensic accounting investigations, computer forensics and electronics evidence, specialized fact finding, domestic and international arbitration proceedings, asset searching and analysis, IP and branding protection, anti-money laundering consulting, ethics and compliance program design, and transactional due diligence. We help our clients navigate anti-bribery and anti-corruption risk proactively (assessing and mitigating risk) and reactively (responding to allegations with multidisciplinary investigation, forensic accounting and information preservation experts). We help clients institute the necessary internal controls with which to comply, and we investigate suspected violations of the FCPA and other anti-corruption laws, including the UKBA and OECD. We also develop remediation and monitoring plans, including the negotiation of settlement agreements. Through our services, we uncover actionable intelligence and perform value-added analysis to help our clients and other decision makers address and mitigate risk, protect assets, remediate compliance deficiencies, make informed decisions and maximize opportunities.

Disputes.

- **Construction Solutions.** We provide commercial management, risk-based advisory and dispute resolution services to the construction industry around the globe, including services relating to capital program risk management, cost analytics and auditing services, government contracts, and planning and scheduling. Our professionals include engineers, architects, accountants, quantity surveyors, planning and scheduling specialists, cost engineers and project managers. Our expertise includes technical, business, regulatory and legal matters, allowing us to identify key issues and recommend solutions for a wide range of issues affecting U.S. and international construction projects through clear and commercially driven practices and strategies. When litigation or arbitration is unavoidable, our experts work as an integrated part of our clients' legal teams under the leadership of appointed solicitors or legal counsel.
- **Dispute Advisory Services.** We provide early case assessment and pre-trial, in-trial and post-trial dispute advisory services, in judicial and a broad range of alternative dispute resolution and regulatory forums, to help clients assess potential, threatened and pending claims resulting from complex financial and economic events and transactions, and accounting and professional malpractice allegations. We analyze records and information, including electronic information, to locate assets, trace flows of funds, identify illegal or fraudulent activity, reconstruct events from incomplete and/or corrupt data, uncover vital evidence, quantify damages and prepare for trial or settlement. In many of our engagements, we also act as an expert witness.
- **Intellectual Property.** We help our clients successfully deal with the myriad of challenges and complexities of IP management. We provide litigation support and damages quantification, tangible and intangible IP valuation, royalty compliance, licensing and technology, and IP management and commercialization services. Our experts also assist clients with resolving brand integrity issues, such as counterfeiting, through brand development, marketing research, investigations and protection. We perform economic and commercial analyses necessary to support International Trade Commission Section 337 investigations used to prevent certain products from entering the U.S.
- **Trial Services.** We work as part of the team advising and supporting clients in large and highly complex civil trials. Through the use of our proprietary information technology, we turn facts and ideas into presentations and

information that drive decisions. We help control litigation costs, expedite the in-trial process, prepare evidence, and help our clients to readily organize, access and present case-related data. Our proprietary TrialMax[®] software integrates documents, photographs, animations, deposition videos, audios and demonstrative graphics into a single trial preparation and presentation tool. Our graphics consulting services select the most appropriate presentation formats to maximize impact and memorability and then create persuasive graphic presentations that support, clarify and emphasize the key themes of a case. We provide illustrations and visual aids that help simplify complex technical subjects for jurors through opening and closing statement consulting, witness presentations, research presentations, exhibit plans and outlines, hardboards, scale models, storyboards, timelines, and technical and medical illustrations.

- **Business Insurance Claims.** We assist clients in preparing and submitting comprehensive, logical and well-documented claims for large property and casualty, business interruption, errors and omissions, builders' risks, political risks, product liability, data breaches and other types of insured risks across a wide variety of industries and U.S. and foreign jurisdictions. We serve as testifying experts on insurance coverage litigation matters. We also assist our clients on pre-loss matters, such as business interruption values, insurable values and maximum probable loss studies.
- **Health Solutions.** We work with a variety of healthcare and life science clients to discern innovative solutions that optimize performance in the short term and prepare for future strategic, operational, financial and legal challenges. We provide a one-company team of experts across the spectrum of healthcare disciplines. These professionals have specialized capabilities and a record of success across hospital operations and restructuring, healthcare economics, and stakeholder engagement and communication.

Economic Consulting

Our Economic Consulting segment provides law firms, companies, government entities and other interested parties with analysis of complex economic issues for use in legal, regulatory and international arbitration proceedings, strategic decision making and public policy debates in the U.S. and around the world. We deliver sophisticated economic analysis and modeling of issues arising in complex M&A transactions, antitrust litigation, commercial disputes, international arbitrations, regulatory proceedings, IP disputes and a wide range of financial litigation. We help clients analyze issues such as the economic impact of deregulation on a particular industry and the amount of damages suffered by a business as a result of a particular event. Our professionals regularly provide expert testimony on damages, rates and prices, valuations (including valuations of complex financial instruments), antitrust and competition regulation, business valuations, IP, transfer pricing and public policy.

In 2017, our Economic Consulting segment offered the following services:

- **Antitrust & Competition Economics.** We provide financial, economic and econometric consulting services to assist clients in public policy debates, regulatory proceedings and litigation. We apply our models to complex data in order to evaluate the likely effects of transactions on prices, costs and competition. Our professionals are experts at analyzing and explaining the antitrust and competition impact of diverse transactions and proceedings relating to M&A, price fixing, monopolization and abuse of a dominant position, exclusionary conduct, bundling and tying, and predatory pricing. Our services include financial and economic analyses of policy, regulatory and litigation matters. We provide expert testimony, testimony regarding class certifications and quantification of damages analyses for corporations, governments and public sector entities in the U.S. and around the world.
- **Business Valuation.** We help clients identify and understand the value of their businesses in both contentious and uncontentious situations. We provide business valuation, expert valuation and expert testimony services relating to traditional commercial disputes and other matters as diverse as transaction pricing and structuring, securities fraud, valuations for financial reporting, tax, regulatory and stakeholder investment compliance, solvency issues, fraudulent transfers, post-acquisition M&A disputes and transactions, and disputes between shareholders. We provide our clients with specialized valuation opinions and expert testimony involving international disputes before international courts of jurisdiction and arbitration tribunals. We assist our clients in making economic and investment decisions that significantly affect shareholder value, economic returns and capital allocation.
- **Intellectual Property.** We help clients understand and maximize the value of their intangible business assets. We calculate losses from IP infringement, apply econometrics to develop pricing structures for IP valuations and licensing, manage the purchase or sale of IP assets, negotiate with tax authorities, and determine IP-related losses in legal disputes and arbitrations. We provide IP-related advice and expert opinions and testimony for commercial transactions, intergroup transfers, M&A and negotiations with taxing authorities to a wide range of industries.

- **International Arbitration.** We help clients navigate each phase of the dispute resolution process. Our international arbitration practice works with companies, governments and members of the international bar to provide independent advice and expert testimony relating to business valuations and economic damages in a wide variety of commercial and treaty disputes before international arbitration tribunals. Our services include evaluating claims, identifying and quantifying economic damages, and identifying the best approaches to win positive outcomes.
- **Labor & Employment.** We prepare economic and statistical analyses for clients facing disputes relating to wage and hour issues, class action, class certification, lost earnings and discrimination. Our experienced labor and employment team provide statistical analyses of data and damage exposure, review and rebut expert reports, calculate the economic value of a claim, determine if the purported class in labor and employment litigation meets legal requirements for certification, and provide expert testimony. We provide clients with statistical and economic analysis of Fair Labor Standards Act wage and hour issues, state wage and hour issues, employment discrimination issues, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission investigations, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program audits, reduction-in-force assessments and compensation studies.
- **Public Policy.** We advise clients regarding the impact of legislation and political considerations on industries and commercial transactions. We perform financial and economic analyses of policy and regulatory matters and the effect of legislation, regulations and political considerations on a wide range of issues facing our clients around the world, such as the environment, taxation and regulations relating to global competitiveness. We provide comparative analyses of proposed policy alternatives, division of responsibilities of federal and local regulators, the effects of regulations on risk sharing across constituencies and geographies, and unintended consequences. Our services include strategic and regulatory planning, program evaluation, regulatory and policy reform, tort liability, forecasting, public private partnerships and public finance.
- **Securities Litigation & Risk Management.** Our professionals apply economic theory, econometrics and the modern theory of finance to assess, quantify and manage risks inherent in global financial markets. We advise clients and testify on a variety of issues, including securities fraud, insider trading, initial public offering (“IPO”) allocations, market efficiency, market manipulation and forms of securities litigation. We also evaluate financial products such as derivatives, securitized products, collateralized obligations, special purpose entities, and structured financial instruments and transactions.
- **Regulated Industries.** We provide economic analysis, econometrics and network modeling to provide information to major network and regulated industry participants on the effects of regulations on global business strategies. We provide advice on pricing, valuation, risk management, and strategic and tactical challenges. We also advise clients on the transition of regulated industries to more competitive environments. Our services include economic analysis, econometrics and modeling, due diligence and expert testimony.
- **Center for Healthcare Economics and Policy.** We support and facilitate the work of local governments, insurers, providers, physicians, employers and community-based stakeholders by providing data-driven strategies and solutions based on empirical analyses and modeling to reduce the per capita cost of healthcare, improve the health of populations, and enhance patient experience and access to care.
- **Network Analysis.** We provide our clients with hindsight, insight and foresight by using our technology and experience to visualize and evaluate relationships and flows among people, groups, markets, organizations, infrastructure, IT systems, biological systems and other interconnected entities in order to understand complex interconnected data. The information we generate can be used by our clients to evaluate and defend insurance claims, support litigation and regulatory proceedings, detect fraud, identify trends and problematic events, certify class litigation claims, and investigate social and terrorist networks.
- **Economic Impact Analysis.** We apply both market and macroeconomic models across a range of industries to analyze how markets and the broader economy react to changes in public policy and investments. Our clients use our analyses to formulate their strategic plans to educate key stakeholders, policymakers, regulators, the media and the public on the benefits and costs of their plans when determining the best course of action.

Technology

Our Technology segment offers a comprehensive portfolio of information governance, e-discovery and data analytics software, services and consulting to corporations, law firms, courts and government agencies worldwide. Our consulting and services allow our clients to control the risk and expense of information during legal and regulatory events more confidently, as well as better understand and act on their data in the context of compliance and risk. Our professionals help clients locate, analyze, review and produce electronically stored information (“ESI”), including email, computer files, audio, video, instant

messaging, cloud data and social media. Our professionals have a proven track record of helping clients with complex issues, including internal investigations, regulatory and global investigations such as under the FCPA and UKBA, litigation and joint defense, discovery and preparation, and antitrust and competition investigations, including second requests under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended.

In 2017, our Technology segment operated through software and consulting and services practices, which offer the following services:

Software.

- **Ringtail® E-discovery Software.** Our Ringtail® software is a sophisticated e-discovery and document review software platform designed to help law firms and corporate legal teams manage the complexity and scope of investigations and litigation at a predictable cost. Ringtail® software is highly scalable, designed to speed the legal review process and help clients find relevant information quickly and accurately. Ringtail® features patented visual analytics, concept clustering, predictive coding and other advanced features to accelerate document review. Ringtail® also processes and culls data, provides a broad range of features for quick data review and coding, and gives users a comprehensive set of redaction and production tools. Ringtail® is available on-premises, on-demand or in a Software-as-a-Service deployment model. Our Ringtail® audio discovery service transforms audio files to reviewable, redactable and searchable files that can be analyzed and produced alongside other ESI.
- **Relativity®*.** We became an authorized provider of Relativity®, a third-party software, in 2017 and successfully delivered Relativity® on multiple legal and regulatory engagements.

Consulting & Services.

- **E-discovery Management.** We plan, design and manage discovery workflows and engagements to maximize responsiveness, minimize costs and risks, and provide greater budget predictability. We offer several deployment options, from a do-it-yourself on-premises model to a full-service managed services option. We offer clients the option to establish master repositories so that data need only be collected and processed once. In the repository, the data can be accessed and used across multiple matters, enabling the reuse and retention of valuable attorney work product and other information.
- **Managed Document Review.** We offer Acuity®, a managed review offering designed to optimize the speed of document review and reduce the cost and complexity of e-discovery at a single, predictable price. Managed review is a service that allows corporations and their law firms to improve the cost-effectiveness of their e-discovery processes via outsourced review and analysis of e-discovery data instead of performing these reviews themselves. With Acuity®, we drive review efficiency by leveraging the power of data analytics and machine learning software with rigorous budget oversight. Acuity® workflows enable collaboration among the corporation, law firm and our Acuity® review teams.
- **Collections & Digital Forensics.** We help organizations meet requirements for collecting, analyzing and producing large amounts of data from a variety of sources, including email, voicemail, backup tapes, social media, the cloud, mobile devices, shared server files and databases, often on multiple continents. We provide both proactive and reactive support using expert services, methodologies and tools that help companies and their legal advisors understand technology-dependent issues. We also offer services to reconstruct data that has been deleted, misplaced or damaged.
- **Information Governance & Compliance Services.** We provide the people, process and technology to develop, implement and deliver information governance projects that reduce corporate risk, cut storage costs, secure data, improve the e-discovery process and enable better insight into data. Services include: readiness assessment consulting and services for the General Data Protection Regulation Act, scanning and quarantine of sensitive data, including personally identifiable information and trade secrets, clean up of file share, litigation hold and preservation optimization, e-discovery readiness/meet-and-confer support, divestiture data segregation, decommission and disposition of business applications in a defensible manner, modernization of messaging policies, backup remediation, workstation and forensic image remediation, social media and messaging archive migration and remediation, migration to cloud applications, discovery of key data, enterprise content management and Sharepoint migration and decommissioning, voice and audio readiness, and cybersecurity readiness assessment.

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- **FTI Investigations.** Our “FTI Investigate” offering helps organizations quickly and defensibly manage investigations, whistleblower allegations, corporate due diligence, financial fraud, FCPA and other types of investigations. FTI Investigate helps organizations quickly understand case facts, secure control of sensitive data, and defensibly preserve and review data in compliance with local data privacy laws.
- **Contract Intelligence.** Our Contract Intelligence service provides a cost-effective solution for a key component of contract life cycle management, offering organizations a centralized, organized method to review and analyze their global contract universe. Corporations and firms using our Contract Intelligence service can better find, understand and act upon contracts to meet regulatory requirements, reduce risk and recognize greater business value in business contexts such as pre-merger contract diligence, alignment of contract with new regulations, and analyses of leasing agreements for compliance with new accounting standards.

Strategic Communications

Our Strategic Communications segment designs and executes communications strategies for management teams and boards of directors to help them seize opportunities, manage financial, regulatory and reputational challenges, navigate market disruptions, articulate their brand, stake a competitive position, and preserve and grow operations. We believe our integrated offerings, which include a broad scope of services, deep industry expertise and global reach, are unique and distinguish us from other strategic communications consultancies.

In 2017, our Strategic Communications segment offered the following services:

- **Public Affairs & Government Relations.** We advise senior business leaders and leading organizations around the world on how to effectively engage with governments, politicians and policymakers and respond to regulatory changes. We advise governments on how to attract investors by improving their regulatory and legal frameworks. Our integrated global team is based in leading political centers, including Berlin, Brussels, London, Melbourne and Washington, D.C. We combine public policy, economic consulting and capital markets expertise with strategic communications and business advisory skills. We offer the full range of engagement programs, ranging from crisis management of imminent legislation to longer-term shaping of the policy environment. We use a range of qualitative and quantitative tools to establish our clients’ case in connection with government investigations, political and legislative engagement, public policy debates and business strategies, whether in terms of message refinement, policy mapping, reputation benchmarking, opinion polling or speech writing.
- **M&A Crisis Communications & Special Situations.** We specialize in advising clients on their communications to investors and other audiences to help them protect their business, brand and market positions and achieve fair valuations in capital markets. We employ a disciplined discovery process to identify preparedness gaps, assess the situation, plan for various possibilities, prepare and disseminate communications, and manage legal and political consequences. We provide services relating to a wide range of M&A scenarios, including transformative and bolt-on acquisitions, friendly and hostile takeovers, and activism defense. We also advise clients in situations that present threats to their valuation and reputation with investors such as proxy contests, financial restatements, shareholder activism, unplanned management changes and other crises. Our integrated communications services are designed to address the concerns of all internal and external stakeholders.
- **Corporate Reputation.** We both promote businesses and protect corporate reputations, creating solutions for our clients’ mission-critical communications needs. Our services include crisis and issues management, reputational risk advisory, stakeholder identification, mapping and engagement, messaging and organization positioning, thought leadership consultancy, corporate social responsibility, strategic media relations, employee communications, engagement and change communications, media and presentation coaching, as well as qualitative and quantitative research.
- **People & Change.** We help clients plan, design and implement internal communications and programs to increase engagement and understanding among leadership teams, employees, vendors, partners and customers. We partner with our clients to understand their unique business environment and internal and external communications aspirations. Our services assist business leaders in communicating and navigating change and transformative events, including new strategy and vision introductions, leadership positioning, M&A, operating model changes, outsourcing or insourcing, workforce consolidations or reductions, and restructurings and reorganizations. Our services are designed to align stakeholder insights with organizational needs.
- **Strategy Consulting & Research.** We provide in-depth market and stakeholder analyses to help our clients solve complex business and communications problems. Our research services include reputation benchmarking, peer analysis, benchmarking and financial market valuations, brand awareness studies and brand extension audits,

including customer focus groups, shareholder analysis and investor targeting, consumer trend analysis, public opinion polling and policymaker perception audits.

- **Digital & Creative Communications.** We collaborate with clients to conceive and produce integrated design, content and digital strategies across all media and markets to advance business objectives with key stakeholders and the media. Our approach includes defining corporate and brand positioning, surveying the audience to gauge social sentiments and needs, demystifying complex business operations and situations, selecting a program that resonates with the marketplace, building the communications plan, launching the initiative for maximum visibility and evaluating the success of the program. We provide customized solutions to reach target audiences through digital channels. Our design and marketing teams specialize in corporate and brand identity development, website development, advertising, interactive marketing campaigns, video and animation, brochures, fact sheets, testimonials and other marketing materials, and annual report development. Our social media experts work with clients to identify and engage stakeholders through the most appropriate and useful paid and non-paid social and digital media outlets.
- **Capital Markets Communications.** We assist clients in developing and delivering a consistent and credible narrative to investors and the investment community. We help companies articulate and present their entry into the equity markets, from articulating the strategic rationale and investment story to preparing the registration statement with securities regulators to developing the road show for the IPO. We provide investor relations best practices programs and investor relations services and communications. We conduct perception audits and organize investor community events. We provide a wide range of research and analyses to our clients. We also help clients communicate leadership transitions and demonstrate new management credibility to investors.

Our Industry Specializations

We employ professionals across our segments and practices who are qualified to provide both our core services plus a range of specialized consulting services and solutions that address the strategic, reputational, operational, financial, regulatory, legal and other needs of specific industries. The major industry groups that we service include:

Aerospace & Defense. Our aerospace and defense professionals provide services addressing the core issues related to the strategic growth and tactical priorities of commercial aviation, airlines, defense contractors, aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul and service providers, and security-oriented businesses. We help our clients navigate issues such as organic and inorganic growth, affordability, profitability, digital strategies, complex disputes with governments and regulators, regulatory audits, strategic communications and improvements to business systems.

Agriculture. Our agribusiness experts advise producers, accumulators and processors to address global concerns relating to the quality, quantity, biodiversity, commodity pricing and sustainable practices, and the effects of weather, climate change and animal rights activism on the food supply.

Automotive. Our automotive experts offer vehicle manufacturers, suppliers, retailers, vehicle financiers and other automotive subsectors, as well as their creditors, lenders and other stakeholders, a comprehensive range of corporate finance and strategic communications services.

Construction. Our construction services professionals provide commercial management, risk-based advice, dispute resolution services and strategic communications counsel on complex projects across all construction and engineering industries. Our professionals are industry leaders who understand technical, business, regulatory and legal matters and are seasoned in giving expert testimony to ensure that every aspect of their capital program or project is properly governed, well-executed, regulatory compliant and fully supported from beginning to end.

Energy, Power & Products. Our professionals provide a wide array of advisory services that address the strategic, financial, restructuring, reputational, regulatory and legal needs of energy and utility clients involved in the production of crude oil, natural gas, refined products, chemicals, coal, electric power, emerging technologies, and renewable energy and clean energy technologies. Our professionals are involved in many of the largest financial and operational restructurings, regulatory and litigation matters involving energy and utility companies globally.

Environmental. Our environmental services professionals provide a comprehensive suite of services aimed at helping organizations manage and resolve specific environmental issues or programmatic challenges. Our services focus on the resolution of complex contamination, toxic tort, products liability, and insurance investigations and disputes before courts, regulators, mediators and alternative dispute tribunals.

Financial Institutions. Our professionals assist banks and financial services clients of all sizes and types in navigating through a changing environment of financial services regulations and enforcement actions, litigation threats, and economic and competitive challenges. We work with clients to manage risk, ensure compliance, resolve regulatory inquiries as they arise, engage with relevant stakeholders, and leverage their assets to protect and enhance enterprise value.

Healthcare and Life Sciences. Our professionals work with a wide variety of healthcare and life sciences clients to discern innovative solutions that optimize performance in the short term and prepare for future strategic, operational, financial, regulatory, legal and reputational challenges. We provide a one-company team of experts across the spectrum of healthcare disciplines. These professionals have specialized capabilities and a record of success across hospital operations and restructuring, healthcare economics, regulatory compliance, and stakeholder engagement and communications.

Hospitality, Gaming and Leisure. Our professionals help hotels, resorts, casinos, timeshares and condo hotels with operational realignment, asset and interim management, strategic analysis and event readiness (e.g., IPO, receivership, bankruptcy) and stakeholder engagement to preserve, protect and enhance asset and enterprise value.

Insurance. Our professionals combine their business and technical acumen to help insurers, reinsurers, captives, brokers, investors, regulators, corporations and their legal and business advisors address complex strategic and tactical issues. We apply methodologies, analytics and communications counsel to support the strategic requirements of our clients to protect assets, meet compliance requirements, achieve performance goals and engage with key stakeholders. Our professionals have a proven track record of effectively managing a broad range of large domestic and international engagements such as high-profile, discreet investigations and disputes, complex restructuring and enterprise-wide transformations, and the application of methodologies and analytics to innovate, improve performance, reduce risk and achieve compliance.

Mining. Our professionals assist mining businesses in understanding how to conduct business in emerging markets, M&A, capital markets financing, commodity pricing, valuations and quantification of damages in dispute situations.

Public Sector. Our government contracts team assists businesses through all phases of public sector contracting, including complying with government regulations and managing government business, risk avoidance, dispute resolution and litigation support. Our public sector solutions team delivers services, including financial and performance improvement, risk management and forensic consulting, economic and public policy consulting, technology and data analytics, and strategic communications.

Real Estate and Infrastructure. Our professionals have the industry expertise and experience to help real estate owners, users, investors and lenders better navigate the real estate market's complexities and manage its inherent risks. We represent leading public and private real estate entities and stakeholders, including REITs, financial institutions, investment banks, opportunity funds, insurance companies, hedge funds, pension advisors, owners and developers, offering services that help align strategy with business goals.

Retail and Consumer Products. Our professionals provide a full range of corporate finance, turnaround, restructuring and strategic communications expertise for retailers. We have experience in developing strategies for retail and consumer products companies to address internal and external challenges from inception through maturity. Our professionals have deep industry expertise in critical functional areas to help our clients drive performance, implement plans and engage with key stakeholders that will have sustained results. Our Fast Track™ approach utilizes highly developed frameworks and analytics to identify levers in the retail value equation that can be influenced quickly and serve to fund longer term strategic initiatives that drive shareholder value.

Telecom, Media and Technology. Our TMT team provides strategic, financial, operational and communications consulting with industry specialists in wireline and wireless telecom, print and digital media, broadcast TV and radio, entertainment and content production, and technology companies of all types, including software, hardware, Internet business models and cloud-based technology. We provide targeted performance improvement strategies and implementation, commercial diligence and transaction advisory, M&A integration, carve-outs and divestitures planning, valuation, interim management, restructuring and strategic communications. We deliver original insights that help clients better understand company performance, consumer behavior, digital substitution, emerging technologies, disruptive trends and stakeholder priorities in our industries.

Transportation. Our professionals provide corporate communications, financial communications, public affairs advice, strategy consulting and research to a broad range of organizations and companies involved in various forms of transportation, including rail, trucking and infrastructure.

Our Business Drivers

Factors that drive demand for our business offerings include:

- **M&A Activity.** M&A activity is an important driver for all of our segments. We offer services for all phases of the M&A process. Our services during the pre-transaction phase include government competition advice and pre-transaction analysis. Our services during the negotiation phase include due diligence, negotiation and other transaction advisory services, government competition and antitrust regulation services, expert advice, asset valuations and financial communications advice. We also offer post-M&A integration and transformation services.
- **Financial Markets.** Financial market factors, including credit and financing availability, terms and conditions, the willingness of financial institutions to provide debt modifications or relief, corporate debt levels, default rates and capital markets transactions, are significant drivers of demand for our business offerings, particularly our Corporate Finance & Restructuring and Strategic Communications segments.
- **Regulatory Complexity, Public Scrutiny and Investigations.** Increasingly complex global regulations and legislation, greater scrutiny of corporate governance, instances of corporate malfeasance, and more stringent and complex reporting requirements drive demand for our business offerings. The need to understand and address the impact of regulation and legislation, as well as the increasing costs of doing business, have prompted companies to focus on better assessing and managing risks and opportunities. In addition, boards of directors, audit committees and independent board committees have been increasingly tasked with conducting internal investigations of financial wrongdoing, regulatory non-compliance and other issues. These factors and laws, such as SOX and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, have contributed to the demand for independent consultants and experts to investigate and provide analyses and to support the work of outside legal counsel, accountants and other advisors. These types of investigations also increasingly demand the use of multiple disciplinary service offerings like ours, which combine skills and capabilities across practices with industry expertise. These factors drive demand for various practices and services of all our segments.
- **Litigation and Disputes.** Litigation and business disputes, the complexity of the issues presented, and the amount of potential damages and penalties drive demand for the services offered by many of our segments, particularly our Forensic and Litigation Consulting, Economic Consulting and Technology segments. Law firms and their clients, as well as government regulators and other interested third parties, rely on independent outside resources to evaluate claims, facilitate discovery, assess damages, provide expert reports and testimony, manage the pre-trial and in-trial process, and effectively present evidence.
- **Operational Challenges and Opportunities.** Businesses facing challenges require the evaluation and re-evaluation of strategy, risks and opportunities as a result of crisis-driven situations, competition, regulation, innovation and other events that arise in the course of business. These challenges include enterprise risk management, global expansion, competition from established companies, and emerging businesses and technologies doing business in emerging markets, and new and changing regulatory requirements and legislation. Management, companies and their board need outside help to recognize, understand and evaluate such events and effect change, which drives demand for independent expertise that can combine general business acumen with the specialized technical expertise of our practice offerings and industry expertise. These factors drive demand for various practices and services of all our segments.
- **Developing Markets.** The growth of multinational firms and global consolidation can precipitate antitrust and competition scrutiny and the spread internationally of issues and practices that historically have been more common in the U.S., such as increased and complex litigation, corporate restructuring and bankruptcy activities, and antitrust and competition scrutiny. Companies in the developing world and multinational companies can benefit from our expert advice to access capital and business markets, comply with the regulatory and other requirements of multiple countries, structure M&A transactions and conduct due diligence, which drives demand for the services of all of our segments.

Our Competitive Strengths

We compete primarily on the basis of the breadth of our services, the quality of our work, the prominence of our professionals, our geographic reach, our reputation and performance record, our specific industry expertise and our strong client relationships. We believe our success is driven by a combination of long-standing competitive strengths, including:

- **Pre-eminent Businesses and Professionals.** We believe that our segments include some of the pre-eminent practices and professionals in our industry today. During 2017, the awards and recognitions received by our segments include the following:

- FTI Consulting named to *Forbes* magazine list of America's Best Management Consulting Firms for the second consecutive year - recognized in 20 sectors and functional areas
 - Corporate Finance & Restructuring ranked the #1 U.S. Restructuring Advisor according to *The Deal* for the last 10 years
 - Forensic and Litigation Consulting recognized as the #1 Global Risk & Investigations Services Provider by *The National Law Journal*
 - FTI Consulting and Compass Lexecon had the most experts (129) recognized in the *Who's Who Legal* Consulting Experts Guide for the second consecutive year
 - FTI Technology named a Leader in Worldwide E-discovery Services Vendor by *IDC MarketScape's* Vendor Assessment Report
 - Strategic Communications named EMEA PR Consultancy of the Year by *The Holmes Report*
- **Diversified Service Offerings.** Our five reportable segments offer a diversified portfolio of practices providing services within our four geographic regions. Our broad range of practices and services, the diversity of our revenue streams, our specialized industry expertise and our global locations distinguish us from our competitors. This diversity helps to mitigate the impact of crises, events and changes in a particular practice, industry or country.
 - **Diversified Portfolio of Elite Clients.** We provide services to a diverse group of clients, including global Fortune 500 companies, FTSE 100 companies, global financial institutions, banks, and local, state and national governments and agencies in the U.S. and other countries. Additionally, 96 of the 100 law firms as ranked by American Lawyer Global 100: Most Revenue List refer or engage us on behalf of multiple clients on multiple matters.
 - **Strong Cash Flow.** Our business model has several characteristics that produce consistent cash flows. Our strong cash flow supports business operations, capital expenditures, and research and development efforts in our Technology segment and our ability to service our indebtedness and pursue our growth and other strategies.
 - **Demand for Integrated Solutions and a Consultative Approach.** Our breadth and depth of practice and service offerings and industry expertise across the globe drive demand by businesses that seek our integrated services and consultative approach covering different aspects of event-driven occurrences, reputational issues and transactions across different jurisdictions.

Our Business Strategy

We build client relationships based on the quality of our services, our reputation and the reputation of our professionals. We provide diverse complementary services to meet our clients' needs around the world. We emphasize client service and satisfaction. We aim to build strong brand recognition. The following are key elements of our business strategy:

- **Leverage Our Practitioners, Businesses, Extensive Geographic Diversification and Relationships.** We work hard to maintain and strengthen our core practices and competencies. We believe that our recognized expertise, client relationships and the quality of our reputation, coupled with our successful track record, size and geographic diversity, are the most critical elements in a decision to retain us. Many of our professionals are recognized experts in their respective fields.
- **Grow Organically.** Our strategy is to grow organically by increasing headcount and market share to provide clients with a complete suite of services across our segments, as well as the industries and geographic regions in which we operate.
- **Attract and Retain Highly Qualified Professionals.** Our professionals are crucial to delivering our services to clients and generating new business. As of December 31, 2017, we employed 3,573 revenue-generating professionals, many of whom have an established and widely recognized name in their respective service and industry specialization, and specialized industry expertise. Through our substantial staff of highly qualified professionals, we can handle a large number of complex assignments simultaneously. To attract and retain highly qualified professionals, we offer significant compensation opportunities, including sign-on bonuses, forgivable loans, retention bonuses, cash incentive bonuses and equity compensation, along with a competitive benefits package and the chance to work on challenging engagements with other highly skilled peers.

- **Enhance Profitability.** We endeavor to manage costs, headcount, utilization, bill rates and pricing for both time and materials and alternative fee arrangements to operate profitably.
- **Acquisitions and Other Investments.** We consider strategic and opportunistic acquisition opportunities on a selective basis. We seek to integrate completed acquisitions and manage investments in a way that fosters organic growth, expands our geographic presence or complements our segments, practices, services and industry focuses. We typically structure our acquisitions to retain the services of key individuals from the acquired companies.

Our Employees

Our success depends on our ability to attract and retain our expert professional workforce. Our professionals include PhDs, MBAs, JDs, CPAs, CPA-ABVs (CPAs accredited in business valuations), CPA-CFFs (CPAs certified in financial forensics), CRAs (certified risk analysts), Certified Turnaround Professionals, Certified Insolvency and Reorganization Advisors, Certified Fraud Examiners, ASAs (accredited senior appraisers), construction engineers and former senior government officials. We also engage independent contractors to supplement our professionals on client engagements as needed. As of December 31, 2017, we employed 4,609 employees, of which 3,573 were revenue-generating professionals.

Employment Agreements

As of December 31, 2017, we had written employment arrangements with substantially all of our 452 Senior Managing Directors and equivalent personnel (collectively, "SMD"). These arrangements generally provide for fixed salary and participation in incentive payment programs (which, in some cases, may be based on financial measures such as EBITDA), salary continuation benefits, accrued bonuses and other benefits beyond the termination date if an SMD leaves our employment for specified reasons prior to the expiration date of their employment agreement. The length and amount of payments to be paid by us following the termination or resignation of an SMD may vary, depending on whether the person resigned with or without "good reason" or was terminated by us with or without "cause," retired or did not renew, died or became "disabled," or was terminated as a result of a "change in control" (all such terms as defined in such SMD's employment agreement). All of our written employment arrangements with SMDs require some notice period be given by the parties prior to termination of employment and include covenants providing for restrictions on the SMDs competing against, and soliciting employees from, the Company for a specified period of time following the end of the SMDs employment.

Incentive and Retention Payments

Our SMDs and other employees, consultants and professionals may receive incentive, retention or sign-on payments, on a case-by-case basis, through unsecured general recourse forgivable loans, equity awards or other payments (collectively, "Retention Awards"). We believe that providing these multi-year Retention Awards greatly enhances our ability to attract and retain our key professionals.

Some or all of the principal amount and accrued interest of the loans we make will be forgiven by us upon the passage of time, or their repayment will be funded by us through additional cash bonus compensation, provided that the recipient is an employee or consultant on the forgiveness date. In addition, upon certain termination events, accrued interest and the outstanding principal balance may be forgiven, including upon death, disability and, in some cases, retirement or termination by the Company without cause or the recipient with good reason, or the recipient may be required to repay the unpaid accrued interest and outstanding principal balance upon certain other termination events such as voluntary resignation, as provided in the applicable promissory note. The value of the forgivable loans we have made, in the aggregate, as well as on an individual basis, have been, and we anticipate will continue to be, significant. Our executive officers and outside directors are not eligible to receive loans, and no loans have been made to them.

Our executive officers, other members of senior management and outside directors, as well as employees and independent service providers, have received and will continue to receive equity awards, which may include stock option and share-based awards (including awards in the form of restricted stock, performance-based restricted stock units, deferred restricted stock units, and cash-settled stock appreciation rights and units), on a case-by-case basis, to the extent that shares are available under our stockholder-approved equity compensation plans. The value of such equity and cash-based awards, in the aggregate, as well as on an individual basis, has been and is expected to continue to be significant.

Recipients of sign-on or other retention payments, other than loans, may be required to repay a portion or all of the original payment upon a termination event. These awards are typically smaller amounts in nature than forgivable loans and have a shorter service requirement than forgivable loans.

Select SMDs may participate in certain incentive compensation programs, such as our Senior Managing Director Incentive Compensation Program in the U.S., UK and Canada (the "ICP") or the Key Senior Managing Director Incentive Plan

(the “KSIP”). The ICP was closed to new participants effective January 2015. Participants were recommended by management and approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company. The ICP and KSIP provide for a combination of forgivable loans, equity awards and retention bonuses that are paid over an average of six to 10 years depending on the program and economic value of the award. These programs also require participants to defer a portion of their bonus in the form of cash or restricted stock over a two-to-three-year period.

Marketing

We rely primarily on our senior professionals to identify and pursue business opportunities. Referrals from clients, law firms and other intermediaries and our reputation from prior engagements are also key factors in securing new business. Our professionals often learn about new business opportunities from their frequent contacts and close working relationships with clients. In marketing our services, we emphasize our experience, the quality of our services and our professionals’ particular areas of expertise, as well as our ability to quickly staff new and large engagements. While we aggressively seek new business opportunities, we maintain high professional standards and carefully evaluate potential new client relationships and engagements before accepting them. We also employ or contract with sales professionals who are tasked primarily with marketing the services of our Corporate Finance & Restructuring, Forensic and Litigation Consulting, Technology and Strategic Communications segments.

Clients

During the year ended December 31, 2017, no single client accounted for more than 10% of our consolidated revenues. No reportable segment had a single client that accounted for more than 10% of its respective total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2017. In some cases, we may have engagements through law firms that represent a larger percentage of our consolidated revenues or the revenues of a segment; however, each law firm engages us on behalf of multiple clients.

Competition

We compete with different companies or businesses of companies depending on the particular nature of a proposed engagement and the requested types of service(s) or the location of the client or delivery of the service(s) or product(s). Our businesses are highly competitive. Our competitors include large organizations, such as the global accounting firms and large management and financial consulting companies, that offer a broad range of consulting services; investment banking firms; IT consulting and software companies, that offer niche services that are the same or similar to services or products offered by one or more of our segments; and small firms and independent contractors that provide one or more specialized services.

We compete primarily on the basis of the breadth of our services, the quality of our work, the prominence of our professionals, our geographic reach, our reputation and performance record, our specific industry expertise, our ability to staff multiple significant engagements across disciplines and industries in multiple locations, and our strong client relationships. Our Technology segment, and to a lesser extent our other segments, may also compete on price, although the critical nature of the services provided by our Corporate Finance & Restructuring, Forensic and Litigation Consulting, and Economic Consulting segments typically makes price a secondary consideration with respect to those segments. Since our businesses depend in a large part on professional relationships, there are low barriers of entry for professionals, including our professionals, electing to work independently, start their own firms or change employers.

Our Corporate Finance & Restructuring segment primarily competes with specialty boutiques providing restructuring, bankruptcy or M&A services and, to a lesser extent, large investment banks and global accounting firms.

Our Forensic and Litigation Consulting segment primarily competes with other large consulting companies and global accounting firms with service offerings similar to ours.

Our Economic Consulting segment primarily competes with individually recognized economists, specialty boutiques and large consulting companies with service offerings similar to ours.

Our Technology segment primarily competes with consulting and/or software providers specializing in e-discovery, ESI and the management of electronic content. Competitors may offer products and/or services intended to address one piece or more of those areas. There continues to be significant consolidation of companies providing products and services similar to our Technology segment, through M&A and other transactions, which may provide competitors access to greater financial and other resources than those of FTI. This industry is subject to significant and rapid innovation. Larger competitors may be able to invest more in research and development or react more quickly to new regulatory or legal requirements and other changes and may be able to innovate more quickly and efficiently. Our Ringtail® software has been facing significant competition from competing software products that are offered to end users on a commodity basis through licensing as opposed to our historical

integrated product and consulting service offerings. In addition, companies compete aggressively against our Technology segment on the basis of price, particularly with respect to hosting and e-discovery services.

Our Strategic Communications segment competes with large public relations firms, as well as boutique M&A, crisis communications and public affairs firms.

Some service providers are larger than we are and, on certain engagements, may have an advantage over us with respect to one or more competitive factors. Specialty boutiques or smaller local or regional firms, while not offering the range of services we provide, may compete with us on the basis of geographic proximity, specialty services or pricing advantages.

Patents, Licenses and Trademarks

We hold 96 U.S. patents and have 23 U.S. patent applications pending and zero pending U.S. provisional patent applications. We have filed 23 international patent applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, 21 of which have entered the National phase. We hold 24 non-U.S.-issued patents in Canada and Europe, and one non-U.S. patent application is pending in Canada. No additional patent applications have been issued or are pending in other countries covering various aspects of software of our Technology segment.

We have no pending U.S. patent applications and no pending international patent applications filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty covering clock auctions. We rely upon non-disclosure, license and other agreements to protect our interests in these products.

We have registered Ringtail®, Attenex®, Acuity® and TrialMax® and have filed to register Radiance™ as trademarks of FTI Consulting. We consider the Ringtail®, Attenex®, Acuity®, Radiance™ and our other technologies and software to be proprietary and confidential. We have also developed other e-discovery software products under the Ringtail® brand, which we consider proprietary and confidential. We consider our TrialMax® comprehensive trial preparation software to be proprietary and confidential. The Ringtail® and TrialMax® software and technology are not protected by patents. We rely upon international copyright laws, non-disclosure agreements and contractual agreements, internal controls, including confidentiality and invention disclosure agreements with our employees and independent contractors, and license agreements with third parties to protect our proprietary information, software and other works. Despite these safeguards, there is a risk that competitors may obtain and seek to use such intellectual property.

We have also developed marketing language such as “Critical Thinking at the Critical Time®” and “Experts with Impact™” and trademarks, logos and designs. In some cases, but not all, the trademarks have been registered in the U.S. and/or foreign jurisdictions or, in some cases, applications have been filed and are pending. Certain FTI Consulting, Palladium and Compass-formative marks’ use is pursuant to certain Co-Existence, Consent and/or Settlement agreements. We believe we take the appropriate steps to protect our trademarks and brands.

Corporate Information

We incorporated under the laws of the state of Maryland in 1982. We are a publicly traded company with common stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) under the symbol FCN. Our executive offices are located at 555 12th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. Our telephone number is 202-312-9100. Our website is <http://www.fticonsulting.com>.

Financial Information on Industry Segments and Geographic Areas

We manage and report operating results through five reportable segments. We also administratively manage our business through four geographic regions. See “Risk Factors — Risks Related to Our Operations” for a discussion of risks related to international operations. See Part II, Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and Note 17, “Segment Reporting” in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report for a discussion of revenues, net income and total assets by business segment and revenues for the U.S., UK and all other foreign countries as a group.

Available Information

We make available, free of charge, on or through our website at <http://www.fticonsulting.com>, our annual, quarterly and current reports and any amendments to those reports, as well as our other filings with the SEC, as soon as reasonably practicable after electronically filing them with the SEC. Information posted on our website is not part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K or any other report filed with the SEC in satisfaction of the requirements of the Exchange Act. Copies of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as other periodic reports filed with the SEC, may also be requested at no charge from our Corporate Secretary at FTI Consulting, Inc., 6300 Blair Hill Lane, Suite 303, Baltimore, MD 21209, telephone number 410-591-4800.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

All of the following risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition to the risks discussed below and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, other risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial could, in the future, materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and financial results.

Risks Related to Our Reportable Segments

Changes in capital markets, M&A activity, legal or regulatory requirements, general economic conditions and monetary or geo-political disruptions, as well as other factors beyond our control, could reduce demand for our practice offerings or services, in which case our revenues and profitability could decline.

Different factors outside of our control could affect demand for a segment's practices and our services. These include:

- fluctuations in U.S. and/or global economies, including economic recessions and the strength and rate of any general economic recoveries;
- the U.S. or global financial markets and the availability, costs and terms of credit and credit modifications;
- the level of leverage incurred by countries or businesses;
- M&A activity;
- frequency and complexity of significant commercial litigation;
- overexpansion by businesses causing financial difficulties;
- business and management crises, including the occurrence of alleged fraudulent or illegal activities and practices;
- new and complex laws and regulations, repeals of existing laws and regulations or changes of enforcement of laws, rules and regulations, including antitrust/competition reviews of proposed M&A transactions;
- other economic, geographic or political factors; and
- general business conditions.

We are not able to predict the positive or negative effects that future events or changes to the U.S. or global economies will have on our business or the business of any particular segment. Fluctuations, changes and disruptions in financial, credit, M&A and other markets, political instability and general business factors could impact various segments' operations and could affect such operations differently. Changes to factors described above, as well as other events, including by way of example, contractions of regional economies, or the economy of a particular country, monetary systems, banking, real estate and retail or other industries; debt or credit difficulties or defaults by businesses or countries; new, repeals of or changes to laws and regulations, including changes to the bankruptcy and competition laws of the U.S. or other countries; tort reform; banking reform; a decline in the implementation or adoption of new laws of regulation, or in government enforcement, litigation or monetary damages or remedies that are sought; or political instability may have adverse effects on one or more of our segments or service, practice or industry offerings.

Our revenues, operating income and cash flows are likely to fluctuate.

We experience fluctuations in our revenues and cost structure and the resulting operating income and cash flows and expect that this will continue to occur in the future. We experience fluctuations in our annual and quarterly financial results, including revenues, operating income and earnings per share, for reasons that include (i) the types and complexity, number, size, timing and duration of client engagements; (ii) the timing of revenue recognition under U.S. GAAP; (iii) the utilization of revenue-generating professionals, including the ability to adjust staffing levels up or down to accommodate the business and prospects of the applicable segment and practice; (iv) the time it takes before a new hire becomes profitable; (v) the geographic locations of our clients or the locations where services are rendered; (vi) billing rates and fee arrangements, including the opportunity and ability to successfully reach milestones and complete, and collect success fees and other outcome-contingent or performance-based fees; (vii) the length of billing and collection cycles and changes in amounts that may become uncollectible; (viii) changes in the frequency and complexity of government regulatory and enforcement activities; (ix) business and asset acquisitions; (x) fluctuations in the exchange rates of various currencies against the U.S. dollar; and (xi) economic factors beyond our control.

The results of different segments and practices may be affected differently by the above factors. Certain of our practices, particularly our restructuring practice, tend to experience their highest demand during periods when market and/or industry conditions are less favorable for many businesses. For example, in periods of limited credit availability, reduced M&A activity and/or declining business and/or consumer spending, while not always the case, there may be increased restructuring opportunities that will cause our restructuring practice to experience high demand. On the other hand, those same factors may cause a number of our other segments and practices, such as our antitrust and competition practice in Economic Consulting and our transaction advisory services practice in Corporate Finance & Restructuring to experience reduced demand. The positive effects of certain events or factors on certain segments and practices may not be sufficient to overcome the negative effects of those same events or factors on other parts of our business. In addition, our mix of practice offerings adds complexity to the task of predicting revenues and results of operations and managing our staffing levels and expenditures across changing business cycles and economic environments.

Our results are subject to seasonal and similar factors, such as during the fourth quarter when our professionals and our clients typically take vacations. We may also experience fluctuations in our operating income and related cash flows because of increases in employee compensation, including changes to our incentive compensation structure and the timing of incentive payments, which we generally pay during the first quarter of each year, or hiring or retention payments which are paid throughout the year. Also, the timing of investments or acquisitions and the cost of integrating them may cause fluctuations in our financial results, including operating income and cash flows. This volatility makes it difficult to forecast our future results with precision and to assess accurately whether increases or decreases in any one or more quarters are likely to cause annual results to exceed or fall short of previously issued guidance. While we assess our annual guidance at the end of each quarter and update such guidance when we think it is appropriate, unanticipated future volatility can cause actual results to vary significantly from our guidance, even where that guidance reflects a range of possible results and has been updated to take account of partial-year results.

If we do not effectively manage the utilization of our professionals or billable rates, our financial results could decline.

Our failure to manage the utilization of our professionals who bill on an hourly basis, or maintain or increase the hourly rates we charge our clients for our services, could result in adverse consequences, such as non- or lower-revenue-generating professionals, increased employee turnover, fixed compensation expenses in periods of declining revenues, the inability to appropriately staff engagements (including adding or reducing staff during periods of increased or decreased demand for our services), or special charges associated with reductions in staff or operations. Reductions in workforce or increases of billable rates will not necessarily lead to savings. In such events, our financial results may decline or be adversely impacted. A number of factors affect the utilization of our professionals. Some of these factors we cannot predict with certainty, including general economic and financial market conditions; the complexity, number, type, size and timing of client engagements; the level of demand for our services; appropriate professional staffing levels, in light of changing client demands and market conditions; utilization of professionals across segments and geographic regions; competition and acquisitions. In addition, our global expansion into or within locations where we are not well-known or where demand for our services is not well-developed could also contribute to low or lower utilization rates in certain locations.

Segments may enter into engagements which involve non-time and material arrangements, such as fixed fees and time and materials with caps. Failure to effectively manage professional hours and other aspects of alternative fee engagements may result in the costs of providing such services exceeding the fees collected by the Company. Failure to successfully complete or reach milestones with respect to contingent fee or success fee assignments may also lead to lower revenues or the costs of providing services under those types of arrangements may exceed the fees collected by the Company.

Factors that could negatively affect utilization in our segments include:

Corporate Finance & Restructuring - The completion of bankruptcy proceedings; the timing of the completion of other engagements; fewer and smaller restructuring (including bankruptcy) cases; a recovering or strong economy; easy credit availability; low interest rates; and fewer, smaller and less complex M&A and restructuring activity, or less capital markets activity.

Forensic and Litigation Consulting - The settlement of litigation; less frequent instances of significant mismanagement, fraud, wrongdoing or other business problems that could result in fewer or less complex business engagements; fewer and less complex legal disputes; fewer class action suits; the timing of the completion of engagements; less government regulation or fewer regulatory investigations; and the timing of government investigations and litigation.

Economic Consulting - Fewer, smaller and less complex M&A activity; less capital markets activity or fewer complex transactions; a reduced number of regulatory filings and less litigation, reduced or less aggressive antitrust and competition

regulation or enforcement; fewer government investigations and proceedings; and the timing of client utilization of our services.

Technology - The settlement of litigation; a decline in volume and complexity of litigation proceedings and governmental investigations; and lower consulting revenues resulting from direct licensing to clients and channel partners.

Strategic Communications - Fewer event-driven crises affecting businesses; general economic decline that may reduce certain discretionary spending by clients; and a decline in capital markets activity, including M&A, and fewer public securities offerings.

Our segments may face risks of fee non-payment, clients may seek to renegotiate existing fees and contract arrangements, and clients may not accept billable rate or price increases, which could result in loss of clients, fee write-offs, reduced revenues and less profitable business.

In some cases, our segments are engaged by certain clients who are experiencing or anticipate experiencing financial distress or are facing complex challenges. This may be true in light of general economic conditions; lingering effects of past economic slowdowns or recession; or business- or operations-specific reasons. Such clients may not have sufficient funds to continue operations or to pay for our services. We typically do not receive retainers before we begin performing services on a client's behalf in connection with a significant number of engagements in our segments. In the cases where we have received retainers, we cannot assure the retainers will adequately cover our fees for the services we perform on behalf of these clients. With respect to bankruptcy cases, bankruptcy courts have the discretion to require us to return all, or a portion of, our fees.

We may receive requests to discount our fees or to negotiate lower rates for our services and to agree to contract terms relative to the scope of services and other terms that may limit the size of an engagement or our ability to pass through costs. We consider these requests on a case-by-case basis. We routinely receive these types of requests and expect this to continue in the future. In addition, our clients and prospective clients may not accept rate increases that we put into effect or plan to implement in the future. Fee discounts, pressure not to increase or even decrease our rates, and less advantageous contract terms could result in the loss of clients, lower revenues and operating income, higher costs and less profitable engagements. More discounts or write-offs than we expect in any period would have a negative impact on our results of operations. There is no assurance that significant client engagements will be renewed or replaced in a timely manner or at all, or that they will generate the same volume of work or revenues, or be as profitable as past engagements.

Certain of our clients prefer fixed and other alternative fee arrangements that place revenue ceilings or other limitations on our fee structure or may shift more of our revenue-generating potential to back-end contingent and success fee arrangements. With respect to such alternative fee arrangements, we may discount our rates initially, which could mean that the cost of providing services exceeds the fees collected by the Company during all or a portion of the term of the engagement. In such cases, the Company's failure to manage the engagement efficiently or collect the success or performance fees could expose the Company to a greater risk of loss on such engagement than other fee arrangements or may cause variations in the Company's revenues and operating results due to the timing of achievement of the performance-based criteria, if achieved at all. A segment's ability to service clients with these fee arrangements at a cost that does not directly correlate to time and materials may negatively impact or result in a loss of the profitability of such engagements, adversely affecting the financial results of the segment.

Our Technology segment faces certain risks, including (i) industry consolidation and a heightened competitive environment, (ii) client concentration, (iii) downward pricing pressure, (iv) technology changes and obsolescence, (v) failure to protect client information against cyber-attacks and (vi) failure to protect IP used by the segment, which individually or together could cause the financial results and prospects of this segment and the Company to decline.

Our Technology segment is facing significant competition from other consulting and/or software providers specializing in e-discovery, ESI and the management of electronic content. There continues to be significant consolidation of companies providing products and services similar to those offered by our Technology segment, which may provide competitors access to greater financial and other resources than those of the Company. This industry is subject to significant and rapid innovation. Larger competitors may be able to invest more in research and development, react more quickly to new regulatory or legal requirements and other changes, or innovate more quickly and efficiently. Our Ringtail® software has been facing significant competition from competing software products, which are offered on a commodity basis through licensing as opposed to our historical integrated product and consulting service offering.

Our Technology segment has been experiencing increasing competition from companies providing similar services at lower prices, particularly with respect to hosting and e-discovery services.

The success of our Technology segment and its ability to compete depends significantly on our technology and other IP, including our proprietary Ringtail® software, Acuity® e-discovery offering, and other proprietary information and IP rights. The software and products of our Technology segment are subject to rapid technological innovation. There is no assurance that we will successfully develop new versions of our Ringtail® software or other products. Our software may not keep pace with necessary changes and innovation. There is no assurance that new, innovative or improved software or products will be developed, compete effectively with the software and technology developed and offered by competitors, be price competitive with other companies providing similar software or products, or be accepted by our clients or the marketplace. If our Technology segment is unable to develop and offer competitive software and products or is otherwise unable to capitalize on market opportunities, the impact could adversely affect our operating margins and financial results.

Our reputation for providing secure information storage and maintaining the confidentiality of proprietary, confidential and trade secret information is critical to the success of our Technology segment, which hosts client information as a service. We routinely face cyber-based attacks and attempts by hackers and similar unauthorized users to gain access to or corrupt our information technology systems, which so far have been unsuccessful. Such attacks could disrupt our business operations, cause us to incur unanticipated losses or expenses, and result in unauthorized disclosures of confidential or proprietary information. We expect to continue to face such attempts. Although we seek to prevent, detect and investigate these network security incidents, and have taken steps to mitigate the likelihood of network security breaches, there can be no assurance that attacks by unauthorized users will not be attempted in the future or that our security measures will be effective.

We rely on a combination of copyrights, trademarks, patents, trade secrets, confidentiality and other contractual provisions to protect our assets. Our Ringtail® software and related documentation are protected principally under trade secret and copyright laws, which afford only limited protection, and the laws of some foreign jurisdictions provide less protection for our proprietary rights than the laws of the U.S. Certain aspects of our Technology segment software are protected by patents granted in the U.S. and foreign jurisdictions. Unauthorized use and misuse of our IP by employees or third parties could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The available legal remedies for unauthorized or misuse of our IP may not adequately compensate us for the damages caused by unauthorized use.

If we (i) fail to compete effectively, including by offering our software and services at a competitive price, (ii) are unable to keep pace with industry innovation and user requirements, (iii) are unable to replace clients or revenues as engagements end or are canceled or the scope of engagements are curtailed, or (iv) are unable to protect our clients' or our own IP and proprietary information, the financial results of this segment and the Company would be adversely affected. There is no assurance that we can replace clients or the revenues from engagements, eliminate the costs associated with those engagements, find other engagements to utilize our professionals, develop competitive products or services that will be accepted or preferred by users, offer our products and services at competitive prices, or continue to maintain the confidentiality of our IP and the information of our clients.

We may not manage our growth effectively, and our profitability may suffer.

We experience fluctuations in growth of our different segments, practices or services, including periods of rapid or declining growth. Periods of rapid expansion may strain our management team, or human resources and information systems. To manage growth successfully, we may need to add qualified managers and employees and periodically update our operating, financial and other systems, as well as our internal procedures and controls. We also must effectively motivate, train and manage a larger professional staff. If we fail to add or retain qualified managers, employees and contractors when needed, estimate costs, or manage our growth effectively, our business, financial results and financial condition may suffer.

We cannot assure that we can successfully manage growth through acquisitions and the integration of the companies and assets we acquire or that they will result in the financial, operational and other benefits that we anticipate. Some acquisitions may not be immediately accretive to earnings, and some expansion may result in significant expenditures.

In periods of declining growth, underutilized employees and contractors may result in expenses and costs being a greater percentage of revenues. In such situations, we will have to weigh the benefits of decreasing our workforce or limiting our service offerings and saving costs against the detriment that the Company could experience from losing valued professionals and their industry expertise and clients.

Risks Related to Our Operations

Our international operations involve special risks.

Our international operations involve financial and business risks that differ from or are in addition to those faced by our U.S. operations, including:

- cultural and language differences;
- limited “brand” recognition;
- different employment laws and rules, employment or service contracts, compensation methods, and social and cultural factors that could result in employee turnover, lower utilization rates, higher costs and cyclical fluctuations in utilization that could adversely affect financial and operating results;
- foreign currency disruptions and currency fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies that could adversely affect financial and operating results;
- different legal and regulatory requirements and other barriers to conducting business;
- greater difficulties in resolving the collection of receivables when legal proceedings are necessary;
- greater difficulties in managing our non-U.S. operations, including client relationships, in certain locations;
- disparate systems, policies, procedures and processes;
- failure to comply with the FCPA and anti-bribery laws of other jurisdictions;
- higher operating costs;
- longer sales and/or collections cycles;
- potential restrictions or adverse tax consequences for the repatriation of foreign earnings, such as trapped foreign losses and importation or withholding taxes;
- different or less stable political and/or economic environments; and
- civil disturbances or other catastrophic events that reduce business activity.

If we are not able to quickly adapt to or effectively manage our operations in geographic markets outside the U.S., our business prospects and results of operations could be negatively impacted.

Failure to comply with governmental, regulatory and legal requirements or with our company-wide Code of Ethics and Business Conduct, Anti-Corruption Policy, Policy on Inside Information and Insider Trading, and other policies could lead to governmental or legal proceedings that could expose us to significant liabilities and damage our reputation.

We have a robust Code of Ethics and Business Conduct, Anti-Corruption Policy, Policy on Inside Information and Insider Trading, and other policies and procedures that are designed to educate and establish the standards of conduct that we expect from our executive officers, outside directors, employees, and independent consultants and contractors. These policies require strict compliance with U.S. and local laws and regulations applicable to our business operations, including those laws and regulations prohibiting improper payments to government officials. In addition, as a corporation whose securities are registered under the Securities Act and publicly traded on the NYSE, our executive officers, outside directors, employees and independent contractors are required to comply with the prohibitions against insider trading of our securities. In addition, we impose certain restrictions on the trading of securities of our clients. Nonetheless, we cannot assure you that our policies, procedures and related training programs will ensure full compliance with all applicable legal requirements. Illegal or improper conduct by our executive officers, directors, employees, independent consultants or contractors, or others who are subject to our policies and procedures could damage our reputation in the U.S. and internationally or lead to litigation or governmental or regulatory proceedings in the U.S. or foreign jurisdictions, which could result in civil or criminal penalties, including substantial monetary awards, fines and penalties, as well as disgorgement of profits.

We may be required to recognize goodwill impairment charges, which could materially affect our financial results.

We assess our goodwill, trade names and other intangible assets, as well as our other long-lived assets as and when required by GAAP to determine whether they are impaired and, if they are, to record appropriate impairment charges. Factors we consider include significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results and significant negative industry or economic trends. We have previously recorded impairment charges to the carrying value of goodwill of certain of our segments and it is possible that we may be required to record significant impairment charges in the future. Such charges have had and could have an adverse impact on our results of operations.

Risks Related to Our People

Our failure to recruit and retain qualified professionals could negatively affect our financial results and our ability to staff client engagements, maintain relationships with clients and drive future growth.

We deliver sophisticated professional services to our clients. Our success is dependent, in large part, on our ability to keep our supply of skills and resources in balance with client demand around the world. To attract and retain clients, we need to demonstrate professional acumen and build trust and strong relationships. Our professionals have highly specialized skills. They also develop strong bonds with the clients they serve. Our continued success depends upon our ability to attract and retain professionals who have expertise, reputations and client relationships critical to maintaining and developing our business. We face intense competition in recruiting and retaining highly qualified professionals to drive our organic growth and support expansion of our services and geographic footprint. We cannot assure that we will be able to attract or retain qualified professionals to maintain or expand our business. If we are unable to successfully integrate, motivate and retain qualified professionals, our ability to continue to secure work in may suffer. Moreover, competition has caused our costs of retaining and hiring qualified professionals to increase, a trend which could continue and could adversely affect our operating margins and financial results.

Despite fixed terms or renewal provisions, we could face retention issues during and at the end of the terms of those agreements and large compensation expenses to secure extensions. There is no assurance we will enter into new or extend employment agreements with our professionals. We monitor contract expirations carefully to commence dialogues with professionals regarding their employment in advance of the actual contract expiration dates. Our goal is to renew employment agreements when advisable and to stagger the expirations of the agreements if possible. Because of the concentration of contract expirations in certain years, we may experience high turnover or other adverse consequences, such as higher costs, loss of clients and engagements or difficulty in staffing engagements, if we are unable to renegotiate employment arrangements or the costs of retaining qualified professionals becomes too high. The implementation of new compensation arrangements may result in the concentration of potential turnover in future years.

Headcount reductions to manage costs during periods of reduced demand for our services could have negative impacts on our business over the longer term.

Our people are our primary assets and account for the majority of our expenses. During periods of reduced demand for our services, or in response to unfavorable changes in market or industry conditions, we may seek to align our cost structure more closely with our revenues and increase our utilization rates by reducing headcount and eliminating or consolidating underused locations in affected business segments or practices. Following such actions, in response to subsequent increases in demand for our services, including as a result of favorable changes in market or industry conditions, we may need to hire, train and integrate additional qualified and skilled personnel and may be unable to do so to meet our needs or our clients' demands on a timely basis. If we are unable to manage staffing levels on a timely basis in light of changing opportunities or conditions, our ability to accept or service business opportunities and client engagements, take advantage of positive market and industry developments and realize future growth could be negatively affected, which could negatively impact our revenues and profitability. In addition, while increased utilization resulting from headcount reductions may enhance our profitability in the near term, it could negatively affect our business over the longer term by limiting the time our professionals have to seek out and cultivate new client relationships and win new projects.

We incur substantial costs to hire and retain our professionals, and we expect these costs to continue and to grow.

We may pay hiring or retention bonuses to secure the services of professionals. Those payments have taken the forms of unsecured general recourse forgivable loans, stock option, restricted stock, cash-based stock appreciation rights and other equity- and cash-based awards, and cash payments to attract and retain our professional employees. We make forgivable loans to KSIP participants and may provide forgivable or other types of loans to new hires and professionals who join us in connection with acquisitions, as well as to select current employees and other professionals on a case-by-case basis. The

aggregate amount of loans to professionals is significant. We expect to continue issuing unsecured general recourse forgivable loans.

We also provide significant additional payments under the KSIP and annual recurring equity or cash awards under the Senior Managing Director Incentive Compensation Programs, Key Senior Managing Director Incentive Plans and other compensation programs, including awards in the form of restricted stock and other stock- or cash-based awards or, alternatively, cash if we do not have adequate equity securities available under stockholder-approved equity plans.

In addition, our Economic Consulting segment has contracts with select economists or professionals who provide for compensation equal to a percentage of such individual's annual collected client fees plus a percentage of the annual fees generated by junior professionals working on engagements managed by such professionals, which results in compensation expenses for that segment being a higher percentage of revenues and EBITDA than the compensation paid by other segments. We expect that these arrangements will continue and that the Company may enter into similar arrangements with other economists and professionals hired by the Company.

We rely heavily on our executive officers and the heads of our operating segments and industry leaders for the success of our business.

We rely heavily on our executive officers and the heads of our operating segments, regions and industries to manage our operations. Given the highly specialized nature of our services and the scale of our operations, our executive officers and the heads of our operating segments and industry and regional leaders must have a thorough understanding of our service offerings, as well as the skills and experience necessary to manage a large organization in diverse geographic locations. We are unable to predict with certainty the impact that leadership transitions may have on our business operations, prospects, financial results, client relationships, or employee retention or morale.

Professionals may leave our Company to form or join competitors, and we may not have, or may choose not to pursue, legal recourse against such professionals.

Our professionals typically have close relationships with the clients they serve, based on their expertise and bonds of personal trust and confidence. Therefore, the barriers to our professionals pursuing independent business opportunities or joining our competitors should be considered low. Although our clients generally contract for services with us as a Company, and not with an individual professional, in the event that a professional leaves, such clients may decide that they prefer to continue working with a specific professional rather than with our Company. Substantially all of our written employment arrangements with our senior managing directors and equivalent employees include non-competition and non-solicitation covenants. These restrictions have generally been drafted to comply with state "reasonableness" standards. However, states generally interpret restrictions on competition narrowly and in favor of employees. Therefore, a state may hold certain restrictions on competition to be unenforceable. In the case of employees outside the U.S., we draft non-competition provisions in an effort to comply with applicable foreign law. In the event an employee departs and acts in a way that we believe violates his or her non-competition or non-solicitation agreement, we will consider any legal remedies we may have against such person on a case-by-case basis. We may decide that preserving cooperation and a professional relationship with a former employee or client, or other concerns, outweighs the benefits of any possible legal recourse. We may also decide that the likelihood of success does not justify the costs of pursuing a legal remedy. Therefore, there may be times we may decide not to pursue legal action, even if it is available to us.

Risks Related to Our Client Relationships

If we are unable to accept client engagements due to real or perceived relationship issues, our revenues, growth, client engagements and prospects may be negatively affected.

Our inability to accept engagements from existing or prospective clients, represent multiple clients in connection with the same or competitive engagements, or any requirement that we resign from a client engagement may negatively impact our revenues, growth and financial results. While we follow internal practices to assess real and potential issues in the relationships between and among our clients, engagements, segments, practices and professionals, such concerns cannot always be avoided. For example, we generally will not represent parties adverse to each other in the same matter. Under U.S. federal bankruptcy rules, we generally may not represent both a debtor and its creditors in the same proceeding, and we are required to notify the U.S. Trustee of real or potential conflicts. Even if we begin a bankruptcy-related engagement, the U.S. Trustee could find that we no longer meet the disinterestedness standard because of real or potential changes in our status as a disinterested party and order us to resign, which could result in disgorgement of fees. Acquisitions may require us to resign from a client engagement because of relationship issues that are not currently identifiable. In addition, businesses that we acquire or employees who join us may not be free to accept engagements they could have accepted prior to our acquisition or hire because of relationship issues.

Claims involving our services could harm our overall professional reputation and our ability to compete and attract business or hire or retain qualified professionals.

Our engagements involve matters that may result in a severe impact on a client's business, cause the client a substantial monetary loss or prevent the client from pursuing business opportunities. Our ability to attract new clients and generate new and repeat engagements or hire professionals depends upon our ability to maintain a high degree of client satisfaction, as well as our reputation among industry professionals. As a result, any claims against us involving the quality of our services may be more damaging than similar claims against businesses in other industries.

We may incur significant costs and may lose engagements as a result of claims by our clients regarding our services.

Many of our engagements involve complex analysis and the exercise of professional judgment, including litigation and governmental investigatory matters where we act as experts. Therefore, we are subject to the risk of professional and other liabilities. Although we believe we maintain an appropriate amount of insurance, it is limited. Damages and/or expenses resulting from any successful claim against us, for indemnity or otherwise, in excess of the amount of insurance coverage will be borne directly by us and could harm our profitability and financial resources. Any claim by a client or third party against us could expose us to reputational issues that adversely affect our ability to attract new or maintain existing engagements or clients or qualified professionals or other employees, consultants, or contractors.

Our clients may terminate our engagements with little or no notice and without penalty, which may result in unexpected declines in our utilization and revenues.

Our engagements center on transactions, disputes, litigation and other event-driven occurrences that require independent analysis or expert services. Transactions may be postponed or canceled, litigation may be settled or dismissed and disputes may be resolved, in each case with little or no prior notice to us. If we cannot manage our work in process, our professionals may be underutilized until we can reassign them or obtain new engagements, which can adversely affect financial results.

The engagement letters that we typically enter into with clients do not obligate them to continue to use our services. Typically, our engagement letters permit clients to terminate our services at any time without penalties. In addition, our business involves large client engagements that we staff with a substantial number of professionals. At any time, one or more client engagements may represent a significant portion of a segment's revenues. If we are unable to replace clients or revenues as engagements end, clients unexpectedly cancel engagements with us or curtail the scope of our engagements and we are unable to replace the revenues from those engagements, eliminate the costs associated with those engagements or find other engagements to utilize our professionals, the financial results of the Company could be adversely affected.

We may not have, or may choose not to pursue, legal remedies against clients that terminate their engagements.

The engagement letters that we typically have with clients do not obligate them to continue to use our services and permit them to terminate the engagement without penalty at any time. Even if the termination of an ongoing engagement by a client could constitute a breach of the client's engagement agreement, we may decide that preserving the overall client relationship is more important than seeking damages for the breach and, for that or other reasons, decide not to pursue any legal remedies against a client, even though such remedies may be available to us. We make the determination whether to pursue any legal actions against a client on a case-by-case basis.

Failures of our internal information technology systems controls.

Our reputation for providing secure information storage and maintaining the confidentiality of proprietary, confidential and trade secret information is critical to the success of our businesses, especially our Technology segment, which hosts client information as a service. We routinely face cyber-based attacks and attempts by hackers and similar unauthorized users to gain access to or corrupt our information technology systems, which so far have been unsuccessful. Such attacks could disrupt our business operations, cause us to incur unanticipated losses or expenses, and result in unauthorized disclosures of confidential or proprietary information. We expect to continue to face such attempts. Although we seek to prevent, detect and investigate these network security incidents, and have taken steps to mitigate the likelihood of network security breaches, there can be no assurance that attacks by unauthorized users will not be attempted in the future or that our security measures will be effective.

Compromise of confidential or proprietary information could damage our reputation, harm our businesses and adversely impact our financial results.

The Company's own confidential and proprietary information and that of our clients could be compromised, whether intentionally or unintentionally, by our employees, consultants or vendors. A compromise of the security of our information technology systems leading to theft or misuse of our own or our clients' proprietary or confidential information, or the public disclosure or use of such information by others, could result in losses, third-party claims against us and reputational harm,

including the loss of clients. The theft or compromise of our or our clients' information could negatively impact our reputation, financial results and prospects. In addition, if our reputation is damaged due to a data security breach, our ability to attract new engagements and clients may be impaired or we may be subjected to damages or penalties, which could negatively impact our businesses, financial results or financial condition.

Governmental focus on data privacy and security could increase our costs of operations.

In reaction to publicized incidents in which electronically stored personal and other information has been lost, accessed or stolen, or transmitted by or to third parties without permission, U.S. and non-U.S. governmental authorities have proposed, adopted or are considering proposing or adopting data security and/or data privacy statutes or regulations. Continued governmental focus on data security and privacy may lead to additional legislative and regulatory action, which could increase the complexity of doing business in the U.S. or the applicable jurisdiction. The increased emphasis on information security and the requirements to comply with applicable U.S. and foreign data security and privacy laws and regulations may increase our costs of doing business and negatively impact our financial results.

Risks Related to Competition

If we fail to compete effectively, we may miss new business opportunities or lose existing clients, and our revenues and profitability may decline.

The market for some of our consulting services is highly competitive. We do not compete against the same companies across all of our segments, practices, services, industries or geographic regions. Instead we compete with different companies or businesses of companies depending on the particular nature of a proposed engagement and the types of requested service(s) and the location of the client or delivery of the service(s). Our operations are highly competitive.

Our competitors include large organizations, such as the global accounting firms and the large management and financial consulting companies that offer a broad range of consulting services; investment banking firms; IT consulting and software companies, which offer niche services that are the same or similar to services or products offered by one or more of our segments; and small firms and independent contractors that focus on specialized services. Some of our competitors have significantly more financial resources, a larger national or international presence, larger professional staffs and greater brand recognition than we do. Some have lower overhead and other costs and can compete through lower cost-service offerings.

Since our business depends in large part on professional relationships, our business has low barriers of entry for professionals electing to start their own firms or work independently. In addition, it is relatively easy for professionals to change employers.

If we cannot compete effectively or if the costs of competing, including the costs of hiring and retaining professionals, become too expensive, our revenue growth and financial results could be negatively affected and may differ materially from our expectations.

We may face competition from parties who sell us their businesses and from professionals who cease working for us.

In connection with our acquisitions, we generally obtain non-solicitation agreements from the professionals we hire, as well as non-competition agreements from senior managers and professionals. The agreements prohibit such individuals from competing with us during the term of their employment and for a fixed period afterwards and from seeking to solicit our employees or clients. In some cases, but not all, we may obtain non-competition or non-solicitation agreements from parties who sell us their businesses or assets. The duration of post-employment non-competition and non-solicitation agreements typically ranges from six to 12 months. Non-competition agreements with the sellers of businesses or assets that we acquire typically continue longer than 12 months. Certain activities may be carved out of, or otherwise may not be prohibited by, these arrangements. We cannot assure that one or more of the parties from whom we acquire a business or assets, or who do not join us or leave our employment, will not compete with us or solicit our employees or clients in the future. States and foreign jurisdictions may interpret restrictions on competition narrowly and in favor of employees or sellers. Therefore, certain restrictions on competition or solicitation may be unenforceable. In addition, we may not pursue legal remedies if we determine that preserving cooperation and a professional relationship with a former employee or his clients, or other concerns, outweighs the benefits of any possible legal recourse or the likelihood of success does not justify the costs of pursuing a legal remedy. Such persons, because they have worked for our Company or a businesses that we acquire, may be able to compete more effectively with us, or be more successful in soliciting our employees and clients, than unaffiliated third parties.

Risks Related to Acquisitions

We will consider future strategic or opportunistic acquisitions. In those cases, some or all of the following risks could be applicable.

We may have difficulty integrating acquisitions or convincing clients to allow assignment of their engagements to us, which can reduce the benefits we receive from acquisitions.

The process of managing and integrating acquisitions into our existing operations may result in unforeseen operating difficulties and may require significant financial, operational and managerial resources that would otherwise be available for the operation, development and organic expansion of our existing operations. To the extent that we misjudge our ability to properly manage and integrate acquisitions, we may have difficulty achieving our operating, strategic and financial objectives.

Acquisitions also may involve a number of special financial, business and operational risks, such as:

- difficulties in integrating diverse corporate cultures and management styles;
- disparate policies and practices;
- client relationship issues;
- decreased utilization during the integration process;
- loss of key existing or acquired personnel;
- increased costs to improve or coordinate managerial, operational, financial and administrative systems;
- dilutive issuances of equity securities, including convertible debt securities, to finance acquisitions;
- the assumption of legal liabilities;
- future earn-out payments or other price adjustments; and
- potential future write-offs relating to the impairment of goodwill or other acquired intangible assets or the revaluation of assets.

In addition to the integration challenges mentioned above, our acquisitions of non-U.S. companies offer distinct integration challenges relating to foreign laws and governmental regulations, including tax and employee benefit laws, and other factors relating to operating in countries other than the U.S., which we have addressed above in the discussion regarding the difficulties we may face operating globally.

Asset transactions may require us to seek client consents to the assignment of their engagements to us or a subsidiary. All clients may not consent to assignments. In certain cases, such as government contracts and bankruptcy engagements, the consent of clients cannot be solicited until after the acquisition has closed. Further, such engagements may be subject to security clearance requirements or bidding provisions with which we might not be able to comply. There is no assurance that clients of the acquired entity or local, state, federal or foreign governments will agree to novate or assign their contracts to us.

The Company may also hire groups of selected professionals from another company. In such event, there may be restrictions on the ability of the professionals who join the Company to compete and work on client engagements. In addition, the Company may enter into arrangements with the former employers of those professionals regarding limitations on their work until any time restrictions pass. In such circumstances, there is no assurance that the Company will enter into mutually agreeable arrangements with any former employer, and the utilization of such professionals may be limited and our financial results could be negatively affected until their restrictions end. The Company could also face litigation risks from group hires.

We may be unable to take advantage of opportunistic acquisition situations, which may adversely affect our ability to expand or diversify our business.

At the time an acquisition opportunity presents itself, internal and external pressures (including, but not limited to, competition for such acquisition, the cost of such acquisition, borrowing capacity under our senior secured bank revolving credit facility (our "Credit Facility") or the availability and cost of alternative financing) may cause us to be unable to pursue or complete an acquisition.

An acquisition may not be accretive in the near term or at all.

Competitive market conditions may require us to pay a price that represents a higher multiple of revenues or profits for an acquisition. As a result of these competitive dynamics, cost of the acquisition or other factors, certain acquisitions may not be accretive to our overall financial results at the time of the acquisition or at all.

We may have a different system of governance and management from a company we acquire or its parent, which could cause professionals who join us from an acquired company to leave us.

Our governance and management policies and practices will not mirror the policies and practices of an acquired company or its parent. In some cases, different management practices and policies may lead to workplace dissatisfaction on the part of professionals who join our Company. Some professionals may choose not to join our Company or leave after joining us. Existing professionals may leave us as well. The loss of key professionals may harm our business and financial results and cause us not to realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition.

Due to fluctuations in our stock price, acquisition candidates may be reluctant to accept shares of our common stock as purchase price consideration, use of our shares as purchase price consideration may be dilutive or the owners of certain companies we seek to acquire may insist on stock price guarantees.

We may structure an acquisition to pay a portion of the purchase price in shares of our common stock. The number of shares issued as consideration is typically based on an average closing price per share of our common stock for a number of days prior to the closing of such acquisition. We believe that payment in the form of shares of common stock of FTI Consulting provides the acquired entity and its principals with a vested interest in the future success of the acquisition and the Company. Stock market volatility, generally, or FTI Consulting's stock price volatility, specifically, may result in acquisition candidates being reluctant to accept our shares as consideration. In such cases, we may have to issue more shares if stock constitutes part of the consideration, offer stock price guarantees, pay the entire purchase price in cash or negotiate an alternative price structure. The result may be an increase in the cost of an acquisition.

Certain past acquisition-related agreements have contained stock price guarantees that resulted in cash payments in the future if the price per share of FTI Consulting common stock fell below a specified per share market value on the date restrictions lapse. There is no assurance that an acquisition candidate will not negotiate stock price guarantees, with respect to a future acquisition, which may increase the cost of such acquisition.

Risks Related to Our Indebtedness

Our leverage could adversely affect our financial condition or operating flexibility.

Our level of indebtedness could have important consequences on our future operations. Our Credit Facility and the indenture governing the 6% Senior Notes due 2022 ("2022 Notes") include negative covenants that may, subject to exceptions, limit our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to, among other things:

- create, incur or assume certain liens;
- make certain restricted payments, investments and loans;
- create, incur or assume additional indebtedness or guarantees;
- create restrictions on the payment of dividends or other distributions to us from our restricted subsidiaries;
- engage in M&As, consolidations, sale-leasebacks, and other asset sales and dispositions;
- pay dividends or redeem or repurchase our capital stock;
- alter the business that we and our subsidiaries conduct;
- engage in certain transactions with affiliates;
- modify the terms of certain indebtedness;
- prepay, redeem or purchase certain indebtedness; and
- make material changes to accounting and reporting practices.

In addition, the Credit Facility includes financial covenants that require us (i) not to exceed a maximum consolidated total leverage ratio (the ratio of total funded debt to adjusted EBITDA) and (ii) to exceed a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio (the ratio of adjusted EBITDA less capital expenditures and cash taxes to cash interest expense).

Operating results below a certain level or other adverse factors, including a significant increase in interest rates, could result in us being unable to comply with certain covenants. If we violate these covenants and are unable to obtain waivers, our indebtedness under the indenture, the Credit Facility or other applicable agreement could be declared in default and could be accelerated, which could permit, in the case of secured debt, the lenders to foreclose on our assets securing the debt thereunder. If the indebtedness is accelerated, we may not be able to repay our debt or borrow sufficient funds to refinance it. Even if we are able to obtain new financing, it may not be on commercially reasonable terms or on terms that are acceptable to us. If our debt is in default for any reason, our cash flows, financial results or financial condition could be materially and adversely affected. In addition, complying with these covenants may cause us to take actions that are not favorable to holders of the 2022 Notes and may make it more difficult for us to successfully execute our business strategy and compete against companies that are not subject to such restrictions.

Despite our current level of indebtedness, we and our subsidiaries may still incur significant additional indebtedness, which could further exacerbate the risks associated with our substantial indebtedness.

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness, including additional secured indebtedness, in the future. The terms of the indenture governing the 2022 Notes and our Credit Facility limit, but do not prohibit, us from incurring additional indebtedness and do not prevent us from incurring other liabilities that do not constitute indebtedness. In addition, the indenture that governs the 2022 Notes allows our domestic subsidiaries that guarantee the 2022 Notes and the Credit Facility to guarantee additional indebtedness from time to time. The indenture for the 2022 Notes also permits us to incur certain other additional secured debt, which would be effectively senior to the 2022 Notes. Our ability to incur additional indebtedness may have the effect of reducing the amounts available to pay amounts due with respect to our indebtedness. If we incur new indebtedness or other liabilities, the related risks that we and our subsidiaries now face could intensify.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service our indebtedness, and we may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our payment obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on or to refinance our indebtedness depends on our future performance, including the performance of our subsidiaries, which will be affected by financial, business and economic conditions, and other factors. We will not be able to control many of these factors, such as the general economy, economic conditions in the industries in which we operate and competitive pressures. Our cash flow may not be sufficient to allow us to pay principal and interest on our indebtedness and to meet our other obligations. If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay investments and capital expenditures or to sell assets, seek additional capital, or restructure or refinance our indebtedness. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. In addition, the terms of existing or future debt agreements, including our Credit Facility and the indenture that governs the 2022 Notes, may restrict us from pursuing any of these alternatives.

In the event that we need to refinance all or a portion of our outstanding indebtedness before maturity or as it matures, we may not be able to obtain terms as favorable as the terms of our existing indebtedness or refinance our existing indebtedness at all. If interest rates or other factors existing at the time of refinancing result in higher interest rates upon refinancing, we will incur higher interest expense. Furthermore, if any rating agency changes our credit rating or outlook, our debt and equity securities could be negatively affected, which could adversely affect our financial condition and financial results.

Our indebtedness is guaranteed by substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries and will be required to be guaranteed by future domestic subsidiaries, including those that join us in connection with acquisitions.

Substantially all of our U.S. subsidiaries guarantee our obligations under our 2022 Notes and Credit Facility and substantially all of their assets are pledged as collateral for the Credit Facility. Future U.S. subsidiaries will be required to provide similar guarantees and, in the case of the Credit Facility, similar security. If we default on any guaranteed indebtedness, our U.S. subsidiaries could be required to make payments under their guarantees, and our senior secured creditors could foreclose on our U.S. subsidiaries' assets to satisfy unpaid obligations, which would materially adversely affect our business and financial results.

Our variable rate indebtedness will subject us to interest rate risk, which could cause our annual debt service obligations to increase significantly.

Borrowings under our Credit Facility will be at variable rates of interest, which expose us to interest rate risk. If interest rates increase, our debt service obligations on the variable rate indebtedness would increase even though the amount borrowed remained the same, and our cash flow could be adversely affected. An increase in debt service obligations under our variable rate indebtedness could affect our ability to make payments required under the terms of the Credit Facility, 2022 Notes or our other indebtedness outstanding from time to time.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

In June 2017, our executive offices moved to a new location in Washington, D.C., which consists of 93,507 square feet under a lease expiring April 2028. In May 2017, our principal corporate facilities moved its location to Bowie, Maryland, which consists of 30,835 square feet under a lease expiring April 2028. We also lease offices to support our operations in 35 other cities across the U.S., including New York, Chicago, Denver, Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles and San Francisco, and we lease office space to support our international locations in 27 countries — the United Kingdom, Ireland, Finland, France, Germany, Spain, Belgium, Denmark, Australia, Malaysia, the Netherlands, China (including Hong Kong), Japan, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, South Korea, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Canada, Indonesia, India, Qatar, the Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands. We believe our existing leased facilities are adequate to meet our current requirements and that suitable space will be available as needed.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time in the ordinary course of business, we are subject to claims, asserted or unasserted, or named as a party to lawsuits or investigations. Litigation, in general, and IP and securities litigation, in particular, can be expensive and disruptive to normal business operations. Moreover, the results of legal proceedings cannot be predicted with any certainty, and in the case of more complex legal proceedings, such as IP and securities litigation, the results are difficult to predict at all. We evaluate litigation claims and legal proceedings to assess the likelihood of unfavorable outcomes and to estimate, if possible, the amount of potential losses. Based on these assessments and estimates, we establish reserves and/or disclose the relevant litigation claims or legal proceedings, as appropriate. These assessments and estimates are based on the information available to management at the time and involve a significant amount of management judgment. Actual outcomes or losses may differ materially from those anticipated at the time. We currently are not aware of any asserted or unasserted legal proceedings or claims that we believe would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of our operations.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR THE REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Market Price of and Dividends on Our Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

Market Information. Our common stock trades on the NYSE under the symbol FCN. The following table lists the high and low sale prices per share for our common stock based on the closing sales price as reported on the NYSE for the periods indicated.

| Quarter Ended | 2017 | | 2016 | |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | High | Low | High | Low |
| March 31 | \$ 45.22 | \$ 39.45 | \$ 35.51 | \$ 30.41 |
| June 30 | \$ 42.29 | \$ 33.61 | \$ 43.38 | \$ 34.23 |
| September 30 | \$ 36.38 | \$ 31.93 | \$ 44.85 | \$ 40.75 |
| December 31 | \$ 44.61 | \$ 36.18 | \$ 46.60 | \$ 38.96 |

Number of Stockholders of Record. As of January 31, 2018, the number of holders of record of our common stock was 194.

Dividends. We have not declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock to date, and we currently do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our shares of common stock in the foreseeable future. We intend to retain our earnings, if any, to finance the expansion of our business, to make acquisitions, to fund general corporate expenses or to repurchase shares of our common stock. Moreover, our Credit Facility and the indenture governing our 2022 Notes may restrict our ability to pay dividends. See Note 12, “Long-Term Debt” in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report for more information.

Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table includes the number of shares of common stock of the Company to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights awarded under our employee equity compensation plans. In addition, the Company has made the following outstanding stock-based awards:

- 14 shares of common stock issued as unvested stock-based awards under our 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as Amended and Restated Effective as of May 14, 2008) (the “2004 Plan”);
- 22 shares of common stock issued as unvested stock-based awards under our 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan (as Amended and Restated Effective as of May 14, 2008) (the “2006 Plan”);
- 1,078,407 shares of common stock issued as unvested stock-based awards, including restricted stock awards, performance-based restricted stock and unit awards, stock units and restricted stock unit awards, under our 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (as Amended and Restated Effective as of June 3, 2015) (the “2009 Omnibus Plan”);
- 144,644 shares of common stock issued as unvested stock-based awards, including restricted stock awards, performance-based restricted stock and unit awards, stock units and restricted stock unit awards, under our 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (the “2017 Omnibus Plan”);
- 137,895 shares of common stock sold under our 2007 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as Amended and Restated (the “ESPP”) and 1,255,735 shares deregistered with the SEC on January 30, 2009 upon termination of our ESPP effective January 1, 2009; and
- No shares of common stock issued as unvested restricted stock awards as employment inducement awards (the “2014 Inducement Awards”), as approved by the Compensation Committee of the Company’s Board of Directors on July 30, 2014. The remaining 38,290 unissued shares were deregistered with the SEC on October 7, 2014.

Equity Compensation Plan Information as of December 31, 2017

| Plan Category | (a) | (b) | (c) |
|--|--|--|--|
| | Number of Securities to Be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights | Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights | Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) |
| | (in thousands, except per share data) | | |
| Equity compensation plans approved by our security holders | 2,205 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 42.38 | 2,667 ⁽³⁾ |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by our security holders | 54 ⁽²⁾ | 36.75 | — |
| Total | 2,259 | \$ 42.24 | 2,667 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes up to (i) 50,164 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting and exercise of outstanding stock options granted under our 2004 Plan; (ii) 568,196 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting and exercise of outstanding stock options granted under our 2006 Plan; and (iii) 1,586,585 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting and exercise of outstanding stock options granted under our 2009 Omnibus Plan.

⁽²⁾ Includes up to 53,552 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting and exercise of outstanding stock options granted under our 2014 Inducement Awards to new executive officer hires pursuant to Rule 303.08 of the NYSE.

⁽³⁾ Includes 2,666,668 shares of common stock available for issuance under our 2017 Omnibus Plan, all of which are available for stock-based awards.

Issuances of Unregistered Securities

Not Applicable.

Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

The following table provides information with respect to purchases we made of our common stock during the fourth quarter of 2017.

| | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program ⁽¹⁾ | Approximate Dollar Value That May yet Be Purchased under the Program |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| (in thousands, except per share data) | | | | |
| October 1 through October 31, 2017 | — | \$ — | — | \$ 26,129 |
| November 1 through November 30, 2017 | 310 ⁽²⁾ | \$ 41.51 | 308 ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 13,323 |
| December 1 through December 31, 2017 | 2 ⁽³⁾ | \$ 42.66 | — ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 113,319 |
| Total | <u>312</u> | | <u>308</u> | |

⁽¹⁾ On June 2, 2016, our Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program of up to \$100.0 million (the “Repurchase Program”). On May 18, 2017 and December 1, 2017, our Board of Directors authorized an additional \$100.0 million, respectively, increasing the Repurchase Program to an aggregate authorization of \$300.0 million. During the year ended December 31, 2017, we repurchased an aggregate of 4,674,418 shares of our outstanding common stock under the Repurchase Program at an average repurchase price of \$35.94 per share for a total cost of approximately \$168.0 million.

⁽²⁾ Includes 1,710 shares of common stock withheld to cover payroll tax withholdings related to the lapse of restrictions on restricted stock.

⁽³⁾ Includes 1,882 shares of common stock withheld to cover payroll tax withholdings related to the lapse of restrictions on restricted stock.

⁽⁴⁾ During the month ended November 30, 2017, we repurchased and retired 308,300 shares of common stock, at an average per share price of \$41.53, for an aggregate cost of \$12.8 million.

⁽⁵⁾ During the month ended December 31, 2017, we repurchased and retired 100 shares of common stock, at an average per share price of \$43.00, for an aggregate cost of \$4,300.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

We derived the selected financial data presented below for the periods or dates indicated from our consolidated financial statements. The data below should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, related notes and other financial information appearing in Part II, Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report.

A number of factors have caused our results of operations and financial position to vary significantly from one year to the next and can make it difficult to evaluate period-to-period comparisons because of a lack of comparability. The most significant of these factors include: acquisitions, goodwill impairment charges, special charges and stock repurchases.

Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Stockholders' Equity Data

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| | (in thousands, except per share data) | | | | |
| Income Statement Data | | | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 1,807,732 | \$ 1,810,394 | \$ 1,779,149 | \$ 1,756,212 | \$ 1,652,432 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 1,215,560 | 1,210,771 | 1,171,444 | 1,144,757 | 1,042,061 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 429,722 | 434,552 | 432,668 | 433,845 | 394,681 |
| Special charges | 40,885 | 10,445 | — | 16,339 | 38,414 |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | 2,291 | 2,164 | (1,200) | (1,676) | (10,869) |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 10,563 | 10,306 | 11,726 | 15,521 | 22,954 |
| Goodwill impairment charge | — | — | — | — | 83,752 |
| | 1,699,021 | 1,668,238 | 1,614,638 | 1,608,786 | 1,570,993 |
| Operating income | 108,711 | 142,156 | 164,511 | 147,426 | 81,439 |
| Interest income and other | 3,752 | 10,466 | 3,232 | 4,670 | 1,748 |
| Interest expense | (25,358) | (24,819) | (42,768) | (50,685) | (51,376) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | — | (19,589) | — | — |
| Income before income tax provision (benefit) | 87,105 | 127,803 | 105,386 | 101,411 | 31,811 |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | (20,857) | 42,283 | 39,333 | 42,604 | 42,405 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 107,962 | \$ 85,520 | \$ 66,053 | \$ 58,807 | \$ (10,594) |
| Earnings (loss) per common share — basic | \$ 2.79 | \$ 2.09 | \$ 1.62 | \$ 1.48 | \$ (0.27) |
| Earnings (loss) per common share — diluted | \$ 2.75 | \$ 2.05 | \$ 1.58 | \$ 1.44 | \$ (0.27) |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding | | | | | |
| Basic | 38,697 | 40,943 | 40,846 | 39,726 | 39,188 |
| Diluted | 39,192 | 41,709 | 41,729 | 40,729 | 39,188 |

| | December 31, | | | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| | (in thousands) | | | | |
| Balance Sheet Data | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 189,961 | \$ 216,158 | \$ 149,760 | \$ 283,680 | \$ 205,833 |
| Working capital ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 383,851 | \$ 404,716 | \$ 394,548 | \$ 489,749 | \$ 392,841 |
| Total assets | \$ 2,257,241 | \$ 2,225,368 | \$ 2,229,018 | \$ 2,391,599 | \$ 2,324,927 |
| Long-term debt, net, including current portion | \$ 396,284 | \$ 365,528 | \$ 494,772 | \$ 699,404 | \$ 703,684 |
| Stockholders' equity | \$ 1,191,971 | \$ 1,207,358 | \$ 1,147,603 | \$ 1,102,746 | \$ 1,042,259 |

⁽¹⁾ Working capital is defined as current assets less current liabilities.

Year Ended December 31,

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|----------------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| | (in thousands) | | | | |
| <u>Stockholders' Equity Data</u> | | | | | |
| Shares of common stock repurchased and retired | 4,674 | 537 | 765 | — | 1,957 |
| Total cost | \$ 168,001 | \$ 21,479 | \$ 26,516 | \$ — | \$ 71,110 |

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following is a discussion and analysis of our consolidated financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and capital resources for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2017 and significant factors that could affect our prospective financial condition and results of operations. This discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes included in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Annual Report. Historical results and any discussion of prospective results may not indicate our future performance.

Business Overview

FTI Consulting is a global business advisory firm dedicated to helping organizations manage change, mitigate risk and resolve disputes: financial, legal, operational, political and regulatory, reputational and transactional. Individually, each of our practices is staffed with experts recognized for the depth of their knowledge and a track record of making an impact. Collectively, FTI Consulting offers a comprehensive suite of services designed to assist clients across the business cycle, from proactive risk management to rapid response to unexpected events and dynamic environments.

We report financial results for the following five reportable segments:

Our **Corporate Finance & Restructuring ("Corporate Finance")** segment focuses on the strategic, operational, financial and capital needs of our clients around the world and delivers a wide range of service offerings related to restructuring, business transformation and transaction support. Our restructuring practice includes corporate restructuring, including bankruptcy and interim management services. Our business transformation and transactions support practices include financings, mergers and acquisitions ("M&A"), M&A integration, valuations and tax advice, as well as financial, operational and performance improvement services.

Our **Forensic and Litigation Consulting ("FLC")** segment provides law firms, companies, government clients and other interested parties with multidisciplinary, independent dispute advisory, investigations, data analytics, forensic accounting, business intelligence and risk mitigation services, as well as interim management and performance improvement services for our health solutions practice clients.

Our **Economic Consulting** segment provides law firms, companies, government entities and other interested parties with analysis of complex economic issues for use in legal, regulatory and international arbitration proceedings, strategic decision making and public policy debates in the U.S. and around the world.

Our **Technology** segment offers a comprehensive portfolio of information governance and electronic discovery ("e-discovery") software, services and consulting support to companies, law firms, courts and government agencies worldwide. Our services allow our clients to control the risk and expense of e-discovery events more confidently, as well as manage their data in the context of compliance and risk.

Our **Strategic Communications** segment designs and executes communications strategies for management teams and boards of directors to help them seize opportunities, manage financial, regulatory and reputational challenges, navigate market disruptions, articulate their brand, stake a competitive position, and preserve and grow their operations.

We derive substantially all of our revenues from providing professional services to both United States ("U.S.") and global clients. Most of our services are rendered under time-and-expense arrangements that obligate the client to pay us a fee for the hours that we incur at agreed-upon rates. Under this arrangement, we typically bill our clients for reimbursable expenses, which may include the cost of producing our work product and other direct expenses that we incur on behalf of the client, such as travel costs. We also render services for which certain clients may be required to pay us a fixed-fee or recurring retainer. These arrangements are generally cancelable at any time. Some of our engagements contain performance-based arrangements in which we earn a success fee when and if certain predefined outcomes occur. This type of success fee may supplement a time-and-expense or fixed-fee arrangement. Success fee revenues may cause variations in our revenues and operating results due to the timing of achieving the performance-based criteria. Seasonal factors, such as the timing of our employees' and clients' vacations and holidays, may impact the timing of our revenues across our segments.

In our Technology segment, certain clients are also billed based on the amount of data stored on our electronic systems, the volume of information processed or the number of users licensing our Ringtail® software products. We license certain products directly to end users, as well as indirectly through our channel partner relationships. Unit-based revenues are defined as revenues billed on a per-item, per-page or some other unit-based method and include revenues from data processing and hosting, software usage and software licensing. Unit-based revenues include revenues associated with our proprietary software that are made available to customers, either via a web browser ("on-demand") or installed at our customer or partner locations

("on-premise"). On-demand revenues are charged on a unit or monthly basis and include, but are not limited to, processing and review related functions. On-premise revenues are comprised of upfront license fees, with recurring support and maintenance.

Our financial results are primarily driven by:

- the number, size and type of engagements we secure;
- the rate per hour or fixed charges we charge our clients for services;
- the utilization rates of the revenue-generating professionals we employ;
- the number of revenue-generating professionals;
- licensing of our software products and other technology services;
- the types of assignments we are working on at different times;
- the length of the billing and collection cycles; and
- the geographic locations of our clients or locations in which services are rendered.

We define acquisition growth as revenues of acquired companies in the first 12 months following the effective date of an acquisition. Our definition of organic growth is the change in revenues, excluding the impact of all such acquisitions.

When significant, we identify the estimated impact of foreign currency translation ("FX") driven by our businesses with functional currencies other than the U.S. dollar ("USD"), on the period-to-period performance results. The estimated impact of FX is calculated as the difference between the prior period results multiplied by the average foreign currency exchange rates to USD in the current period and the prior period results, multiplied by the average foreign currency rates to USD in the prior period.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In the accompanying analysis of financial information, we sometimes use information derived from consolidated and segment financial information that may not be presented in our financial statements or prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"). Certain of these financial measures are considered "not in conformity with GAAP ("non-GAAP financial measures") under the SEC rules. Specifically, we have referred to the following non-GAAP financial measures:

- Total Segment Operating Income
- Adjusted EBITDA
- Total Adjusted Segment EBITDA
- Adjusted EBITDA Margin
- Adjusted Net Income
- Adjusted Earnings per Diluted Share
- Free Cash Flow

We have included the definitions of Segment Operating Income (Loss) and Adjusted Segment EBITDA below in order to more fully define the components of certain non-GAAP financial measures in the accompanying analysis of financial information. As described in Note 17, "Segment Reporting" in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statement and Supplementary Data" of this Annual Report on the Form 10-K, we evaluate the performance of our operating segments based on Adjusted Segment EBITDA, and Segment Operating Income (Loss) is a component of the definition of Adjusted Segment EBITDA.

We define Segment Operating Income (Loss) as a segment's share of consolidated operating income (loss). We define Total Segment Operating Income, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, as the total of Segment Operating Income (Loss) for all segments, which excludes unallocated corporate expenses. We use Segment Operating Income (Loss) for the purpose of calculating Adjusted Segment EBITDA. We define Adjusted Segment EBITDA as a segment's share of consolidated operating income (loss) before depreciation, amortization of intangible assets, remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent

consideration, special charges and goodwill impairment charges. We use Adjusted Segment EBITDA as a basis to internally evaluate the financial performance of our segments because we believe it reflects current core operating performance and provides an indicator of the segment's ability to generate cash. We define Adjusted EBITDA Margin as Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of total revenues.

We define Total Adjusted Segment EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, as the total of Adjusted Segment EBITDA for all segments, which excludes unallocated corporate expenses. We define Adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, as consolidated net income before income tax provision, other non-operating income (expense), depreciation, amortization of intangible assets, remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration, special charges, goodwill impairment charges and losses on early extinguishment of debt. We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures, which exclude the effects of remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration, special charges, goodwill impairment charges and losses on early extinguishment of debt, when considered together with our GAAP financial results and GAAP measures, provide management and investors with a more complete understanding of our operating results, including underlying trends. In addition, EBITDA is a common alternative measure of operating performance used by many of our competitors. It is used by investors, financial analysts, rating agencies and others to value and compare the financial performance of companies in our industry. Therefore, we also believe that these measures, considered along with corresponding GAAP measures, provide management and investors with additional information for comparison of our operating results with the operating results of other companies.

We define Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings per Diluted Share ("Adjusted EPS"), which are non-GAAP financial measures, as net income and earnings per diluted share ("EPS"), respectively, excluding the impact of remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration, special charges, goodwill impairment charges, losses on early extinguishment of debt and the impact of adopting the 2017 U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "2017 Tax Act"). We use Adjusted Net Income for the purpose of calculating Adjusted EPS. Management uses Adjusted EPS to assess total Company operating performance on a consistent basis. We believe that this non-GAAP financial measure, which excludes the effects of the remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration, special charges, goodwill impairment charges, losses on early extinguishment of debt and the 2017 Tax Act, when considered together with our GAAP financial results, provides management and investors with an additional understanding of our business operating results, including underlying trends.

We define Free Cash Flow, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, as net cash provided by operating activities less cash payments for purchases of property and equipment. We believe this non-GAAP financial measure, when considered together with our GAAP financial results, provides management and investors with an additional understanding of the Company's ability to generate cash for ongoing business operations and other capital deployment.

Non-GAAP financial measures are not defined in the same manner by all companies and may not be comparable with other similarly titled measures of other companies. Non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for or superior to, the information contained in our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures are included elsewhere in this report.

Full Year 2017 Executive Highlights
Financial Highlights

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|--|---|--------------|----------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | % Growth |
| | (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share amounts) | | |
| Revenues | \$ 1,807,732 | \$ 1,810,394 | -0.1 % |
| Special charges | \$ 40,885 | \$ 10,445 | 291.4 % |
| Net income | \$ 107,962 | \$ 85,520 | 26.2 % |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$ 192,038 | \$ 203,010 | -5.4 % |
| Earnings per common share — diluted | \$ 2.75 | \$ 2.05 | 34.1 % |
| Adjusted earnings per common share — diluted | \$ 2.32 | \$ 2.24 | 3.6 % |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 147,625 | 233,488 | -36.8 % |
| Total number of employees as of December 31 | 4,609 | 4,718 | -2.3 % |

Revenues

Revenues decreased \$2.7 million, or 0.1%, from 2016 to 2017. The decrease in revenues was primarily due to lower demand in the Economic Consulting and Technology segments, which was partially offset by higher demand in our FLC segment.

Special Charges

Special charges increased \$30.4 million from 2016 to 2017. For the year ended December 31, 2017, we recorded special charges of \$40.9 million related to certain targeted reductions of staff in areas of each segment to realign our workforce with current business demand. In addition, cost-cutting actions were taken in certain corporate departments where we were able to streamline support activities and reduce our real estate costs.

Net Income

Net income increased \$22.4 million, or 26.2%, from 2016 to 2017. This increase was primarily due to a \$44.9 million net tax benefit recorded to reflect the impact of adopting the 2017 Tax Act, partially offset by a \$30.4 million increase in pre-tax special charges.

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA decreased \$11.0 million, or 5.4%, from 2016 to 2017. Adjusted EBITDA was 10.6% of revenues for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared with 11.2% of revenues for the year ended December 31, 2016. The decrease in Adjusted EBITDA was driven primarily by lower revenues coupled with higher compensation in our Corporate Finance and Economic Consulting segments, which was partially offset by reduced compensation in our FLC segment.

EPS and Adjusted EPS

EPS increased \$0.70 to \$2.75 in 2017 compared with \$2.05 in 2016. EPS includes the \$44.9 million net tax benefit recorded to reflect the impact of adopting the 2017 Tax Act, which increased EPS by \$1.14, and the \$40.9 million special charge related to headcount and real estate reductions, which reduced EPS by \$0.70.

Adjusted EPS, which excludes the impact of adopting the 2017 Tax Act, remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration and special charges, increased \$0.08 to \$2.32 in 2017 compared with \$2.24 in 2016.

Liquidity and Capital Allocation

Cash balances decreased by \$26.2 million, or 12.1%, to \$190.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2017. Cash provided by operating activities decreased \$85.9 million to \$147.6 million in 2017 as compared with \$233.5 million in 2016. The decrease was primarily due to higher compensation payments, including salaries, bonuses and severance, and lower cash collections. This was partially offset by lower income taxes paid. Days sales outstanding (“DSO”) of 91 days as of December 31, 2017 was the same as DSO as of December 31, 2016.

A portion of net cash provided by operating activities was used to repurchase and retire 4.7 million shares of our common stock for an average price per share of \$35.94, at a total cost of \$168.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2017. We have \$113.3 million remaining under the Repurchase Program to repurchase additional shares as of December 31, 2017.

Free Cash Flow, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$115.6 million and \$204.6 million, respectively.

Other Strategic Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2017, we acquired the operations of a restructuring advisory firm in New York. As part of the transaction, 19 professionals, including five Senior Managing Directors, joined the Company's Corporate Finance segment. The addition of these professionals will further enhance our top restructuring position in North America by strengthening our company-side and interim management capabilities.

Headcount

Our total headcount decreased 2.3% from 4,718 as of December 31, 2016 to 4,609 as of December 31, 2017. The following table includes the net billable headcount additions (reductions) for the year ended December 31, 2017. The net reductions in the FLC and Strategic Communications segments were primarily driven by the programmatic staff reductions described in the "Special Charges" section above.

| Billable Headcount | Corporate Finance & Restructuring | Forensic and Litigation Consulting | Economic Consulting | Technology | Strategic Communications | Total |
|--|--|---|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| December 31, 2016 | 895 | 1,110 | 656 | 288 | 647 | 3,596 |
| Additions (reductions), net | 6 | (43) | 27 | 4 | (17) | (23) |
| December 31, 2017 | 901 | 1,067 | 683 | 292 | 630 | 3,573 |
| Percentage change in headcount from prior year | 0.7% | (3.9)% | 4.1% | 1.4% | (2.6)% | (0.6)% |

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Segment and Consolidated Operating Results:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (in thousands, except per share data) | | |
| Revenues | | | |
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | \$ 482,041 | \$ 483,269 | \$ 440,398 |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 462,324 | 457,734 | 482,269 |
| Economic Consulting | 496,029 | 500,487 | 447,909 |
| Technology | 174,850 | 177,720 | 218,599 |
| Strategic Communications | 192,488 | 191,184 | 189,974 |
| Total revenues | \$ 1,807,732 | \$ 1,810,394 | \$ 1,779,149 |
| Segment operating income (loss) | | | |
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | \$ 70,234 | \$ 91,481 | \$ 85,207 |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 54,520 | 49,088 | 58,185 |
| Economic Consulting | 49,154 | 68,842 | 57,912 |
| Technology | 4,795 | (2,183) | 22,832 |
| Strategic Communications | 13,148 | 23,110 | 21,723 |
| Total segment operating income | 191,851 | 230,338 | 245,859 |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | (83,140) | (88,182) | (81,348) |
| Operating income | 108,711 | 142,156 | 164,511 |
| Other income (expense) | | | |
| Interest income and other | 3,752 | 10,466 | 3,232 |
| Interest expense | (25,358) | (24,819) | (42,768) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | — | (19,589) |
| | (21,606) | (14,353) | (59,125) |
| Income before income tax provision (benefit) | 87,105 | 127,803 | 105,386 |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | (20,857) | 42,283 | 39,333 |
| Net income | \$ 107,962 | \$ 85,520 | \$ 66,053 |
| Earnings per common share — basic | \$ 2.79 | \$ 2.09 | \$ 1.62 |
| Earnings per common share — diluted | \$ 2.75 | \$ 2.05 | \$ 1.58 |

Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (in thousands) | | |
| Net income | \$ 107,962 | \$ 85,520 | \$ 66,053 |
| Add back: | | | |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | (20,857) | 42,283 | 39,333 |
| Interest income and other | (3,752) | (10,466) | (3,232) |
| Interest expense | 25,358 | 24,819 | 42,768 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 31,177 | 38,700 | 31,392 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 10,563 | 10,306 | 11,726 |
| Special charges | 40,885 | 10,445 | — |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | — | 19,589 |
| Remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration | 702 | 1,403 | (1,867) |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$ 192,038 | \$ 203,010 | \$ 205,762 |

Reconciliation of Net Income and Earnings Per Share to Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (in thousands, except per share data) | | |
| Net income | \$ 107,962 | \$ 85,520 | \$ 66,053 |
| Add back: | | | |
| Special charges | 40,885 | 10,445 | — |
| Tax impact of special charges | (13,570) | (3,595) | — |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | — | 19,589 |
| Tax impact of loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | — | (7,708) |
| Remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration | 702 | 1,403 | (1,867) |
| Tax impact of remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration | (269) | (546) | 747 |
| Impact of 2017 Tax Act | (44,870) | — | — |
| Adjusted net income | <u>\$ 90,840</u> | <u>\$ 93,227</u> | <u>\$ 76,814</u> |
| Earnings per common share — diluted | <u>\$ 2.75</u> | <u>\$ 2.05</u> | <u>\$ 1.58</u> |
| Add back: | | | |
| Special charges | 1.04 | 0.25 | — |
| Tax impact of special charges | (0.34) | (0.08) | — |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | — | 0.47 |
| Tax impact of loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | — | (0.19) |
| Remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration | 0.02 | 0.03 | (0.04) |
| Tax impact of remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration | (0.01) | (0.01) | 0.02 |
| Impact of 2017 Tax Act | (1.14) | — | — |
| Adjusted earnings per common share — diluted | <u>\$ 2.32</u> | <u>\$ 2.24</u> | <u>\$ 1.84</u> |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding — diluted | <u>39,192</u> | <u>41,709</u> | <u>41,729</u> |

Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Free Cash Flow:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (in thousands) | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 147,625 | \$ 233,488 | \$ 139,920 |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (32,004) | (28,935) | (31,399) |
| Free Cash Flow | <u>\$ 115,621</u> | <u>\$ 204,553</u> | <u>\$ 108,521</u> |

Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared with December 31, 2016
Revenues and Operating Income

See “Segment Results” for an expanded discussion of Revenues and Adjusted Segment EBITDA.

Special Charges

Special charges for the year ended December 31, 2017 were \$40.9 million. See Note 4, "Special Charges" in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report for expanded disclosure. Special charges for the year ended December 31, 2016 were \$10.4 million.

The following table details the 2017 special charges by segment.

| 2017 Special Charges | (in thousands) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | \$ 5,440 |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 12,334 |
| Economic Consulting | 6,624 |
| Technology | 5,057 |
| Strategic Communications | 7,752 |
| Segment subtotal | 37,207 |
| Unallocated Corporate | 3,678 |
| Total | \$ 40,885 |

Unallocated Corporate Expenses

Unallocated corporate expenses decreased \$5.0 million, or 5.7%, to \$83.1 million in 2017 from \$88.2 million in 2016. Excluding the impact of special charges of \$3.7 million recorded in 2017, unallocated corporate expenses decreased by \$8.1 million in 2017, or 9.3%. The decrease was primarily due to lower infrastructure department spend and lower executive compensation expenses, which was partially offset by higher outside legal expenses.

Interest Income and Other

Interest income and other, which includes FX gains and losses, decreased \$6.7 million to \$3.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 from \$10.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to a net unrealized FX loss, which was \$0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared with a \$4.9 million gain for the year ended December 31, 2016. FX gains and losses, both realized and unrealized, relate to the remeasurement or settlement of monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than an entity's functional currency. These monetary assets and liabilities include cash, as well as third-party and intercompany receivables and payables.

Interest Expense

Interest expense increased \$0.5 million, or 2.2%, to \$25.4 million in 2017 from \$24.8 million in 2016 due to the impact of a 0.7% increase in average interest rates on our borrowings under our senior secured bank revolving credit facility ("Credit Facility") in 2017, partially offset by lower average borrowings outstanding during 2017 as compared to 2016.

Income Tax Provision (Benefit)

Our income tax benefit was \$20.9 million for 2017 as compared with an income tax provision of \$42.3 million for 2016. Our 2017 income tax benefit included a discrete income tax benefit of \$44.9 million related to the adoption of the 2017 Tax Act on December 22, 2017. Excluding the impact of the 2017 Tax Act, our effective tax rate was 27.6% for 2017 as compared with an effective tax rate of 33.1% for 2016. The current year effective tax rate, excluding the impact of adopting the 2017 Tax Act, declined related to the mix of higher foreign and U.S. state earnings in lower taxed jurisdictions as compared with the prior year.

The \$44.9 million discrete adjustment related to the adoption of the 2017 Tax Act impact includes the following:

- \$65.1 million income tax benefit related to the remeasurement of U.S. deferred tax liabilities from the previous U.S. federal tax rate of 35% to the newly enacted rate of 21%; and
- \$18.7 million income tax expense related to a Transition Tax on a deemed repatriation of accumulated foreign earnings and profits as required under the new tax law.

Year Ended December 31, 2016 Compared with December 31, 2015

Revenues and Operating Income

See "Segment Results" for an expanded discussion of Revenues and Adjusted Segment EBITDA.

Special Charges

Special charges for the year ended December 31, 2016 were \$10.4 million. See Note 4, "Special Charges" in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report for an expanded disclosure. There were no special charges for the year ended December 31, 2015.

The following table details the 2016 special charges by segment.

| 2016 Special Charges | (in thousands) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | \$ — |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 2,304 |
| Economic Consulting | — |
| Technology | 7,529 |
| Strategic Communications | — |
| Segment subtotal | 9,833 |
| Unallocated Corporate | 612 |
| Total | \$ 10,445 |

Unallocated Corporate Expenses

Unallocated corporate expenses increased \$6.8 million, or 8.4%, to \$88.2 million in 2016 from \$81.3 million in 2015. The increase was primarily due to higher outside legal expenses and higher regional performance-related compensation.

Interest Income and Other

Interest income and other, which includes FX gains and losses, increased \$7.3 million to \$10.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from \$3.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. The increase was due, in part, to an increase in net unrealized FX gains, as well as an adjustment of an acquisition-related liability. These FX gains were \$4.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, resulting principally from the weakening of the British pound, compared with a \$0.9 million loss for the year ended December 31, 2015. Transaction gains and losses, both realized and unrealized, relate to the remeasurement or settlement of monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than an entity's functional currency. These monetary assets and liabilities include cash, as well as third-party and intercompany receivables and payables.

Interest Expense

Interest expense decreased \$18.0 million, or 42.0%, to \$24.8 million in 2016 from \$42.8 million in 2015. Interest expense in 2016 was favorably impacted by a 1.3% reduction in average interest rates and a \$184.2 million reduction in average borrowings in 2016 as compared with 2015, as a result of the debt restructuring completed in the third quarter of 2015, and the repayments of \$130.0 million of borrowings under the Credit Facility in 2016.

Income Tax Provision

Our income tax provision was \$42.3 million with an effective tax rate of 33.1% for 2016 as compared with the income tax provision of \$39.3 million with an effective tax rate of 37.3% for 2015. The decrease in the effective tax rate in 2016 was mainly driven by the favorable impact of the reversal of an uncertain tax position upon the closure of certain income tax audits, as well as lower valuation allowances recorded on foreign net operating losses and a favorable mix of earnings in foreign jurisdictions. The effective tax rates, excluding discrete tax adjustments, were 35.9% and 36.5% in 2016 and 2015, respectively.

SEGMENT RESULTS

Total Adjusted Segment EBITDA

We evaluate the performance of our operating segments based on Adjusted Segment EBITDA, which is a GAAP measure. The following table reconciles Net Income to Total Adjusted Segment EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (in thousands) | | |
| Net income | \$ 107,962 | \$ 85,520 | \$ 66,053 |
| Add back: | | | |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | (20,857) | 42,283 | 39,333 |
| Interest income and other | (3,752) | (10,466) | (3,232) |
| Interest expense | 25,358 | 24,819 | 42,768 |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | — | 19,589 |
| Unallocated corporate expense | 83,140 | 88,182 | 81,348 |
| Total segment operating income | 191,851 | 230,338 | 245,859 |
| Add back: | | | |
| Segment depreciation expense | 27,112 | 34,064 | 27,717 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 10,563 | 10,306 | 11,726 |
| Segment special charges | 37,207 | 9,833 | — |
| Remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration | 702 | 1,403 | (1,867) |
| Total Adjusted Segment EBITDA | \$ 267,435 | \$ 285,944 | \$ 283,435 |

Other Segment Operating Data

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Number of revenue-generating professionals (at period end): | | | |
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | 901 | 895 | 838 |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 1,067 | 1,110 | 1,131 |
| Economic Consulting | 683 | 656 | 599 |
| Technology ⁽¹⁾ | 292 | 288 | 349 |
| Strategic Communications | 630 | 647 | 599 |
| Total revenue-generating professionals | 3,573 | 3,596 | 3,516 |
| Utilization rate of billable professionals⁽²⁾: | | | |
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | 61% | 65% | 69% |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 61% | 59% | 64% |
| Economic Consulting | 67% | 73% | 72% |
| Average billable rate per hour⁽³⁾: | | | |
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | \$ 396 | \$ 392 | \$ 383 |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | \$ 321 | \$ 327 | \$ 319 |
| Economic Consulting | \$ 524 | \$ 517 | \$ 512 |

⁽¹⁾ The number of revenue-generating professionals for the Technology segment excludes as-needed professionals, who we employ based on demand for the segment's services. We employed an average of 305, 287 and 395 as-needed employees during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

⁽²⁾ We calculate the utilization rate for our billable professionals by dividing the number of hours that all of our billable professionals worked on client assignments during a period by the total available working hours for all of our billable professionals during the same period. Available hours are determined by the standard hours worked by each employee, adjusted for part-time hours, local country standard work weeks and local country holidays. Available working hours include vacation and professional training days but exclude holidays. Utilization rates are presented for our segments that primarily bill clients on an hourly basis. We have not presented utilization rates for our Technology and Strategic Communications segments as most of the revenues of these segments are not based on billable hours.

⁽³⁾ For engagements where revenues are based on number of hours worked by our billable professionals, the average billable rate per hour is calculated by dividing revenues for a period by the number of hours worked on client assignments during the same period. We have not presented average billable rates per hour for our Technology and Strategic Communications segments as most of the revenues of these segments are not based on billable hours.

CORPORATE FINANCE & RESTRUCTURING

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (dollars in thousands, except rate per hour) | | |
| Revenues | \$ 482,041 | \$ 483,269 | \$ 440,398 |
| Percentage change in revenues from prior year | (0.3)% | 9.7% | |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 318,606 | 306,894 | 271,530 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 83,468 | 81,584 | 81,550 |
| Special charges | 5,440 | — | — |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | 279 | — | (1,439) |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 4,014 | 3,310 | 3,550 |
| | <u>411,807</u> | <u>391,788</u> | <u>355,191</u> |
| Segment operating income | 70,234 | 91,481 | 85,207 |
| Percentage change in segment operating income from prior year | (23.2)% | 7.4% | |
| Add back: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets | 7,189 | 6,207 | 6,385 |
| Special charges | 5,440 | — | — |
| Remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration | — | — | (1,491) |
| Adjusted Segment EBITDA | <u>\$ 82,863</u> | <u>\$ 97,688</u> | <u>\$ 90,101</u> |
| Gross profit ⁽¹⁾ | <u>\$ 163,435</u> | <u>\$ 176,375</u> | <u>\$ 168,868</u> |
| Percentage change in gross profit from prior year | (7.3)% | 4.4% | |
| Gross profit margin ⁽²⁾ | 33.9 % | 36.5% | 38.3% |
| Adjusted Segment EBITDA as a percent of revenues | 17.2 % | 20.2% | 20.5% |
| Number of revenue-generating professionals (at period end) | 901 | 895 | 838 |
| Percentage change in number of revenue-generating professionals from prior year | 0.7 % | 6.8% | |
| Utilization rate of billable professionals | 61 % | 65% | 69% |
| Average billable rate per hour | \$ 396 | \$ 392 | \$ 383 |

⁽¹⁾ Revenues less direct cost of revenues.

⁽²⁾ Gross profit as a percent of revenues.

Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared with December 31, 2016

Revenues decreased \$1.2 million, or 0.3%, from 2016 to 2017. Acquisition-related revenues contributed \$10.1 million, or 2.1%, compared with 2016. Excluding the acquisition, revenues decreased \$11.3 million, or 2.3%. This decrease was primarily driven by lower demand for restructuring practice offerings globally, which was partially offset by increased demand in the business transformation practice and higher success fees.

Gross profit decreased \$12.9 million, or 7.3%, from 2016 to 2017. Gross profit margin decreased 2.6 percentage points from 2016 to 2017. This decrease was due to lower utilization driven by an increase in billable headcount, which was partially offset by higher success fees.

Selling, general and administrative (“SG&A”) expenses increased \$1.9 million, or 2.3%, from 2016 to 2017, which included \$1.2 million from a recent acquisition and the impact of higher bad debt expenses, partially offset by other general overhead expenses. Bad debt expenses in 2016 included collections of prior period write-offs. SG&A expenses were 17.3% of revenues in 2017 compared with 16.9% in 2016.

Year Ended December 31, 2016 Compared with December 31, 2015

Revenues increased \$42.9 million, or 9.7%, from 2015 to 2016, which included a 1.8% estimated negative impact from FX. Excluding the estimated impact of FX, revenues increased \$50.9 million, or 11.6%. This increase was primarily due

to higher demand for restructuring practice offerings in the North America and Europe, Middle East and Africa ("EMEA") regions and higher demand for tax practice offerings in EMEA.

Gross profit increased \$7.5 million, or 4.4%, from 2015 to 2016. Gross profit margin decreased 1.8 percentage points from 2015 to 2016. The margin decrease was primarily due to lower utilization, higher employee-related costs, and increased headcount in North America and EMEA, partially offset by improved staff leverage in EMEA and \$11.9 million in success fees in 2016.

SG&A expenses were flat from 2015 to 2016, as higher infrastructure support costs and recruiting expenses to support additional headcount were offset by lower bad debt expenses as a result of collections on prior period bad debts. SG&A expenses were 16.9% of revenues in 2016 compared with 18.5% in 2015.

FORENSIC AND LITIGATION CONSULTING

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (dollars in thousands, except rate per hour) | | |
| Revenues | \$ 462,324 | \$ 457,734 | \$ 482,269 |
| Percentage change in revenues from prior year | 1.0 % | (5.1)% | |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 305,822 | 314,810 | 327,115 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 88,056 | 89,526 | 94,717 |
| Special charges | 12,334 | 2,304 | — |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | — | 6 | 30 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 1,592 | 2,000 | 2,222 |
| | <u>407,804</u> | <u>408,646</u> | <u>424,084</u> |
| Segment operating income | 54,520 | 49,088 | 58,185 |
| Percentage change in segment operating income from prior year | 11.1 % | (15.6)% | |
| Add back: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets | 5,851 | 6,490 | 6,082 |
| Special charges | 12,334 | 2,304 | — |
| Adjusted Segment EBITDA | <u>\$ 72,705</u> | <u>\$ 57,882</u> | <u>\$ 64,267</u> |
| Gross profit ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 156,502 | \$ 142,924 | \$ 155,154 |
| Percentage change in gross profit from prior year | 9.5 % | (7.9)% | |
| Gross profit margin ⁽²⁾ | 33.9 % | 31.2 % | 32.2% |
| Adjusted Segment EBITDA as a percent of revenues | 15.7 % | 12.6 % | 13.3% |
| Number of revenue-generating professionals (at period end) | 1,067 | 1,110 | 1,131 |
| Percentage change in number of revenue-generating professionals from prior year | (3.9)% | (1.9)% | |
| Utilization rate of billable professionals | 61 % | 59 % | 64% |
| Average billable rate per hour | \$ 321 | \$ 327 | \$ 319 |

⁽¹⁾ Revenues less direct cost of revenues.

⁽²⁾ Gross profit as a percent of revenues.

Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared with December 31, 2016

Revenues increased \$4.6 million, or 1.0%, from 2016 to 2017. This increase was driven by increased volume in the global construction solutions practice and investigations practice in EMEA, which was partially offset by lower demand in the health solutions practice.

Gross profit increased \$13.6 million, or 9.5%, from 2016 to 2017. Gross profit margin increased 2.7 percentage points from 2016 to 2017. This increase in gross profit margin is related to higher utilization, largely in the construction solutions, disputes and investigations practices, partially offset by lower success fees in our health solutions practice.

SG&A expenses decreased \$1.5 million, or 1.6%, from 2016 to 2017. SG&A expenses were 19.0% of revenues in 2017 compared with 19.6% in 2016. The decrease in SG&A expenses was due to lower costs from headcount reductions, primarily in our health solutions practice, partially offset by higher bad debt expenses.

Year Ended December 31, 2016 Compared with December 31, 2015

Revenues decreased \$24.5 million, or 5.1%, from 2015 to 2016, which included a 1.1% estimated negative impact from FX. Excluding the estimated impact of FX, revenues decreased \$19.2 million, or 4.0%, due to lower demand in our health solutions and global dispute advisory services practices. These decreases were partially offset by higher demand in our global risk and investigations and global financial and enterprise data analytics practices.

Gross profit decreased \$12.2 million, or 7.9%, from 2015 to 2016. Gross profit margin decreased 1.0 percentage points from 2015 to 2016. This decrease was primarily due to lower utilization in our health solutions and global dispute advisory services practices, combined with higher compensation expenses in our global risk and investigations practice, partially offset by higher utilization in our global financial and enterprise data analytics practices.

SG&A expenses decreased \$5.2 million, or 5.5%, from 2015 to 2016. SG&A expenses were 19.6% of revenues in 2016 compared with 19.6% in 2015. The decrease in SG&A expenses was a result of higher severance expenses recorded in 2015 related to the departure of a senior managing director and lower bad debt expenses in 2015, partially offset by higher infrastructure support costs in 2016.

ECONOMIC CONSULTING

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (dollars in thousands, except rate per hour) | | |
| Revenues | \$ 496,029 | \$ 500,487 | \$ 447,909 |
| Percentage change in revenues from prior year | (0.9)% | 11.7% | |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 367,711 | 363,616 | 327,870 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 71,832 | 67,330 | 61,213 |
| Special charges | 6,624 | — | — |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | 111 | 53 | (318) |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 597 | 646 | 1,232 |
| | <u>446,875</u> | <u>431,645</u> | <u>389,997</u> |
| Segment operating income | 49,154 | 68,842 | 57,912 |
| Percentage change in segment operating income from prior year | (28.6)% | 18.9% | |
| Add back: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets | 6,186 | 5,260 | 4,794 |
| Special charges | 6,624 | — | — |
| Remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration | — | — | (376) |
| Adjusted Segment EBITDA | <u>\$ 61,964</u> | <u>\$ 74,102</u> | <u>\$ 62,330</u> |
| Gross profit ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 128,318 | \$ 136,871 | \$ 120,039 |
| Percentage change in gross profit from prior year | (6.2)% | 14.0% | |
| Gross profit margin ⁽²⁾ | 25.9 % | 27.3% | 26.8% |
| Adjusted Segment EBITDA as a percent of revenues | 12.5 % | 14.8% | 13.9% |
| Number of revenue-generating professionals (at period end) | 683 | 656 | 599 |
| Percentage change in number of revenue-generating professionals from prior year | 4.1 % | 9.5% | |
| Utilization rate of billable professionals | 67 % | 73% | 72% |
| Average billable rate per hour | \$ 524 | \$ 517 | \$ 512 |

⁽¹⁾ Revenues less direct cost of revenues.

⁽²⁾ Gross profit as a percent of revenues.

Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared with December 31, 2016

Revenues decreased \$4.5 million, or 0.9%, from 2016 to 2017. This decrease was primarily driven by lower demand for financial economics services in North America, which was partially offset by higher demand for antitrust services in EMEA and international arbitration services in North America.

Gross profit decreased \$8.6 million, or 6.2%, from 2016 to 2017. Gross profit margin decreased 1.4 percentage points from 2016 to 2017. This decrease was primarily due to a decline in utilization, resulting from both lower demand and an increase in billable headcount.

SG&A expenses increased \$4.5 million, or 6.7%, from 2016 to 2017. SG&A expenses were 14.5% of revenues in 2017 compared with 13.5% in 2016. The increase in SG&A expenses was driven primarily by higher bad debt, compensation, depreciation and infrastructure support costs, which were partially offset by lower legal fees.

Year Ended December 31, 2016 Compared with December 31, 2015

Revenues increased \$52.6 million, or 11.7%, from 2015 to 2016, which included a 2.1% estimated negative impact from FX. Excluding the estimated impact of FX, revenues increased \$62.1 million, or 13.9%, primarily due to higher demand for our M&A and non-M&A-related antitrust practice and our financial economics practice in North America.

Gross profit increased \$16.8 million, or 14.0%, from 2015 to 2016. Gross profit margin increased 0.5 percentage points from 2015 to 2016. This increase was primarily due to higher utilization and higher average realization in our M&A and non-M&A-related antitrust practice and our financial economics practice in North America, largely offset by higher variable compensation.

SG&A expenses increased \$6.1 million, or 10.0%, from 2015 to 2016. SG&A expenses were 13.5% of revenues in 2016 compared with 13.7% in 2015. The increase in SG&A expenses was driven primarily by higher legal costs, depreciation and amortization, and employee-related costs to support additional headcount.

TECHNOLOGY

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (dollars in thousands) | | |
| Revenues | \$ 174,850 | \$ 177,720 | \$ 218,599 |
| Percentage change in revenues from prior year | (1.6)% | (18.7)% | |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 101,505 | 107,591 | 123,859 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 62,858 | 64,135 | 71,120 |
| Special charges | 5,057 | 7,529 | — |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 635 | 648 | 788 |
| | <u>170,055</u> | <u>179,903</u> | <u>195,767</u> |
| Segment operating (loss) income | 4,795 | (2,183) | 22,832 |
| Percentage change in segment operating income from prior year | (319.7)% | (109.6)% | |
| Add back: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets | 12,319 | 20,468 | 16,178 |
| Special charges | 5,057 | 7,529 | — |
| Adjusted Segment EBITDA | <u>\$ 22,171</u> | <u>\$ 25,814</u> | <u>\$ 39,010</u> |
| Gross profit ⁽¹⁾ | <u>\$ 73,345</u> | <u>\$ 70,129</u> | <u>\$ 94,740</u> |
| Percentage change in gross profit from prior year | 4.6 % | (26.0)% | |
| Gross profit margin ⁽²⁾ | 41.9 % | 39.5 % | 43.3% |
| Adjusted Segment EBITDA as a percent of revenues | 12.7 % | 14.5 % | 17.8% |
| Number of revenue-generating professionals (at period end) ⁽³⁾ | 292 | 288 | 349 |
| Percentage change in number of revenue-generating professionals from prior year | 1.4 % | (17.5)% | |

⁽¹⁾ Revenues less direct cost of revenues.

⁽²⁾ Gross profit as a percent of revenues.

⁽³⁾ Includes personnel involved in direct client assistance and revenue-generating consultants and excludes professionals employed on an as-needed basis.

Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared with December 31, 2016

Revenues decreased \$2.9 million, or 1.6%, from 2016 to 2017. This decrease was primarily driven by lower pricing for hosting services as a result of a decline in legacy hosting matters at the end of their cycle, coupled with lower demand for managed review offerings, partially offset by higher demand for hosting services as a result of new engagements. Additionally, higher demand for consulting was driven by growth in new engagements as well as growth in information governance engagements.

Gross profit increased \$3.2 million, or 4.6%, from 2016 to 2017. Gross profit margin increased 2.4 percentage points to 41.9% from 2016 to 2017. This margin increase was due to higher pricing for consulting, higher demand for hosting and lower depreciation expense, which was partially offset by lower pricing for hosting services.

SG&A expenses decreased \$1.3 million, or 2.0%, from 2016 to 2017. SG&A expenses were 35.9% of revenues in 2017 compared with 36.1% in 2016. This decrease was due to lower salary and benefits, and lower research and development expense, partially offset by higher sales commissions. Research and development expenses related to software development were \$14.9 million in 2017, a decline of \$2.6 million, compared with \$17.5 million in 2016.

Year Ended December 31, 2016 Compared with December 31, 2015

Revenues decreased \$40.9 million, or 18.7%, from 2015 to 2016, which included a 1.2% estimated negative impact from FX. Excluding the estimated impact of FX, revenues decreased \$38.2 million, or 17.5%, due to reduced demand for M&A-related second request activity and fewer large cross-border investigations. Consulting and managed review practice offerings declined largely due to a decrease in demand and lower realized pricing.

Gross profit decreased \$24.6 million, or 26.0%, from 2015 to 2016. Gross profit margin decreased 3.8 percentage points to 39.5% from 2015 to 2016. The decrease in gross profit margin was due to lower demand and realized pricing for consulting and managed review practice offerings and \$3.8 million in accelerated amortization of certain capitalized software assets in 2016.

SG&A expenses decreased \$7.0 million, or 9.8%, from 2015 to 2016. SG&A expenses were 36.1% of revenues in 2016 compared with 32.5% in 2015. The decrease in SG&A expenses was due to lower compensation costs resulting from headcount reductions, as well as lower occupancy costs and infrastructure support costs. Research and development expenses related to software development were \$17.5 million in 2016 compared with \$19.5 million in 2015.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (dollars in thousands) | | |
| Revenues | \$ 192,488 | \$ 191,184 | \$ 189,974 |
| Percentage change in revenues from prior year | 0.7 % | 0.6% | |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 121,916 | 117,858 | 121,070 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 44,046 | 44,409 | 42,720 |
| Special charges | 7,752 | — | — |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | 1,901 | 2,105 | 527 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 3,725 | 3,702 | 3,934 |
| | <u>179,340</u> | <u>168,074</u> | <u>168,251</u> |
| Segment operating income | 13,148 | 23,110 | 21,723 |
| Percentage change in segment operating income from prior year | (43.1)% | 6.4% | |
| Add back: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets | 6,130 | 5,945 | 6,004 |
| Special charges | 7,752 | — | — |
| Fair value remeasurement of contingent consideration | 702 | 1,403 | — |
| Adjusted Segment EBITDA | <u>\$ 27,732</u> | <u>\$ 30,458</u> | <u>\$ 27,727</u> |
| Gross profit ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 70,572 | \$ 73,326 | \$ 68,904 |
| Percentage change in gross profit from prior year | (3.8)% | 6.4% | |
| Gross profit margin ⁽²⁾ | 36.7 % | 38.4% | 36.3% |
| Adjusted Segment EBITDA as a percent of revenues | 14.4 % | 15.9% | 14.6% |
| Number of revenue-generating professionals (at period end) | 630 | 647 | 599 |
| Percentage change in number of revenue-generating professionals from prior year | (2.6)% | 8.0% | |

⁽¹⁾ Revenues less direct cost of revenues.

⁽²⁾ Gross profit as a percent of revenues.

Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared with December 31, 2016

Revenues increased \$1.3 million, or 0.7%, from 2016 to 2017. This increase was due to higher retainer-based revenues across all regions, which was partially offset by lower project income in North America, primarily in the financial communications practice.

Gross profit decreased \$2.8 million, or 3.8%, from 2016 to 2017. Gross profit margin decreased 1.7 percentage points from 2016 to 2017. This decrease was primarily due to fewer large, high-margin engagements in North America, as well as higher compensation as a result of increased average billable headcount.

SG&A expenses decreased \$0.4 million, or 0.8%, from 2016 to 2017. SG&A expenses were 22.9% of revenues in 2017 compared with 23.2% in 2016. The decrease in SG&A expenses was primarily due to lower staff costs, partially offset by higher travel and entertainment expenses.

Year Ended December 31, 2016 Compared with December 31, 2015

Revenues increased \$1.2 million, or 0.6%, from 2015 to 2016, which included a 3.9% estimated negative impact from FX. Excluding the estimated negative impact of FX, revenues increased \$8.5 million, or 4.5%, primarily due to higher project-based revenues in North America and EMEA, predominantly in financial communications and public affairs-related engagements. These increases were partially offset by a \$6.7 million reduction in pass-through revenues.

Gross profit increased \$4.4 million, or 6.4%, from 2015 to 2016. Gross profit margin increased 2.1 percentage points from 2015 to 2016. Excluding the impact of net pass-through revenues, gross profit margin improved 0.7% due to a larger proportion of revenues coming from large-scale and higher margin engagements.

SG&A expenses increased \$1.7 million, or 4.0%, from 2015 to 2016. SG&A expenses were 23.2% of revenues in 2016 compared with 22.5% in 2015. The increase in SG&A expense was primarily due to higher infrastructure support costs and compensation, partially offset by lower legal costs.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash Flows

| Cash Flows | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | (dollars in thousands) | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 147,625 | \$ 233,488 | \$ 139,920 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | \$ (40,638) | \$ (30,132) | \$ (31,737) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | \$ (140,934) | \$ (125,310) | \$ (235,962) |
| DSO | 91 | 91 | 97 |

We have generally financed our day-to-day operations, capital expenditures and acquisitions through cash flows from operations. During the first quarter of our fiscal year, our cash needs generally exceed our cash flows from operations due to the payment of annual incentive compensation. Our operating cash flows generally exceed our cash needs subsequent to the second quarter of each year.

Our operating assets and liabilities consist primarily of billed and unbilled accounts receivable, notes receivable from employees, accounts payable, accrued expenses and accrued compensation expenses. The timing of billings and collections of receivables, as well as compensation and vendor payments, affect the changes in these balances.

DSO is a performance measure used to assess how quickly revenues are collected by the Company. We calculate DSO at the end of each reporting period by dividing net accounts receivable reduced by billings in excess of services provided, by revenues for the quarter, adjusted for changes in foreign exchange rates. We multiply the result by the number of days in the quarter.

Free Cash Flow, a non-GAAP financial measure, for the three years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 was \$115.6 million, \$204.6 million, and \$108.5 million, respectively.

Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared with Year Ended December 31, 2016

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$85.9 million, or 36.8%, from 2016 to 2017. The decrease was primarily due to higher compensation payments, including salaries, bonuses and severance, and lower cash collections. This was partially offset by lower income tax payments in the year ended December 31, 2017. DSO was 91 days as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Net cash used in investing activities increased \$10.5 million, or 34.9%, from 2016 to 2017. Payment for the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of a business completed in 2017 by our Corporate Finance segment was \$8.9 million, net of cash received. Payment for the acquisition completed in 2016 by our Strategic Communications segment was \$1.2 million, net of cash received. Capital expenditures were \$32.0 million for 2017 as compared with \$28.9 million for 2016.

Net cash used in financing activities increased \$15.6 million, or 12.5%, from 2016 to 2017. Cash used in financing activities in 2017 included \$168.1 million in common stock repurchases and \$5.2 million cash paid for acquisition-related contingent consideration, partially offset by \$30.0 million of net borrowings under our Credit Facility and the receipt of \$2.8 million of refundable deposits related to one of our foreign entities. Net financing activities for 2016 included repayments of

\$130.0 million of borrowings under our Credit Facility and \$21.5 million in common stock repurchases, partially offset by \$21.7 million in cash received from the issuance of common stock under our equity compensation plan and the receipt of \$4.0 million of refundable deposits related to one of our foreign entities.

Year Ended December 31, 2016 Compared with Year Ended December 31, 2015

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$93.6 million, or 66.9%, from 2015 to 2016. This increase is primarily due to higher cash collections and lower payments for interest expenses and other operating expenses, which were partially offset by increased payments for compensation in 2016. DSO was 91 days as of December 31, 2016 compared with 97 days as of December 31, 2015.

Net cash used in investing activities decreased \$1.6 million, or 5.1%, from 2015 to 2016. Payments for acquisitions of businesses were \$1.3 million in 2016 compared with \$0.6 million in 2015. Payment for the acquisition completed in 2016 by our Strategic Communications segment was \$1.2 million, net of cash received. Payment for the acquisition completed in 2015 by our Economic Consulting segment was \$0.6 million, net of cash received. Capital expenditures were \$28.9 million for 2016 as compared with \$31.4 million for 2015.

Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$110.7 million, or 46.9%, from 2015 to 2016. Cash used in financing activities in 2016 included repayments of \$130.0 million of borrowings under our Credit Facility and \$21.5 million in common stock repurchases, partially offset by \$21.7 million in cash received from the issuance of common stock under our equity compensation plans and the receipt of \$4.0 million of refundable deposits related to one of our foreign entities. Net financing activities for 2015 included the retirement of the \$400.0 million principal amount of our 2020 Notes for \$414.7 million using cash on hand of \$164.7 million and borrowings under our Credit Facility of \$250.0 million. Subsequent to the debt tender offer and redemption, we repaid \$50.0 million of the borrowings under our Credit Facility. In addition, we repaid the final \$11.0 million in notes payable to former shareholders of acquired businesses in 2015. Financing activities in 2015 also included \$16.7 million received from the issuance of common stock under our equity compensation plans and \$3.2 million of refundable deposits related to one of our foreign subsidiaries, offset by \$26.5 million in stock repurchases and \$3.8 million in debt financing fees related to the Credit Facility.

Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2017, our capital resources included \$190.0 million of cash and cash equivalents and available borrowing capacity of \$449.0 million under a \$550.0 million revolving line of credit under our Credit Facility. As of December 31, 2017, we had \$100.0 million of outstanding borrowings under our Credit Facility and \$1.0 million of outstanding letters of credit, which reduced the availability of borrowings under the Credit Facility. We use letters of credit primarily in lieu of security deposits for our leased office facilities. The \$550.0 million revolving line of credit under the Credit Facility includes a \$75.0 million sublimit for borrowings in currencies other than USD, including the euro, British pound, Australian dollar and Canadian dollar.

The availability of borrowings, as well as issuances and extensions of letters of credit, under our Credit Facility is subject to specified conditions. We may choose to repay outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility at any time before maturity without premium or penalty. Borrowings under the Credit Facility in USD, euro, British pound and Australian dollar bear interest at an annual rate equal to the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus an applicable margin or an alternative base rate plus an applicable margin. The alternative base rate means a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the highest of (1) the rate of interest in effect for such day as the prime rate announced by Bank of America, (2) the federal funds rate plus the sum of 50 basis points and (3) the one-month LIBOR plus 100 basis points. Borrowings under the Credit Facility in Canadian dollars bear interest at an annual rate equal to the Canadian bankers' acceptance rate plus an applicable margin or the Canadian prime rate plus an applicable margin. The Canadian prime rate means a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the higher of (1) the rate of interest in effect for such day as the prime rate for loans in Canadian dollars announced by Bank of America or (2) the Canadian bankers' acceptance rate plus 100 basis points. Under the Credit Facility, the lenders have a security interest in substantially all of the assets of FTI Consulting and substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries. Subject to certain conditions, at any time prior to maturity, we will be able to invite existing and new lenders to increase the size of the facility up to a maximum of \$650.0 million.

Our Credit Facility and the indenture governing our senior notes due 2022 ("2022 Notes") contain covenants that, among other things, may limit our ability to: incur additional indebtedness; create liens; pay dividends on our capital stock, make distributions or repurchases of our capital stock or make specified other restricted payments; consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets; guarantee obligations of other entities or our foreign subsidiaries; enter into hedging agreements; enter into transactions with affiliates or related persons; or engage in any business other than consulting-related businesses. In addition, the Credit Facility includes financial covenants that require us (i) not to exceed a maximum consolidated total leverage ratio (the ratio of total funded debt to adjusted EBITDA) and (ii) to exceed a minimum consolidated

interest coverage ratio (the ratio of adjusted EBITDA less capital expenditures and cash taxes to cash interest expense). As of December 31, 2017, we were in compliance with all covenants as stipulated in the Credit Facility and the indenture governing our 2022 Notes.

Future Capital Needs

We anticipate that our future capital needs will principally consist of funds required for:

- operating and general corporate expenses relating to the operation of our businesses;
- capital expenditures, primarily for information technology equipment, office furniture and leasehold improvements;
- debt service requirements, including interest payments on our long-term debt;
- compensation for designated executive management and senior managing directors under our various long-term incentive compensation programs;
- discretionary funding of our stock repurchase program;
- contingent obligations related to our acquisitions;
- potential acquisitions of businesses that would allow us to diversify or expand our service offerings; and
- other known future contractual obligations.

We currently anticipate capital expenditures of \$28 million to \$38 million to support our organization during 2018, including direct support for specific client engagements. Our estimate takes into consideration the needs of our existing businesses but does not include the impact of any purchases that we may be required to make as a result of future acquisitions or specific client engagements that are not currently contemplated. Our capital expenditure requirements may change if our staffing levels or technology needs change significantly from what we currently anticipate, if we are required to purchase additional equipment specifically to support new client engagements or if we pursue and complete additional acquisitions.

For the last several years, our cash flows from operations have exceeded our cash needs for capital expenditures and debt service requirements. We believe that our cash flows from operations, supplemented by short-term borrowings under our Credit Facility, as necessary, will provide adequate cash to fund our long-term cash needs from normal operations for the next 12 months or longer.

Our conclusion that we will be able to fund our cash requirements by using existing capital resources and cash generated from operations does not take into account the impact of any future acquisitions, unexpected significant changes in number of employees or other unanticipated uses of cash. The anticipated cash needs of our business could change significantly if we pursue and complete additional business acquisitions, if our business plans change, if economic conditions change from those currently prevailing or from those now anticipated, or if other unexpected circumstances arise that may have a material effect on the cash flow or profitability of our business, including material negative changes in the operating performance or financial results of our business. Any of these events or circumstances, including any new business opportunities, could involve significant additional funding needs in excess of the identified currently available sources and could require us to raise additional debt or equity funding to meet those needs. Our ability to raise additional capital, if necessary, is subject to a variety of factors that we cannot predict with certainty, including:

- our future profitability;
- the quality of our accounts receivable;
- our relative levels of debt and equity;
- the volatility and overall condition of the capital markets; and
- the market price of our securities.

Any new debt funding, if available, may be on terms less favorable to us than our Credit Facility or the indenture that governs our 2022 Notes.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements other than operating leases, and we have not entered into any transactions involving unconsolidated subsidiaries or special purpose entities.

Future Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth our estimates as to the amounts and timing of contractual payments for our most significant contractual obligations as of December 31, 2017. The information in the table reflects future unconditional payments and is based on the terms of the relevant agreements, appropriate classification of items under GAAP currently in effect and certain assumptions such as interest rates. Future events could cause actual payments to differ from these amounts.

Future contractual obligations related to our long-term debt assume that payments will be made based on the current payment schedule and exclude any additional revolving line of credit borrowings or repayments subsequent to December 31, 2017 and prior to the June 2020 maturity date of our Credit Facility.

The interest obligation on our long-term debt assumes that our 2022 Notes will bear interest at their stated rates.

| <u>Contractual Obligations</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>Thereafter</u> |
|---|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | (in thousands) | | | |
| Long-term debt | \$ 400,000 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 100,000 | \$ — | \$ 300,000 | \$ — |
| Interest on long-term debt ⁽¹⁾ | 95,960 | 21,284 | 21,284 | 19,642 | 18,000 | 15,750 | — |
| Operating leases | 267,990 | 44,193 | 41,386 | 38,877 | 36,942 | 21,355 | 85,237 |
| Total obligations | \$ 763,950 | \$ 65,477 | \$ 62,670 | \$ 158,519 | \$ 54,942 | \$ 337,105 | \$ 85,237 |

⁽¹⁾ In addition to the fixed interest payments on our 2022 Notes, interest on long-term debt from 2018 to 2020 includes projected future interest payments for amounts drawn on our Credit Facility using interest rates in effect as of December 31, 2017. These projected interest payments may differ in the future based on the balance outstanding on our Credit Facility, as well as changes in market interest rates.

Effect of Inflation

Inflation is not generally a material factor affecting our business. General operating expenses such as salaries, employee benefits and lease costs are, however, subject to normal inflationary pressures.

Critical Accounting Policies

General. Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based on our consolidated financial statements, which we have prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We evaluate our estimates, including those related to allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services, goodwill, share-based compensation, income taxes and contingencies on an ongoing basis. We base our estimates on current facts and circumstances, historical experience and various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable. These results form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe that the following critical accounting policies reflect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

Revenue Recognition. Revenues are recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the related services are provided, the price is fixed or determinable and collectability is reasonably assured. If at the outset of an arrangement we determine that the arrangement fee is not fixed or determinable, revenues are deferred until all criteria for recognizing revenues are met. Provisions are recorded for the estimated realization adjustments on all engagements, including engagements for which fees are subject to review by the bankruptcy courts and other regulatory institutions. If the client is in bankruptcy, fees for our services may be subject to approval by the court. In some cases, a portion of the fees to be paid to us by a client is required by a court to be held until completion of our work and final fee settlements have been negotiated. We make a determination whether to record all or a portion of such holdbacks as revenues prior to collection on a case-by-case basis. We generate the majority of our revenues from providing professional services under four types of billing arrangements: time and expense, fixed fee, performance based and unit based.

Time-and-expense billing arrangements require the client to pay based on the number of hours worked by our revenue-generating professionals at contractually agreed-upon rates. We recognize revenues for our professional services rendered under time-and-expense engagements based on the hours incurred at agreed-upon rates as work is performed. In some cases, time-and-expense arrangements are subject to a cap, in which case we assess work performed on a periodic basis to ensure that the cap has not been exceeded.

In fixed-fee billing arrangements, we agree to a pre-established fee in exchange for a predetermined set of professional services. Generally, the client agrees to pay a fixed fee over the specified contract term. These contracts are for varying periods and generally permit the client to cancel the contract before the end of the term. We recognize revenues for our professional services rendered under these fixed-fee billing arrangements monthly over the specified contract term or, in certain cases, revenues are recognized on the proportional performance method of accounting based on the ratio of labor hours incurred to estimated total labor hours, which we consider to be the best available indicator of the pattern and timing in which such contract obligations are fulfilled.

In performance-based or contingent billing arrangements, fees are tied to the attainment of contractually defined objectives. Often this type of arrangement supplements a time-and-expense or fixed-fee engagement, where payment of a performance-based fee is deferred until the conclusion of the matter or upon the achievement of performance-based criteria. We do not recognize revenues under performance-based billing arrangements until all related performance criteria are met and collection of the fee is reasonably assured.

In our Technology segment, unit-based revenues are based on the amount of data stored or processed, number of concurrent users accessing the information, or number of pages or images processed for a client. We recognize revenues for our professional services rendered under unit-based engagements as the services are provided based on agreed-upon rates. We also generate certain revenues from software licenses and maintenance. We have vendor-specific objective evidence of fair value for support and maintenance separate from software for the majority of our products. Accordingly, when licenses of certain offerings are included in an arrangement with support and maintenance, we recognize license revenues upon delivery of the license and recognize support and maintenance revenues over the term of the maintenance service period. Substantially all of our software license agreements do not include any acceptance provisions. If an arrangement allows for customer acceptance of the software, we defer revenues until the earlier of customer acceptance or when the acceptance provisions lapse. Revenues from hosting fees are recognized based on units used over the term of the hosting agreement.

Some clients pay us a retainer before we begin work for them. We hold retainers on deposit until we have completed the work. We generally apply these retainers to final billings and refund any excess over the final amount billed to clients, as appropriate.

Reimbursable expenses, including those relating to travel, out-of-pocket expenses, outside consultants and other similar costs, are generally included in revenues, and an equivalent amount of reimbursable expenses is included in costs of services in the period in which the expense is incurred. Revenues recognized, but not yet billed to clients, and amounts billed to clients in advance of work being performed have been recorded as "Unbilled receivables" and "Billings in excess of services provided," respectively, in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts and Unbilled Services. We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services for estimated losses resulting from disputes that affect our ability to fully collect our billed accounts receivable, potential fee reductions negotiated by clients or imposed by bankruptcy courts and the inability of clients to pay our fees. Even if a bankruptcy court approves our services, the court has the discretion to require us to refund all or a portion of our fees due to the outcome of the case or a variety of other factors. We estimate the allowance for all receivable risks by reviewing the status of each matter and recording reserves based on our experience and knowledge of the particular client and historical collection patterns. However, our actual experience may vary from our estimates. If the financial condition of our clients were to deteriorate, resulting in their inability or unwillingness to pay our fees, or bankruptcy courts require us to refund certain fees, we may need to record additional allowances or write-offs in future periods. This risk related to a client's inability to pay may be partially mitigated to the extent that we may receive retainers from some of our clients prior to performing services.

We record adjustments to the allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services as a reduction in revenues when there are changes in estimates of fee reductions that may be imposed by bankruptcy courts and other regulatory institutions, for both billed and unbilled receivables. The allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services is also adjusted after the related work has been billed to the client and we later discover that collectability is not reasonably assured. These adjustments are recorded to "Selling, general and administrative expenses" on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income and totaled \$15.4 million, \$8.9 million and \$15.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. Goodwill represents the purchase price of acquired businesses in excess of the fair market value of net assets acquired at the date of acquisition. Other intangible assets may include trade names, customer relationships, non-competition agreements and software.

We test our goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually as of the first day of the fourth quarter and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. On a quarterly basis, we monitor the key drivers of fair value to detect events or other changes that would warrant an interim impairment test. Important factors we consider that could trigger an interim impairment review include, but are not limited to, the following:

- significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results;
- a significant change in the manner of our use of the acquired asset or the strategy for our overall business;
- a significant market decline related to negative industry or economic trends; and/or
- our market capitalization relative to net carrying value.

We assess our goodwill for impairment at the reporting unit level. A reporting unit is an operating segment or a business one level below that operating segment if discrete financial information is available and regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision makers. Entities have an option, under certain circumstances, to perform a qualitative assessment regarding the reporting unit's fair value, to determine whether it is necessary to perform the quantitative impairment test.

In the qualitative assessment, we consider various factors, events or circumstances including macroeconomic conditions, industry and market considerations, cost factors, overall financial performance and other relevant reporting unit specific events. If, based on the qualitative assessment, an entity determines that it is not "more likely than not" that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, we do not prepare a quantitative impairment test. If we determine otherwise, we will prepare a quantitative assessment for potential goodwill impairment.

In the quantitative assessment, we compare the estimated fair value of the reporting unit to the carrying amount of that reporting unit. We estimate fair value using a combination of an income approach (based on discounted cash flows) and market approaches, using appropriate weighting factors. If the fair value exceeds the carrying amount, goodwill is not impaired. However, if the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit, an impairment loss shall be recognized in an amount equal to that excess, limited to the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit.

The cash flows employed in the income approach are based on our most recent budgets, forecasts and business plans, as well as various growth rate assumptions for years beyond the current business plan period, discounted using an estimated weighted average cost of capital ("WACC") based on our assessment of the risk inherent in the future revenue streams and cash flows and our WACC. The WACC consists of (1) a risk-free rate of return, (2) an equity risk premium that is based on the rate of return on equity of publicly traded companies with business characteristics comparable with our reporting units, (3) the current after-tax market rate of return on debt of companies with business characteristics similar to our reporting units, each weighted by the relative market value percentages of our equity and debt, and (4) an appropriate size premium. In the market approach, we utilize market multiples derived from comparable guideline companies and comparable market transactions to the extent available. These valuations are based on estimates and assumptions, including projected future cash flows and the determination of appropriate market comparables and determination of whether a premium or discount should be applied to such comparables.

We determine whether to perform qualitative assessment first or to bypass the qualitative assessment and proceed with the quantitative goodwill impairment test for each of our reporting units based on the headroom from the most recent quantitative tests and other events or changes in circumstances that could impact the fair value of the reporting units.

The process of evaluating the potential impairment of goodwill is highly subjective and requires significant judgment and estimates. There can be no assurance that the estimates and assumptions used in our goodwill impairment testing will prove to be accurate predictions of the future. If our assumptions regarding forecasted cash flows are not achieved or market conditions significantly deteriorate, we may be required to record goodwill impairment charges in future periods, whether in connection with our next annual impairment test or prior to that, if a triggering event occurs outside of the quarter during which the annual goodwill impairment test is performed. It is not possible at this time to determine if any future impairment charge would result or, if it does, whether such charge would be material.

Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives and reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate an asset's carrying value may not be recoverable. We amortize our acquired finite-lived intangible assets on a straight-line basis over periods ranging from one to 15 years.

Income Taxes. Our income tax provision consists principally of federal, state and international income taxes. We generate income in a significant number of states located throughout the U.S., as well as foreign countries in which we conduct business. Our effective income tax rate may fluctuate due to changes in the mix of earnings between higher and lower state or country tax jurisdictions and the impact of non-deductible expenses.

We record deferred tax assets and liabilities using the asset and liability method of accounting, which requires us to measure these assets and liabilities using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. A valuation allowance is recognized if, based on the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some portion, or all, of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. In evaluating our ability to recover our deferred tax assets, we consider all available positive and negative evidence, including scheduled reversals of temporary differences, projected future taxable income, tax planning strategies, and results of recent operations. The evaluation of the need for a valuation allowance requires management judgment and could impact our financial results and effective tax rate.

Significant New Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2, “New Accounting Standards” in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates, changes in the price of our common stock and changes in foreign exchange rates.

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to interest rate risk related to debt obligations outstanding. Interest rate changes expose our fixed rate long-term borrowings to changes in fair value and expose our variable rate borrowings to changes in our interest expense. From time to time, we use derivative instruments, primarily consisting of interest rate swap agreements, to manage our interest rate exposure by achieving a desired proportion of fixed rate vs. variable rate borrowings. All of our derivative transactions are entered into for non-trading purposes.

The following table presents principal cash flows and related interest rates by year of maturity for our 2022 Notes and a comparison of the fair value of the debt as of December 31, 2017 and 2016. The fair values have been determined based on quoted market prices for our 2022 Notes.

| Long-Term Debt | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Thereafter | December 31, 2017 | | December 31, 2016 | |
|------------------------|------|------|---------|------|---------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | Total | Fair Value | Total | Fair Value |
| (dollars in thousands) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fixed rate | — | — | — | — | 300,000 | — | 300,000 | 309,000 | 300,000 | 312,750 |
| Average interest rate | — | — | — | — | 6.0% | — | 6.0% | — | 6.0% | — |
| Variable rate | — | — | 100,000 | — | — | — | 100,000 | 100,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 |
| Average interest rate | — | — | 3.3% | — | — | — | 3.3% | — | 2.3% | — |

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

Exchange Rate Risk

Our foreign currency exposure primarily relates to intercompany receivables and payables and third-party receivables and payables that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of our legal entities. Our largest foreign currency exposure is unsettled intercompany payables and receivables, which are reviewed on a regular basis. In cases where settlement of intercompany balances is not practical, we may use cash to create offsetting currency positions to reduce exposure. Gains and losses from foreign currency transactions are included in interest income and other on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income and to date have not had a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. See Note 5, “Interest Income and Other” in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report for information.

Translation of Financial Results

Most of our foreign subsidiaries operate in a currency other than the U.S. dollar; therefore, increases or decreases in the value of the U.S. dollar against other major currencies will affect our operating results and the value of our balance sheet items denominated in foreign currencies. Our most significant exposures to translation risk currently relate to functional currency assets and liabilities that are denominated in the British pound, euro, Australian dollar and Canadian dollar. The following table details the unrealized changes in the net investments of foreign subsidiaries whose currencies are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015. These translation adjustments are reflected in “Other comprehensive gain/(loss)” on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

| <u>Changes in Net Investment of Foreign Subsidiaries</u> | <u>Year Ended December 31,</u> | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
| | (in thousands) | | |
| British pound | \$ 20,394 | \$ (34,329) | \$ (10,109) |
| Euro | 6,595 | (1,274) | (4,379) |
| Australian dollar | 4,058 | 922 | (7,144) |
| Canadian dollar | 1,439 | 328 | (2,124) |
| All other | (1,822) | (7,531) | (4,971) |
| Total | <u>\$ 30,664</u> | <u>\$ (41,884)</u> | <u>\$ (28,727)</u> |

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

FTI Consulting, Inc. and Subsidiaries

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Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting and for performing an assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Our system of internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets, (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with the authorization of our management and directors, and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017 based on the framework in the 2013 Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on that evaluation, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2017.

KPMG LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm that audited our financial statements, has issued an audit report on their assessment of internal control over financial reporting, which is included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Date: February 22, 2018

/s/ STEVEN H. GUNBY

Steven H. Gunby
President and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

/s/ AJAY SABHERWAL

Ajay Sabherwal
Chief Financial Officer
(principal financial officer)

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm — Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The Board of Directors and Stockholders
FTI Consulting, Inc.

Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We have audited FTI Consulting, Inc.'s (the "Company") internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on criteria established in the Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes and financial statement Schedule II, Valuation and Qualifying Accounts (collectively, the consolidated financial statements), and our report dated February 22, 2018 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

Basis of Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ KPMG LLP

McLean, Virginia
February 22, 2018

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm — Consolidated Financial Statements

The Board of Directors and Stockholders
FTI Consulting, Inc.

Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of FTI Consulting, Inc. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders’ equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes and financial statement Schedule II, Valuation and Qualifying Accounts (collectively, the “consolidated financial statements”). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2017, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated February 22, 2018 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

Basis of Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ KPMG LLP

We have served as the Company’s auditor since 2006.

McLean, Virginia
February 22, 2018

FTI Consulting, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in thousands, except per share data)

| | December 31, | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Assets | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 189,961 | \$ 216,158 |
| Accounts receivable: | | |
| Billed receivables | 390,996 | 365,385 |
| Unbilled receivables | 312,569 | 288,331 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services | (180,687) | (178,819) |
| Accounts receivable, net | 522,878 | 474,897 |
| Current portion of notes receivable | 25,691 | 31,864 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 55,649 | 60,252 |
| Total current assets | 794,179 | 783,171 |
| Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation | 75,075 | 61,856 |
| Goodwill | 1,204,803 | 1,180,001 |
| Other intangible assets, net of amortization | 44,150 | 52,120 |
| Notes receivable, net of current portion | 98,105 | 104,524 |
| Other assets | 40,929 | 43,696 |
| Total assets | \$ 2,257,241 | \$ 2,225,368 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other | \$ 94,873 | \$ 87,320 |
| Accrued compensation | 268,513 | 261,500 |
| Billings in excess of services provided | 46,942 | 29,635 |
| Total current liabilities | 410,328 | 378,455 |
| Long-term debt, net | 396,284 | 365,528 |
| Deferred income taxes | 124,471 | 173,799 |
| Other liabilities | 134,187 | 100,228 |
| Total liabilities | 1,065,270 | 1,018,010 |
| Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 13) | | |
| Stockholders' equity | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; shares authorized — 5,000; none outstanding | — | — |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value; shares authorized — 75,000; shares issued and outstanding — 37,729 (2017) and 42,037 (2016) | 377 | 420 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 266,035 | 416,816 |
| Retained earnings | 1,045,774 | 941,001 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (120,215) | (150,879) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 1,191,971 | 1,207,358 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 2,257,241 | \$ 2,225,368 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

FTI Consulting, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(in thousands, except per share data)

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Revenues | \$ 1,807,732 | \$ 1,810,394 | \$ 1,779,149 |
| Operating expenses | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 1,215,560 | 1,210,771 | 1,171,444 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 429,722 | 434,552 | 432,668 |
| Special charges | 40,885 | 10,445 | — |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | 2,291 | 2,164 | (1,200) |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 10,563 | 10,306 | 11,726 |
| | 1,699,021 | 1,668,238 | 1,614,638 |
| Operating income | 108,711 | 142,156 | 164,511 |
| Other income (expense) | | | |
| Interest income and other | 3,752 | 10,466 | 3,232 |
| Interest expense | (25,358) | (24,819) | (42,768) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | — | (19,589) |
| | (21,606) | (14,353) | (59,125) |
| Income before income tax provision (benefit) | 87,105 | 127,803 | 105,386 |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | (20,857) | 42,283 | 39,333 |
| Net income | \$ 107,962 | \$ 85,520 | \$ 66,053 |
| Earnings per common share — basic | \$ 2.79 | \$ 2.09 | \$ 1.62 |
| Earnings per common share — diluted | \$ 2.75 | \$ 2.05 | \$ 1.58 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax expense of \$0 | \$ 30,664 | \$ (41,884) | \$ (28,727) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 30,664 | (41,884) | (28,727) |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 138,626 | \$ 43,636 | \$ 37,326 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

FTI Consulting, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
(in thousands)

| | Common Stock | | Additional Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Total |
|---|--------------|--------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------|
| | Shares | Amount | | | | |
| Balance at December 31, 2014 | 41,181 | \$ 412 | \$ 393,174 | \$ 789,428 | \$ (80,268) | \$ 1,102,746 |
| Net income | — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 66,053 | \$ — | \$ 66,053 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | | | | |
| Cumulative translation adjustment | — | — | — | — | (28,727) | (28,727) |
| Issuance of common stock in connection with: | | | | | | |
| Exercise of options, net of income tax benefit from share-based awards of \$2,050 | 713 | 7 | 19,019 | — | — | 19,026 |
| Restricted share grants, less net settled shares of 116 | 105 | 1 | (4,372) | — | — | (4,371) |
| Stock units issued under incentive compensation plan | — | — | 2,124 | — | — | 2,124 |
| Purchase and retirement of common stock | (765) | (8) | (26,524) | — | — | (26,532) |
| Share-based compensation | — | — | 17,284 | — | — | 17,284 |
| Balance at December 31, 2015 | 41,234 | \$ 412 | \$ 400,705 | \$ 855,481 | \$ (108,995) | \$ 1,147,603 |
| Net income | — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 85,520 | \$ — | \$ 85,520 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | | | | |
| Cumulative translation adjustment | — | — | — | — | (41,884) | (41,884) |
| Issuance of common stock in connection with: | | | | | | |
| Exercise of options, net of income tax benefit from share-based awards of \$2,051 | 820 | 8 | 25,234 | — | — | 25,242 |
| Restricted share grants, less net settled shares of 137 | 520 | 5 | (5,541) | — | — | (5,536) |
| Stock units issued under incentive compensation plan | — | — | 1,842 | — | — | 1,842 |
| Purchase and retirement of common stock | (537) | (5) | (21,484) | — | — | (21,489) |
| Share-based compensation | — | — | 16,060 | — | — | 16,060 |
| Balance at December 31, 2016 | 42,037 | \$ 420 | \$ 416,816 | \$ 941,001 | \$ (150,879) | \$ 1,207,358 |
| Net income | — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 107,962 | \$ — | \$ 107,962 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | | | | |
| Cumulative translation adjustment | — | — | — | — | 30,664 | 30,664 |
| Issuance of common stock in connection with: | | | | | | |
| Exercise of options | 123 | 1 | 4,132 | — | — | 4,133 |
| Restricted share grants, less net settled shares of 92 | 243 | 2 | (4,442) | — | — | (4,440) |
| Stock units issued under incentive compensation plan | — | — | 1,547 | — | — | 1,547 |
| Purchase and retirement of common stock | (4,674) | (46) | (168,048) | — | — | (168,094) |
| Cumulative effect due to adoption of new accounting standard | — | — | — | (3,189) | — | (3,189) |
| Share-based compensation | — | — | 16,030 | — | — | 16,030 |
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | 37,729 | \$ 377 | \$ 266,035 | \$ 1,045,774 | \$ (120,215) | \$ 1,191,971 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

FTI Consulting, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in thousands)

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Operating activities | | | |
| Net income | \$ 107,962 | \$ 85,520 | \$ 66,053 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 31,177 | 38,700 | 31,392 |
| Amortization and impairment of other intangible assets | 10,563 | 10,306 | 11,726 |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | 2,291 | 2,164 | (1,200) |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 15,386 | 8,912 | 15,564 |
| Non-cash share-based compensation | 16,030 | 16,920 | 17,951 |
| Non-cash interest expense | 1,984 | 1,985 | 2,521 |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | — | 19,589 |
| Other | 611 | (1,204) | (760) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions: | | | |
| Accounts receivable, billed and unbilled | (50,831) | 3,471 | (35,648) |
| Notes receivable | 14,928 | 3,145 | 3,106 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 629 | (2,840) | (3,557) |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other | 4,421 | 3,268 | (4,718) |
| Income taxes | (25,768) | 22,012 | 18,491 |
| Accrued compensation | 1,795 | 40,350 | 4,780 |
| Billings in excess of services provided | 16,447 | 779 | (5,370) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 147,625 | 233,488 | 139,920 |
| Investing activities | | | |
| Payments for acquisition of businesses, net of cash received | (8,929) | (1,251) | (575) |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (32,004) | (28,935) | (31,399) |
| Other | 295 | 54 | 237 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (40,638) | (30,132) | (31,737) |
| Financing activities | | | |
| Borrowings (repayments) under revolving line of credit, net | 30,000 | (130,000) | 200,000 |
| Payments of long-term debt | — | — | (425,671) |
| Payments of debt issue costs | — | — | (3,843) |
| Deposits | 2,825 | 4,006 | 3,227 |
| Purchase and retirement of common stock | (168,094) | (21,489) | (26,532) |
| Net issuance of common stock under equity compensation plans | (504) | 21,708 | 16,666 |
| Payments for acquisition-related contingent consideration | (5,161) | (866) | (745) |
| Other | — | 1,331 | 936 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (140,934) | (125,310) | (235,962) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 7,750 | (11,648) | (6,141) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (26,197) | 66,398 | (133,920) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 216,158 | 149,760 | 283,680 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 189,961 | \$ 216,158 | \$ 149,760 |
| Supplemental cash flow disclosures | | | |
| Cash paid for interest | \$ 23,285 | \$ 23,154 | \$ 46,965 |
| Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds | \$ 4,929 | \$ 20,270 | \$ 20,654 |
| Non-cash investing and financing activities: | | | |
| Issuance of stock units under incentive compensation plans | \$ 1,547 | \$ 1,842 | \$ 2,124 |
| Acquisition related contingent liability | \$ 3,426 | \$ — | \$ — |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(dollar and share amounts in tables expressed in thousands, except per share data)

1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Business

FTI Consulting, Inc. including its consolidated subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company,” “we,” “our” or “FTI Consulting”), is a global business advisory firm dedicated to helping organizations manage change, mitigate risk and resolve disputes: financial, legal, operational, political and regulatory, reputational and transactional. Individually, each of our segments and practices is staffed with experts recognized for the depth of their knowledge and a track record of making an impact. Collectively, FTI Consulting offers a comprehensive suite of services designed to assist clients across the business cycle, from proactive risk management to rapid response to unexpected events and dynamic environments. We operate through five reportable segments: Corporate Finance & Restructuring, Forensic and Litigation Consulting, Economic Consulting, Technology and Strategic Communications.

Accounting Principles

Our financial statements are prepared in conformity with United States (“U.S.”) generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of FTI Consulting and all of our subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. Reclassifications of certain prior period amounts have been made to conform to the current period presentation.

Foreign Currency

Results of operations for our non-U.S. subsidiaries are translated from the designated functional currency to the reporting currency of the U.S. dollar. Revenues and expenses are translated at average exchange rates for each month, while assets and liabilities are translated at balance sheet date exchange rates. Resulting net translation adjustments are recorded as a component of stockholders’ equity in “Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).”

Transaction gains and losses arising from currency exchange rate fluctuations on transactions denominated in a currency other than the local functional currency are included in “Interest income and other” on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. Such transaction gains and losses may be realized or unrealized depending upon whether the transaction settled during the period or remains outstanding at the balance sheet date.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making those assumptions, actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant estimates made and assumptions used are the determination of the allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services, the assessment of the recoverability of goodwill, other intangible assets and realization of deferred tax assets, the valuation of share-based compensation and the fair value of acquisition-related contingent consideration. Management bases its estimates on historical trends, current experience and other assumptions that it believes are reasonable.

Concentrations of Risk

We do not have a single customer that represents 10% or more of our consolidated revenues. We derive the majority of our revenues from providing professional services to clients in the U.S. For the year ended December 31, 2017, we derived approximately 30% of our consolidated revenues from the work of professionals who are assigned to locations outside of the U.S. We believe that the geographic and industry diversity of our customer base throughout the U.S. and internationally minimizes the risk of incurring material losses due to concentrations of credit risk.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the related services are provided, the price is fixed or determinable and collectability is reasonably assured. If, at the outset of an arrangement, we determine that the arrangement fee is not fixed or determinable, revenues are deferred until all criteria for recognizing revenues are met. Provisions are recorded for the estimated realization adjustments on all engagements, including engagements for which fees are subject to review by bankruptcy courts and other regulatory institutions. If the client is in bankruptcy, fees for our services may be subject to approval by the court. In some cases, a portion of the fees to be paid to us by a client is required by a court to be

held until completion of our work and final fee settlements have been negotiated. We make a determination whether to record all or a portion of such holdback as revenues prior to collection on a case-by-case basis.

We generate the majority of our revenues from providing professional services under four types of billing arrangements: time and expense, fixed fee, performance based and unit based.

1. Time-and-expense billing arrangements require the client to pay based on the number of hours worked by our revenue-generating professionals at contractually agreed-upon rates. We recognize revenues for our professional services rendered under time-and-expense engagements based on the hours incurred at agreed-upon rates, including discounts, as work is performed. In some cases, time-and-expense arrangements are subject to a cap, in which case we assess work performed on a periodic basis to ensure that the cap has not been exceeded.
2. Fixed-fee billing arrangements require the client to pay a pre-established fee in exchange for a predetermined set of professional services. Generally, the client agrees to pay a fixed fee every month over the specified contract term. These contracts are for varying periods and generally permit the client to cancel the contract before the end of the term. We recognize revenues for our professional services rendered under these fixed-fee billing arrangements monthly over the specified contract term or, in certain cases, revenues are recognized on the proportional performance method of accounting based on the ratio of labor hours incurred to estimated total labor hours, which we consider to be the best available indicator of the pattern and timing in which such contract obligations are fulfilled.
3. Performance-based or contingent billing arrangements require the client to pay fees based on the attainment of contractually defined objectives. Often this type of arrangement supplements a time-and-expense or fixed-fee engagement, where payment of a performance-based fee is deferred until the conclusion of the matter or upon the achievement of performance-based criteria. We do not recognize revenues under performance based billing arrangements until all related performance criteria are met and collection of the fee is reasonably assured.
4. Unit-based revenues, predominantly in our Technology segment, are based on either the amount of data stored or processed, the number of concurrent users accessing the information, or the number of pages or images processed for a client. We recognize revenues for our professional services rendered under unit-based engagements as the services are provided based on agreed-upon rates. Revenues from hosting fees are recognized based on the units used over the term of the hosting agreement. Additionally, we may provide client incentives in the form of volume fee discounts, which are recorded as a reduction of revenues.

We also generate certain revenues from software licenses and maintenance, predominantly in our Technology segment. We have vendor-specific objective evidence of fair value for support and maintenance separate from software for the majority of our products. Accordingly, when licenses of certain offerings are included in an arrangement with support and maintenance, we recognize the license revenues upon delivery of the license and recognize the support and maintenance revenues over the term of the maintenance service period. Our software license agreements generally do not include acceptance provisions. If an arrangement allows for customer acceptance of the software, we defer revenues until the earlier of customer acceptance or when the acceptance provisions lapse.

Some clients pay us a retainer before we begin work for them. We hold retainers on deposit until we have completed the work. We generally apply these retainers to final billings and refund any excess over the final amount billed to clients, as appropriate.

Reimbursable expenses, including those relating to travel, out-of-pocket expenses, outside consultants and other outside service costs, are generally included in revenues, and an equivalent amount of reimbursable expenses is included in costs of services in the period in which the expense is incurred. Revenues recognized, but not yet billed to clients, have been recorded as "Unbilled receivables," in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Direct Cost of Revenues

Direct cost of revenues consists primarily of billable employee compensation and related payroll benefits, the cost of contractors assigned to revenue-generating activities and direct expenses billable to clients. Direct cost of revenues also includes depreciation expense on the equipment of our Technology segment that is used to host and process client information, as well as amortization of software. Direct cost of revenues does not include an allocation of corporate overhead and non-billable segment costs.

Share-Based Compensation

Share-based compensation cost is estimated at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and is recognized as expense over the requisite service period or performance period of the award. The amount of share-based compensation expense recognized at any date must at least equal the portion of grant date value of the award that is vested at that date.

We use the Black-Scholes pricing model to determine the fair value of stock options on the date of grant. The Black-Scholes pricing model requires the development of assumptions, including volatility and expected term, which are based on our historical experience. The risk-free interest rate is based on the term of U.S. Treasury interest rates that is consistent with the expected term of the share-based award.

The fair value of restricted share awards and restricted stock units is measured based on the closing price of the underlying stock on the date of grant. The fair value of performance share units that contain market-based vesting conditions is measured using a Monte Carlo pricing model. The compensation cost of performance stock units is based on the grant date fair value and is not subsequently reversed if it is later determined that the market condition is unlikely to be met or is expected to be lower than originally expected.

For all our share-based awards, we recognize forfeiture expense as forfeitures occur rather than estimating forfeitures based on historical data.

Research and Development

Research and development costs related to software development are expensed as incurred. When we have determined that technological feasibility for our software products is reached, development costs related to the project are capitalized until such products are available for general release to customers as discussed in “Capitalized Software to Be Sold, Leased or Otherwise Marketed.” Research and development expenses related to software development totaled \$14.9 million, \$17.5 million and \$19.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and are included in “Selling, general and administrative expenses” on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Advertising Costs

Advertising costs consist of marketing, advertising through print and other media, professional event sponsorship and public relations. These costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising costs totaled \$14.8 million, \$15.9 million, and \$18.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and are included in “Selling, general and administrative expenses” on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Acquisition-Related Contingent Consideration

The fair value of acquisition-related contingent consideration is estimated at the acquisition date utilizing a probability weighted estimate of future cash flow adjusted for the expected timing of each payment. Subsequent to the acquisition date, on a quarterly basis, the contingent consideration liability is remeasured at current fair value with any changes recorded in earnings. Accretion expense is recorded to adjust the discounted value of acquisition-related contingent consideration liabilities to their present value. Remeasurement gains or losses and accretion expense are included in “Acquisition-related contingent consideration” on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Income Taxes

Our income tax provision (benefit) consists principally of U.S. federal, state and international income taxes. We generate income in a significant number of states located throughout the U.S., as well as foreign countries in which we conduct business. Our effective income tax rate may fluctuate due to a change in the mix of earnings between higher and lower state or country tax jurisdictions and the impact of non-deductible expenses. Additionally, we record deferred tax assets and liabilities using the asset and liability method of accounting, which requires us to measure these assets and liabilities using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. A valuation allowance is recognized if, based on the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some portion, or all, of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. In evaluating our ability to recover our deferred tax assets, we consider all available positive and negative evidence, including scheduled reversals of temporary differences, projected future taxable income, tax planning strategies and recent results of operations.

Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of money market funds, commercial paper and certificates of deposit with maturities of three months or less at the time of purchase.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts and Unbilled Services

We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services for estimated losses resulting from potential fee reductions negotiated by clients or imposed by bankruptcy courts or other regulatory agencies and the inability of clients to pay our fees, as well as from disputes that affect our ability to fully collect our billed accounts receivable. Even if a bankruptcy court approves our services, the court has the discretion to require us to refund all or a portion of our fees due to the outcome of the case or a variety of other factors. We estimate the allowance for all receivable risks by reviewing the status of each matter and recording reserves based on our experience and knowledge of the particular client and historical collection patterns. However, our actual experience may vary significantly from our estimates. If the financial condition of our clients were to deteriorate, resulting in their inability or unwillingness to pay our fees, or bankruptcy courts require us to refund certain fees, we may need to record additional allowances or write-offs in future periods. This risk related to a client's non-payment may be mitigated to the extent that we receive a retainer from some of our clients prior to performing services.

We record adjustments to the allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services as a reduction in revenues when there are changes in estimates of fee reductions that may be imposed by bankruptcy courts and other regulatory institutions for both billed and unbilled receivables. The allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services is also adjusted after the related work has been billed to the client and we discover that collectability is not reasonably assured. These adjustments are recorded to "Selling, general and administrative expenses" on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income and totaled \$15.4 million, \$8.9 million and \$15.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Property and Equipment

We record property and equipment, including improvements that extend useful lives, at cost, while maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred. We calculate depreciation using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives ranging from three to seven years for furniture, equipment and internal use software. We amortize leasehold improvements over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the asset or the lease term. We capitalize costs incurred during the application development stage of computer software developed or obtained for internal use. Capitalized software developed for internal use is classified within furniture, equipment and software and is amortized over the estimated useful life of the software, which is generally three years.

Notes Receivable from Employees

Notes receivable from employees principally include unsecured general recourse forgivable loans and retention payments, which are provided to attract and retain certain of our senior employees and other professionals. Generally, all of the principal amount and accrued interest of the forgivable loans we make to employees and other professionals will be forgiven according to the stated terms of the loan agreement, provided that the professional is providing services to the Company on the forgiveness date and upon other specified events, such as death or disability. Professionals who terminate their employment or services with us prior to the end of the forgiveness period are required to repay the outstanding, unforgiven loan balance and any accrued but unforgiven interest. If the termination was by the Company without cause or by the employee with good reason, or, subject to certain conditions, if the employee terminates his or her employment due to retirement or non-renewal of his or her employment agreement, the loan may be forgiven or continue to be forgivable, in whole or in part. We amortize forgivable loans ratably over the requisite service period, which ranges from a period of one to ten years. The amount of expense recognized at any date must at least equal to the portion of the principal forgiven on the forgiveness date.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the purchase price of acquired businesses in excess of the fair market value of net assets acquired at the date of acquisition. Other intangible assets may include trade names, customer relationships, non-competition agreements and software.

We test our goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually as of the first day of the fourth quarter or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. On a quarterly basis, we monitor the key drivers of fair value to detect events or other changes that would warrant an interim impairment test. Important factors we consider that could trigger an interim impairment review include, but are not limited to, the following:

- significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results;
- a significant change in the manner of our use of the acquired asset or the strategy for our overall business;
- a significant market decline related to negative industry or economic trends; and/or
- our market capitalization relative to net carrying value.

We assess our goodwill for impairment at the reporting unit level. A reporting unit is an operating segment or a business one level below that operating segment if discrete financial information is available and regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision makers. Entities have an option, under certain circumstances, to perform a qualitative assessment regarding the reporting unit's fair value, to determine whether it is necessary to perform the quantitative impairment test.

In the qualitative assessment, we consider various factors, events or circumstances including macroeconomic conditions, industry and market considerations, cost factors, overall financial performance and other relevant reporting unit specific events. If, based on the qualitative assessment, an entity determines that it is not "more likely than not" that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, we do not prepare a quantitative impairment test. If we determine otherwise, we will prepare a quantitative assessment for potential goodwill impairment.

In the quantitative assessment, we compare the estimated fair value of the reporting unit to the carrying amount of that reporting unit. We estimate fair value using a combination of an income approach (based on discounted cash flows) and market approaches, using appropriate weighting factors. If the fair value exceeds the carrying amount, goodwill is not impaired. However, if the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit, an impairment loss shall be recognized in an amount equal to that excess, limited to the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit.

We determine whether to perform qualitative assessment first or to bypass the qualitative assessment and proceed with the quantitative goodwill impairment test for each of our reporting units based on the headroom from the most recent quantitative tests and other events or changes in circumstances that could impact the fair value of the reporting units.

Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives and reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate an asset's carrying value may not be recoverable. We amortize our acquired finite-lived intangible assets on a straight-line basis over periods ranging from one to 15 years.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

We review long-lived assets such as property and equipment and finite-lived intangible assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. These events or changes in circumstances may include a significant deterioration of operating results, changes in business plans or changes in anticipated future cash flows. If an impairment indicator is present, we evaluate recoverability of assets to be held and used by a comparison of the carrying value of the assets with future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the assets. We group assets at the lowest level for which there are identifiable cash flows that are largely independent of the cash flows generated by other asset groups. If the total of the expected undiscounted future cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the asset group, we estimate the fair value of the asset group to determine whether an impairment loss should be recognized.

Capitalized Software to Be Sold, Leased or Otherwise Marketed

We expense costs for software products that will be sold, leased or otherwise marketed until technological feasibility has been established. Thereafter, eligible software development costs are capitalized and subsequently reported at the lower of unamortized cost or net realizable value. Capitalized costs are amortized based on current and future revenues for each product with an annual minimum equal to the straight-line amortization over the remaining estimated economic life of the product. We classify software products to be sold, leased or otherwise marketed as noncurrent "Other assets" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Unamortized capitalized software costs were \$14.8 million and \$16.6 million as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Amortization expense for capitalized software costs was \$6.7 million, \$12.0 million and \$6.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Leases

We lease office space and equipment under non-cancelable operating leases. The leases normally provide for the payment of minimum annual rentals and may include scheduled rent increases. Some leases include provisions for renewal options of up to five years. Some of our leases for office space contain provisions whereby the future rental payments may be adjusted for increases in operating expenses above specified amounts.

We recognize rent expense under operating leases on a straight-line basis over the non-cancelable lease term. For leases with scheduled rent increases, this treatment results in a deferred rent liability, which is classified within "Other liabilities" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Lease inducements, such as tenant improvement allowances, cash inducements and rent abatements, are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease. Unamortized lease inducements are also included in deferred rent. Deferred rent totaled \$43.9 million and \$41.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Billings in Excess of Services Provided

Billings in excess of services provided represent amounts billed to clients, such as retainers, in advance of work being performed. Clients may make advance payments, which are held on deposit until completion of work or are applied at predetermined amounts or times. Excess payments are either applied to final billings or refunded to clients upon completion of work. Payments in excess of related accounts receivable and unbilled receivables are recorded as billings in excess of services provided within the liabilities section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

2. New Accounting Standards

Adopted Accounting Standards

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-09, *Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*. This standard makes several modifications to Topic 718, including the accounting for forfeitures, employer tax withholding on share-based compensation and income tax consequences, and clarifies the statement of cash flows presentation for certain components of share-based awards, all of which are intended to simplify various aspects of the accounting for share-based compensation. We adopted this standard as of January 1, 2017. Previously, differences in the tax deduction and book expense resulting from the exercise of employee stock options were recorded to "Additional paid-in capital" on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. Since then, we have recorded the excess benefits realized from stock compensation transactions as a component of income tax expense in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income. Additionally, we elected to recognize forfeiture expense as forfeitures occur, rather than estimating forfeitures based on historical data.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*, which clarifies how cash receipts and cash payments are classified in the statement of cash flows. We elected, as permitted by the standard, to early adopt ASU 2016-15, as of December 31, 2017. The adoption of this guidance did not impact our consolidated financial statements.

In October 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-16, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets Other than Inventory*, which removes the prohibition against immediate recognition of current and deferred income tax effects on intra-entity transfers of assets other than inventory. We elected to early adopt this standard as of January 1, 2017 and recorded a \$3.2 million cumulative effect adjustment to the beginning balance of retained earnings on January 1, 2017, which resulted in a net impact of increasing deferred tax assets by \$2.6 million and decreasing a deferred tax charge in other assets by \$5.8 million related to a prior period intra-entity transfer of intellectual property.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04: *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment*. This ASU simplifies the subsequent measurement of goodwill by removing Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. We elected, as permitted by the standard, to early adopt ASU 2017-04 on a prospective basis as of December 31, 2017. The adoption of this guidance would only impact the measurement of a future goodwill impairment to the extent applicable.

Accounting Standards Not yet Adopted

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which supersedes existing lease guidance. Under this ASU, we will be required to record right-of-use assets and corresponding lease liabilities on the balance sheet. Previously, there was no requirement to recognize an asset or liability on the balance sheet for an operating lease. The ASU also requires disclosure of key information about leasing arrangements. This guidance is effective beginning January 1, 2019. The new standard is required to be applied with a modified retrospective approach for each prior reporting period presented. We are in

the preliminary phases of our implementation plan, which includes the identification of all lease contracts and an assessment of the effect of the ASU on our portfolio of leases. While this assessment continues, we have not yet determined the effect of the ASU on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flow presentation.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*. Under this ASU and subsequently issued amendments, revenues are recognized at the time when goods or services are transferred to a customer in an amount that reflects the consideration it expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Companies may use either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach to adopt this ASU. We will adopt this standard using the modified retrospective method effective January 1, 2018.

We generate the majority of our revenues from providing professional services under the following types of billing arrangements: time and expense, fixed fee and performance based. The impact of the ASU adoption for each type of billing arrangement is as follows:

Time and expense - The Company will use the right-to-invoice practical expedient to account for time-and-expense billing arrangements when the Company has a right to consideration from a customer in an amount that corresponds directly with the value of the entity's performance completed to date. This is consistent with the Company's current revenue recognition policy.

Fixed fee - The Company will recognize revenues as individual performance obligations are satisfied using a measure of progress that is based on the efforts or hours incurred as a percentage of total hours expected to be incurred (i.e., an input method measure of progress). This method is consistent with the Company's current revenue recognition policy. However, the definition of a performance obligation under the new standard requires an evaluation of whether or not a good or service to a customer is distinct. This assessment of whether or not a single or multiple performance obligations exists within a contract may lead to a difference in the timing of revenue recognition compared with our current revenue recognition policy.

Performance based or contingent - These arrangements include some form of variable consideration whereby the Company earns revenues if certain predefined outcomes occur in the future. When the related performance obligations are satisfied over time, the Company may recognize revenues in the proportion that the outcome has been earned based on services provided when the Company concludes that collection of the amount recorded is probable, i.e., a significant reversal will not occur in the future. The Company will evaluate probability using either the expected value method or the most likely amount method, as appropriate. Under the new standard, the Company may recognize revenues earlier than it previously did largely relative to certain types of contingent success fees where revenues were recorded upon cash collection.

In addition, we believe this standard could affect the timing of revenue recognition for contracts that provide prospective volume-based discounts, time-and-expense billing arrangements with a cap on total fees, where we expect the cap to be exceeded, and other arrangements where a discount is provided, among others.

The Company is in its final stages of quantifying the financial impacts of the new guidance based on the contracts that exist at the date of adoption, as well as evaluating presentation of our revenues and required enhancements to disclosures. We have implemented both process and information systems changes to identify and assess contracts that are impacted by the new revenue recognition criteria and accumulate data to satisfy new disclosure requirements. We expect that the new standard will have an immaterial impact on our consolidated financial statements, other than increased disclosures, upon adoption. Changes to revenue recognition as a result of applying the new standard will largely arise from certain contingent or success fee arrangements as described above.

3. Earnings Per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share are calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per common share adjust basic earnings per common share for the effects of potentially dilutive common shares. Potentially dilutive common shares include the dilutive effects of shares issuable under our equity compensation plans, including stock options and restricted stock, each using the treasury stock method.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Numerator — basic and diluted | | | |
| Net income | \$ 107,962 | \$ 85,520 | \$ 66,053 |
| Denominator | | | |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding — basic | 38,697 | 40,943 | 40,846 |
| Effect of dilutive stock options | 117 | 281 | 388 |
| Effect of dilutive restricted shares | 378 | 485 | 495 |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding — diluted | 39,192 | 41,709 | 41,729 |
| Earnings per common share — basic | \$ 2.79 | \$ 2.09 | \$ 1.62 |
| Earnings per common share — diluted | \$ 2.75 | \$ 2.05 | \$ 1.58 |
| Antidilutive stock options and restricted shares | 1,561 | 1,404 | 1,734 |

4. Special Charges

During the year ended December 31, 2017, we recorded special charges of \$40.9 million. The charges related to certain targeted reductions in areas of each segment where we needed to realign our workforce with current business demand. In addition, cost-cutting actions were taken in certain corporate departments where we were able to streamline support activities and reduce our real estate costs. \$48.4 million of the charge will be paid in cash. The total charge is net of a \$7.5 million non-cash reduction to expense primarily for the reversal of a deferred rent liability. The special charge includes the following components:

- \$23.5 million of employee severance and other employee-related costs associated with the reduction in workforce of 255 employees in our segments and certain corporate departments. All of these amounts will be paid in cash;
- \$14.4 million of exit costs associated with the curtailment of our lease on our executive office in Washington, D.C. \$22.7 million of the charge will be paid in cash. The exit costs include an \$8.3 million non-cash reduction to expense primarily for the reversal of a deferred rent liability; and
- \$3.0 million of other expenses, including costs related to disposing or closing several small international offices, of which \$0.8 million was a non-cash expense.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, we recorded special charges of \$10.4 million. The charges are related to employee terminations in our Technology segment, health solutions practice of our Forensic and Litigation Consulting segment, and Corporate infrastructure group. The charges consisted of salary continuance and other contractual employee-related costs.

There were no special charges recorded during the year ended December 31, 2015.

The following table details the special charges by segment and corporate.

| Special Charges by Segment | Year Ended December 31, | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | \$ 5,440 | \$ — |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 12,334 | 2,304 |
| Economic Consulting | 6,624 | — |
| Technology | 5,057 | 7,529 |
| Strategic Communications | 7,752 | — |
| | 37,207 | 9,833 |
| Unallocated Corporate | 3,678 | 612 |
| Total | \$ 40,885 | \$ 10,445 |

The table below summarizes the activity related to the liabilities for these costs for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

| | Employee Termination Costs | Lease Termination Costs | Other | Total |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2015 | \$ 7,768 | \$ 4,045 | \$ — | \$ 11,813 |
| Additions ⁽¹⁾ | 10,724 | — | — | 10,724 |
| Reductions | (10,264) | (896) | — | (11,160) |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment and other | (3) | 186 | — | 183 |
| Balance at December 31, 2016 | <u>\$ 8,225</u> | <u>\$ 3,335</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 11,560</u> |
| Additions ⁽¹⁾ | 23,260 | 23,498 | 584 | 47,342 |
| Reductions | (20,771) | (7,757) | (584) | (29,112) |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment and other | 165 | (19) | — | 146 |
| Balance at December 31, 2017 ⁽²⁾ | <u>\$ 10,879</u> | <u>\$ 19,057</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 29,936</u> |

⁽¹⁾ Excludes \$0.8 million and \$0.3 million in net non-cash expense reversals for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively

⁽²⁾ Of the \$29.9 million remaining liability for special charges, \$16.0 million is expected to be paid in 2018, \$4.8 million is expected to be paid in 2019, \$3.8 million is expected to be paid in 2020, \$3.2 million is expected to be paid in 2021 and the remaining balance of \$2.1 million is expected to be paid from 2022 to 2026. These amounts are included in "Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other" and "Other liabilities" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

5. Interest Income and Other

The table below presents the components of "Interest income and other" as shown on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Interest Income and Other | | | |
| Interest income | \$ 3,968 | \$ 4,420 | \$ 4,996 |
| Foreign exchange transaction gains (losses), net | (77) | 4,937 | (940) |
| Other | (139) | 1,109 | (824) |
| Total | <u>\$ 3,752</u> | <u>\$ 10,466</u> | <u>\$ 3,232</u> |

6. Share-Based Compensation

Share-Based Incentive Compensation Plans

Under the Company's 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan, effective as of June 7, 2017 (the "2017 Omnibus Plan"), there were 1,714,952 shares of common stock available for grant as of December 31, 2017.

Share-Based Compensation Expense

The table below reflects the total share-based compensation expense recognized in our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

| Income Statement Classification | 2017 | | 2016 | | 2015 | |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Restricted | | Restricted | | Restricted | |
| | Options ⁽¹⁾ | Shares ⁽²⁾ | Options ⁽¹⁾ | Shares ⁽²⁾ | Options ⁽¹⁾ | Shares ⁽²⁾ |
| Direct cost of revenues | \$ 370 | \$ 9,691 | \$ 2,815 | \$ 7,530 | \$ 3,736 | \$ 6,532 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 1,238 | 4,839 | 966 | 9,117 | 1,482 | 7,469 |
| Special charges | — | 269 | 56 | 49 | — | — |
| Total | \$ 1,608 | \$ 14,799 | \$ 3,837 | \$ 16,696 | \$ 5,218 | \$ 14,001 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes options and cash-settled stock appreciation rights.

⁽²⁾ Includes restricted share awards, restricted stock units, performance stock units and cash-settled restricted stock units.

Stock Options

We use the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to fair value our option grants using the assumptions in the following table.

| Assumptions | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.60% | 0.98% | 1.07%-1.70% |
| Dividend yield | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Expected term | 3 years | 3 years | 3-5 years |
| Stock price volatility | 31.94% | 34.33% | 31.03%-40.36% |

A summary of our stock option activity during the year ended December 31, 2017 is presented below. The aggregate intrinsic value for stock options outstanding and exercisable, or fully vested, at December 31, 2017 in the table below represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value, which is calculated as the difference between the closing price of our common stock on the last trading day of 2017 and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of in-the-money options that would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options on December 31, 2017. The aggregate intrinsic value changes based on fluctuations in the fair market value per share of our common stock.

| | Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|---|--------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Stock options outstanding at December 31, 2016 | 2,418 | \$ 40.79 | | |
| Stock options granted | 131 | \$ 40.36 | | |
| Stock options exercised | (123) | \$ 33.69 | | |
| Stock options forfeited | (168) | \$ 47.76 | | |
| Stock options outstanding at December 31, 2017 | 2,258 | \$ 40.63 | 4.4 | \$ 11,724 |
| Stock options exercisable at December 31, 2017 | 1,683 | \$ 42.32 | 3.5 | \$ 7,531 |

Cash received from option exercises for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 was \$4.1 million, \$27.3 million and \$21.1 million, respectively. The actual tax benefit realized from stock options exercised totaled \$1.1 million, \$4.8 million and \$5.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The intrinsic value of stock options exercised is the amount by which the market value of our common stock on the exercise date exceeds the exercise price. The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 was \$0.9 million, \$6.9 million and \$8.1 million, respectively. Prior to the adoption of ASU 2016-09, the excess (shortage) of the tax deduction versus the book expense was recorded to "Additional paid-in capital" in the Consolidated

Balance Sheets. After the adoption, the excess tax benefit was recorded as a component of income tax expense in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

The following is a summary of stock options outstanding and exercisable as of December 31, 2017.

| Exercise Price Range | Options Outstanding | | | Options Exercisable | |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in Years) | Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| \$26.68-\$33.95 | 454 | \$ 31.60 | 5.4 | 257 | \$ 31.93 |
| \$34.33-\$36.87 | 526 | \$ 35.66 | 6.0 | 364 | \$ 35.84 |
| \$36.89-\$39.84 | 453 | \$ 38.01 | 3.5 | 409 | \$ 38.10 |
| \$40.36-\$47.46 | 465 | \$ 42.66 | 5.0 | 293 | \$ 43.70 |
| \$50.62-\$70.55 | 360 | \$ 59.95 | 0.8 | 360 | \$ 59.95 |
| | <u>2,258</u> | | | <u>1,683</u> | |

As of December 31, 2017, there was \$2.5 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock options. That cost is expected to be recognized ratably over a weighted average period of 1.5 years.

Restricted Share Awards

A summary of our unvested restricted share activity during the year ended December 31, 2017 is presented below.

| | Shares | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|--|------------|--|
| Unvested restricted share awards outstanding at December 31, 2016 | 941 | \$ 37.92 |
| Restricted share awards granted | 289 | \$ 38.45 |
| Restricted share awards vested | (251) | \$ 36.16 |
| Restricted share awards forfeited | (46) | \$ 37.55 |
| Unvested restricted share awards outstanding at December 31, 2017 | <u>933</u> | <u>\$ 38.58</u> |

As of December 31, 2017, there was \$20.7 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted share awards. That cost is expected to be recognized ratably over a weighted average period of 4.3 years. The total fair value of restricted share awards that vested during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 was \$9.9 million, \$10.4 million and \$14.6 million, respectively.

Restricted Stock Units

A summary of our restricted stock units activity during the year ended December 31, 2017 is presented below. The aggregate intrinsic value represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value based on the closing price of our common stock on the last trading day of 2017.

| | Shares | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value | Intrinsic Value |
|--|------------|--|------------------|
| Restricted stock units outstanding at December 31, 2016 | 465 | \$ 37.87 | |
| Restricted stock units granted | 50 | \$ 38.35 | |
| Restricted stock units released | (113) | \$ 39.47 | |
| Restricted stock units forfeited | — | \$ — | |
| Restricted stock units outstanding at December 31, 2017 | <u>402</u> | <u>\$ 37.49</u> | <u>\$ 17,287</u> |

The intrinsic value of restricted stock units released reflects the market value of our common stock on the date of release. The total intrinsic value of restricted stock units released for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 was \$4.1 million, \$9.3 million and \$3.1 million, respectively.

As of December 31, 2017, there was \$0.3 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock units. That cost is expected to be recognized ratably over a weighted average period of 0.7 years. The total fair value of restricted stock units that vested during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 was \$1.9 million, \$2.4 million and \$4.4 million, respectively.

Performance Stock Units

A summary of our performance stock units activity during the year ended December 31, 2017 is presented below. The performance stock units are subject to market conditions based on the adjusted total shareholder return of the Company as compared with the adjusted total shareholder return of the adjusted Standard & Poor's 500. The aggregate intrinsic value represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value based on the closing price of our common stock on the last trading day of 2017.

| | Shares | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value | Intrinsic Value |
|---|------------|---|--------------------|
| Performance stock units outstanding at December 31, 2016 | 206 | \$ 26.64 | |
| Performance stock units granted | 100 | \$ 24.99 | |
| Performance stock units released | — | \$ — | |
| Performance stock units forfeited | (54) | \$ 33.84 | |
| Performance stock units outstanding at December 31, 2017 | <u>252</u> | <u>\$ 25.71</u> | \$ 10,818 |

As of December 31, 2017, there was \$1.6 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested performance stock units. That cost is expected to be recognized ratably over a weighted average period of 0.9 years. There are no performance stock units that vested during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

The table below reflects the weighted average grant date fair value per share of stock options, restricted share awards, restricted stock units and performance stock units awarded during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015. The fair value of our restricted stock awards and restricted stock units is determined based on the closing market price per share of our common stock on the grant date. The fair value of the performance stock units reflects the market conditions as of the grant date using a Monte Carlo simulation.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Weighted average fair value of grants | | | |
| Stock options | \$ 9.56 | \$ 8.41 | \$ 10.85 |
| Restricted share awards, restricted stock units and performance stock units | \$ 38.88 | \$ 37.64 | \$ 39.01 |

7. Balance Sheet Details

| | December 31, | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | | |
| Prepaid expenses | \$ 35,667 | \$ 32,655 |
| Income tax receivable | 7,194 | 14,890 |
| Other current assets | 12,788 | 12,707 |
| Total | \$ 55,649 | \$ 60,252 |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 14,078 | \$ 15,779 |
| Accrued expenses | 45,676 | 43,137 |
| Accrued interest payable | 2,354 | 2,265 |
| Accrued taxes payable | 12,075 | 9,231 |
| Other current liabilities | 20,690 | 16,908 |
| Total | \$ 94,873 | \$ 87,320 |

8. Financial Instruments

The following table presents the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of our other financial instruments by hierarchy level as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

| | December 31, 2017 | | | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Hierarchy Level | | |
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration, including current portion ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 3,750 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 3,750 |
| Long-term debt | 400,000 | — | 409,000 | — |
| Total | \$ 403,750 | \$ — | \$ 409,000 | \$ 3,750 |
| | December 31, 2016 | | | |
| | Carrying Amount | Hierarchy Level | | |
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration, including current portion ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 5,692 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 5,692 |
| Long-term debt | 370,000 | — | 382,750 | — |
| Total | \$ 375,692 | \$ — | \$ 382,750 | \$ 5,692 |

⁽¹⁾ The short-term portion is included in “Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other,” and the long-term portion is included in “Other liabilities” on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The fair values of financial instruments not included in this table are estimated to be equal to their carrying values as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

We determine the fair value of our long-term debt primarily based on quoted market prices for our 6% Senior Notes Due 2022 (the “2022 Notes”) as of December 31, 2017 and 2016. The fair value of our borrowings on our senior secured bank revolving credit facility (“Credit Facility”) approximates the carrying amount. The fair value of our long-term debt is classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy because it is traded in less active markets.

We estimate the fair value of acquisition-related contingent consideration using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model. This fair value estimate represents a Level 3 measurement as it is based on significant inputs not observed in the market and reflect our own assumptions. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurements of our acquisition-related contingent consideration are our measures of the future profitability and related cash flows and discount rates. The fair value of the contingent consideration is reassessed at each reporting period by the Company based on additional information as it becomes available.

Any change in the fair value of an acquisition's contingent consideration liability results in a remeasurement gain or loss that is recorded in "Acquisition-related contingent consideration" on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, we recorded \$0.7 million and \$1.4 million in expense related to increases in the fair value of future expected contingent consideration payments, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2015, we recorded a \$1.9 million gain related to the decrease in the fair value of future contingent consideration payments.

9. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following.

| | December 31, | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Leasehold improvements | \$ 77,921 | \$ 69,278 |
| Construction in progress | 806 | 2,349 |
| Furniture and equipment | 33,827 | 35,780 |
| Computer equipment and software | 100,186 | 94,637 |
| | <u>212,740</u> | <u>202,044</u> |
| Accumulated depreciation | (137,665) | (140,188) |
| Property and equipment, net | \$ 75,075 | \$ 61,856 |

Depreciation expense for property and equipment totaled \$24.4 million, \$26.7 million and \$24.9 million during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

10. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill

The table below summarizes the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by reportable segment.

| | Corporate Finance & Restructuring | Forensic and Litigation Consulting | Economic Consulting | Technology | Strategic Communications | Total |
|---|---|--|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2015 | | | | | | |
| Goodwill | \$ 441,548 | \$ 235,211 | \$ 269,341 | \$ 117,888 | \$ 328,449 | \$ 1,392,437 |
| Accumulated goodwill impairment | — | — | — | — | (194,139) | (194,139) |
| Goodwill, net at December 31, 2015 | 441,548 | 235,211 | 269,341 | 117,888 | 134,310 | 1,198,298 |
| Acquisitions ⁽¹⁾ | — | — | — | — | 218 | 218 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment and other | (882) | (4,667) | (1,132) | (281) | (11,553) | (18,515) |
| Balance at December 31, 2016 | | | | | | |
| Goodwill | 440,666 | 230,544 | 268,209 | 117,607 | 317,114 | 1,374,140 |
| Accumulated goodwill impairment | — | — | — | — | (194,139) | (194,139) |
| Goodwill, net at December 31, 2016 | 440,666 | 230,544 | 268,209 | 117,607 | 122,975 | 1,180,001 |
| Acquisitions ⁽²⁾ | 11,900 | — | — | — | — | 11,900 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment and other | 2,250 | 3,175 | 786 | 133 | 6,558 | 12,902 |
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | | | | | | |
| Goodwill | 454,816 | 233,719 | 268,995 | 117,740 | 323,672 | 1,398,942 |
| Accumulated goodwill impairment | — | — | — | — | (194,139) | (194,139) |
| Goodwill, net at December 31, 2017 | \$ 454,816 | \$ 233,719 | \$ 268,995 | \$ 117,740 | \$ 129,533 | \$ 1,204,803 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments during the purchase price allocation period.

⁽²⁾ During the year ended December 31, 2017, we made an initial payment of \$8.9 million at closing to acquire a restructuring business within our Corporate Finance & Restructuring segment. We recorded \$11.9 million in goodwill as a result of the acquisition. We have included the results of the acquired business' operations in the Corporate Finance & Restructuring segment since its acquisition date.

Other Intangible Assets

Other intangible assets were as follows:

| | Weighted Average Useful Life in Years | December 31, 2017 | | | December 31, 2016 | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Net Carrying Amount | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Net Carrying Amount |
| Amortizing intangible assets | | | | | | | |
| Customer relationships | 13.7 | \$ 117,192 | \$ 80,523 | \$ 36,669 | \$ 119,736 | \$ 75,212 | \$ 44,524 |
| Non-competition agreements ⁽¹⁾ | N/A | — | — | — | 1,263 | 1,246 | 17 |
| Acquired software | 9.8 | 3,264 | 1,383 | 1,881 | 3,171 | 1,292 | 1,879 |
| Trade names ⁽¹⁾ | N/A | — | — | — | 360 | 260 | 100 |
| | 13.6 | 120,456 | 81,906 | 38,550 | 124,530 | 78,010 | 46,520 |
| Non-amortizing intangible assets | | | | | | | |
| Trade names | Indefinite | 5,600 | — | 5,600 | 5,600 | — | 5,600 |
| Total | | <u>\$ 126,056</u> | <u>\$ 81,906</u> | <u>\$ 44,150</u> | <u>\$ 130,130</u> | <u>\$ 78,010</u> | <u>\$ 52,120</u> |

⁽¹⁾ These intangible assets were fully amortized and written off during the year ended December 31, 2017.

Other intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives. We recorded amortization expense of \$10.6 million, \$10.3 million and \$11.7 million during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

We estimate our future amortization expense for our intangible assets with a finite life to be as follows:

| Year | As of December 31, 2017 ⁽¹⁾ |
|------------|--|
| 2018 | \$ 8,252 |
| 2019 | 7,589 |
| 2020 | 7,413 |
| 2021 | 6,797 |
| 2022 | 4,973 |
| Thereafter | 3,526 |
| | <u>\$ 38,550</u> |

⁽¹⁾ Actual amortization expense to be reported in future periods could differ from these estimates as a result of new intangible asset acquisitions, changes in useful lives, or other relevant factors or changes.

11. Notes Receivable from Employees

The table below summarizes the changes in the carrying amount of our notes receivable from employees.

| | December 31, | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Notes receivable from employees — beginning | \$ 136,388 | \$ 142,997 |
| Notes granted | 18,247 | 33,943 |
| Repayments | (7,394) | (12,985) |
| Amortization expense | (26,821) | (25,566) |
| Cumulative translation adjustment and other | 3,376 | (2,001) |
| Notes receivable from employees — ending | 123,796 | 136,388 |
| Less: current portion | (25,691) | (31,864) |
| Notes receivable from employees, net of current portion | <u>\$ 98,105</u> | <u>\$ 104,524</u> |

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were 251 and 307 notes outstanding, respectively. Total amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 was \$26.8 million, \$25.6 million and \$26.0 million, respectively.

12. Long-Term Debt

The table below summarizes the components of the Company's long-term debt.

| | December 31, | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| 6% senior notes due 2022 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 300,000 |
| Credit facility | 100,000 | 70,000 |
| Total debt | 400,000 | 370,000 |
| Less: unamortized deferred debt issue costs | (3,716) | (4,472) |
| Long-term debt, net ⁽¹⁾ | <u>\$ 396,284</u> | <u>\$ 365,528</u> |

⁽¹⁾ There were no current portions of long-term debt as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

6% Senior Notes Due 2022. The 2022 Notes have been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Cash interest is payable semiannually on May 15 and November 15 at a rate of 6% per year. The 2022 Notes will mature on November 15, 2022. The 2022 Notes are guaranteed, with certain exceptions, by our existing and future domestic subsidiaries. The 2022 Notes and the guarantees are our and the guarantors' general unsecured senior obligations. The indebtedness evidenced by the 2022 Notes and the guarantees (i) rank equally in right of payment with all of FTI Consulting, Inc.'s, and the guarantors' existing and future senior indebtedness, (ii) rank senior in right of payment to any existing and future subordinated indebtedness, (iii) are effectively junior to all of FTI Consulting, Inc.'s and the guarantors' secured debt, including borrowings under the Credit Facility, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness, and (iv) are structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of any current and future non-guarantor subsidiaries (other than indebtedness and liabilities owed to FTI Consulting, Inc. or one of its guarantor subsidiaries).

The 2022 Notes are subject to redemption at our option at any time, in whole or in part, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior notice at the redemption price (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount to be redeemed) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date.

| Year | Redemption Price |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 2018 | 102.000% |
| 2019 | 101.000% |
| 2020 and thereafter | 100.000% |

Credit Facility. On June 26, 2015, we entered into a credit agreement (the "2015 Credit Agreement"), which provides for a \$550.0 million senior secured revolving line of credit maturing on June 26, 2020. At the Company's option, borrowings

under the Credit Facility will bear interest at either one-, two- or three-month London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or an alternative base rate, in each case plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin will fluctuate between 1.375% per annum and 2.00% per annum, in the case of LIBOR borrowings, or between 0.375% per annum and 1.00% per annum, in the case of base rate borrowings, in each case, based upon the Company's Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio (as defined in the 2015 Credit Agreement) at such time.

Under the Credit Facility, we are required to pay a commitment fee rate that fluctuates between 0.25% and 0.35% per annum and the letter of credit fee rate that fluctuates between 1.375% and 2.00% per annum, in each case, based upon the Company's Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio.

Under the Credit Facility, the lenders have a security interest in substantially all of the existing and after-acquired assets of FTI Consulting, Inc. and substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries. Subject to certain conditions, at any time prior to maturity, we will be able to invite existing and new lenders to increase the size of the Credit Facility under the 2015 Credit Agreement or provide new term loans under the 2015 Credit Agreement, in each case, up to a maximum of \$100.0 million plus unlimited amounts as long as the effect of the new increase does not cause the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio to be greater than 3.50 to 1.00.

The 2015 Credit Agreement governing our Credit Facility and the indenture governing our 2022 Notes contain covenants that, among other things, limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness; create liens; pay dividends on our capital stock; make distributions or repurchases of our capital stock or make specified other restricted payments; consolidate, merge or sell assets or engage in sale-leasebacks; guarantee obligations of other entities and our foreign subsidiaries; make investments and loans; enter into transactions with affiliates or related persons, repay, redeem or purchase certain indebtedness (or modify the terms thereof), make material changes to accounting and reporting practices; and engage in any business other than consulting-related businesses or substantially related, complimentary or incidental businesses. In addition, the 2015 Credit Agreement governing our Credit Facility includes financial covenants that require us (i) not to exceed a maximum consolidated total leverage ratio (the ratio of total funded debt to adjusted EBITDA) and (ii) to exceed a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio (the ratio of adjusted EBITDA less capital expenditures and cash taxes to cash interest expense).

There were \$100.0 million in borrowings outstanding under the Company's Credit Facility as of December 31, 2017. The Company has classified these borrowings as long-term debt in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets as the amounts due are not contractually required or expected to be liquidated for more than one year from the applicable balance sheet date. Additionally, \$1.0 million of the borrowing limit was used (and, therefore, unavailable) as of December 31, 2017 for letters of credit.

There were \$3.1 million and \$4.3 million of unamortized debt issue costs related to the Credit Facility as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. These amounts were included in "Other assets" on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

13. Commitments and Contingencies

Operating Lease Commitments

Rental expense, net of rental income was \$56.0 million, \$54.8 million and \$56.1 million during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively. For years subsequent to December 31, 2017, future minimum payments for all operating lease obligations that have initial non-cancelable lease terms exceeding one year, net of rental income from subleases are as follows.

| | Operating Leases | Sublease Rental Income |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 2018 | \$ 44,193 | \$ 2,000 |
| 2019 | 41,386 | 2,164 |
| 2020 | 38,877 | 1,604 |
| 2021 | 36,942 | 1,556 |
| 2022 | 21,355 | 781 |
| Thereafter | 85,237 | 1,774 |
| Total | \$ 267,990 | \$ 9,878 |

Contingencies

We are subject to legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In management's opinion, we believe we have adequate legal defenses and/or insurance coverage with respect to the eventuality of such actions. We do not believe any settlement or judgment relating to any pending legal action would materially affect our financial position or results of operations.

14. Income Taxes

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "2017 Tax Act") was signed into law. The 2017 Tax Act includes a number of changes to existing U.S. Internal Revenue Code, including a reduction of the U.S. corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017. The 2017 Tax Act also provides for a one-time transition tax on certain foreign earnings (the "Transition Tax"). In addition, the 2017 Tax Act contains prospective changes beginning in 2018, which impose limitations on the deductibility of executive compensation and interest, a general elimination of U.S. federal income taxes on dividends from foreign subsidiaries, and a new provision designed to tax global intangible low-taxed income ("GILTI"). The Company has not yet made a policy decision on how it intends to account for this in 2018.

In response to the requirements of the 2017 Tax Act, the SEC staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 118, which provides guidance for the application of Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, in the reporting period in which the 2017 Tax Act was signed into law. SAB No. 118 provides guidance regarding the recording of tax impacts where uncertainty exists, in the period of adoption of the 2017 Tax Act. In accordance with this guidance, the Company's financial results reflect provisional amounts for those specific income tax effects of the 2017 Tax Act for which the accounting under ASC Topic 740 is incomplete but a reasonable estimate could be determined. The Company did not identify items for which the income tax effects of the 2017 Tax Act have not been completed and a reasonable estimate could not be determined.

The Company recorded a net tax benefit of \$44.9 million in 2017, related to the 2017 Tax Act, consisting largely of the following amounts:

Reduction of the U.S. Corporate Income Tax Rate: The 2017 Tax Act reduces the U.S. federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017. Under Topic ASC 740, the Company must remeasure its deferred tax assets and liabilities using enacted rates that will apply in the years in which the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or paid. The Company has evaluated these changes and has recorded a provisional reduction to income tax expense of \$65.1 million with a corresponding reduction to net deferred tax liabilities as of December 31, 2017.

Transition Tax on Unrepatriated Foreign Earnings: The Transition Tax on unrepatriated foreign earnings is a tax on previously untaxed accumulated and current earnings and profits ("E&P") of the Company's foreign subsidiaries. To determine the amount of the Transition Tax, the Company must determine, among other factors, the amount of post-1986 E&P of its foreign subsidiaries, as well as the amount of non-U.S. income taxes paid on those earnings. The Company recorded a provisional Transition Tax expense of \$18.7 million. Under the provisions of the 2017 Tax Act, a company is permitted to elect to pay this liability over an eight-year period. The Company plans to make that election and estimates that \$2.5 million of this Transition Tax liability will be paid within the next 12 months.

We expect to finalize the deferred tax and Transition Tax calculations in the second half of 2018.

The table below summarizes significant components of deferred tax assets and liabilities.

| | Year Ended December 31, | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Deferred tax assets | | |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | \$ 11,279 | \$ 17,220 |
| Accrued vacation and bonus | 23,896 | 38,596 |
| Deferred rent | 8,491 | 12,034 |
| Share-based compensation | 15,108 | 24,783 |
| Notes receivable from employees | 12,879 | 21,010 |
| State net operating loss carryforward and credits | 3,586 | 4,169 |
| Foreign net operating loss carryforward | 12,075 | 12,437 |
| Future foreign tax credit asset and foreign tax credit carryforward | 7,403 | 2,545 |
| Deferred compensation | 2,688 | 3,084 |
| Other, net | 7,159 | 5,284 |
| Total deferred tax assets | 104,564 | 141,162 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | |
| Revenue recognition | (7,227) | (11,590) |
| Property, equipment and capitalized software | (2,308) | (6,527) |
| Goodwill and other intangible asset amortization | (190,638) | (273,990) |
| Total deferred tax liabilities | (200,173) | (292,107) |
| Foreign withholding tax | (1,035) | — |
| Valuation allowance | (21,621) | (18,900) |
| Net deferred tax liabilities | \$ (118,265) | \$ (169,845) |

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company believed certain deferred tax assets principally associated with foreign net operating loss, foreign tax credit carryforwards and other related foreign balance sheet accounts, which can be carried forward for periods ranging from 20 years to indefinite, would expire unused based on updated forward-looking financial information. Therefore, valuation allowances of \$21.6 million and \$18.9 million were recorded against the Company's net deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

In 2016 and prior years, the Company did not provide deferred tax on the undistributed non-U.S. subsidiary earnings that were considered indefinitely reinvested. These earnings were subject to taxation in 2017 under the Transition Tax rules of the 2017 Tax Act. While all of our undistributed non-U.S. subsidiary earnings have been subjected to U.S. federal tax, such earnings could still potentially be subject to foreign withholding taxes. The Company is still evaluating the impact of the 2017 Tax Act on its assertion to indefinitely reinvest the earnings from certain of its foreign jurisdictions and therefore continues to assert that such earnings will be indefinitely reinvested.

As of December 31, 2017, we have not recorded a \$13.4 million deferred tax liability related to the tax basis difference in the investment in our foreign subsidiaries, as the investment is considered permanent in nature.

The table below summarizes the components of income before income tax provision from continuing operations.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Domestic | \$ 30,013 | \$ 66,202 | \$ 59,408 |
| Foreign | 57,092 | 61,601 | 45,978 |
| Total | \$ 87,105 | \$ 127,803 | \$ 105,386 |

The table below summarizes the components of income tax provision from continuing operations.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Current | | | |
| Federal | \$ 15,164 | \$ (3,326) | \$ 23,957 |
| State | 742 | 1,686 | 1,943 |
| Foreign | 14,816 | 13,864 | 10,029 |
| | <u>30,722</u> | <u>12,224</u> | <u>35,929</u> |
| Deferred | | | |
| Federal | (47,820) | 23,182 | 1,546 |
| State | (152) | 8,284 | 1,265 |
| Foreign | (3,607) | (1,407) | 593 |
| | <u>(51,579)</u> | <u>30,059</u> | <u>3,404</u> |
| Income tax provision | <u>\$ (20,857)</u> | <u>\$ 42,283</u> | <u>\$ 39,333</u> |

Our income tax provision (benefit) from continuing operations resulted in effective tax rates that varied from the statutory federal income tax rate as summarized below.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Income tax expense at federal statutory rate | \$ 30,487 | \$ 44,731 | \$ 36,885 |
| State income taxes, net of federal benefit | 781 | 6,075 | 1,587 |
| Benefit from lower foreign tax rates | (8,500) | (7,827) | (5,973) |
| Valuation allowance on foreign tax credits and net operating loss carryforward | 253 | 254 | 2,326 |
| Other expenses not deductible for tax purposes | 2,466 | 3,082 | 2,719 |
| Adjustment to reserve for uncertain tax positions | 456 | (3,547) | 658 |
| Impact of 2017 U.S. tax reform — deferred tax | (63,525) | — | — |
| Impact of 2017 U.S. tax reform — transition tax | 18,655 | — | — |
| Other adjustments, net | (1,930) | (485) | 1,131 |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | <u>\$ (20,857)</u> | <u>\$ 42,283</u> | <u>\$ 39,333</u> |

The income tax benefit for 2017 was \$20.9 million, as compared with income tax expense of \$42.3 million in 2016. The lower expense is primarily attributable to lower pre-tax income in 2017 as compared with 2016 and the impact of the discrete income tax benefit of \$44.9 million recorded in connection with the 2017 Tax Act.

We file numerous consolidated and separate income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and in many city, state and foreign jurisdictions. We are no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax examinations for years prior to 2013. We are also no longer subject to state and local or foreign tax examinations by tax authorities for years prior to 2011.

Our liability for uncertain tax positions was \$2.7 million as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. As of December 31, 2017, our accrual for the payment of tax-related interest and penalties was not significant.

15. Stockholders' Equity

2016 Stock Repurchase Program

On June 2, 2016, our Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program of up to \$100.0 million (the "Repurchase Program"). On May 18, 2017 and December 1, 2017, our Board of Directors authorized an additional \$100.0 million, respectively, increasing the Repurchase Program to an aggregate authorization of \$300.0 million. No time limit has been established for the completion of the program, and the program may be suspended, discontinued or replaced by the Board.

of Directors at any time without prior notice. As of December 31, 2017, we have \$113.3 million available under this program to repurchase additional shares.

The following table details our stock repurchases under the Repurchase Program:

| | Year Ended December 31, | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Shares of common stock repurchased and retired | 4,674 | 452 |
| Average price per share | \$ 35.94 | \$ 41.06 |
| Total cost | \$ 168,001 | \$ 18,577 |

2015 Stock Repurchase Program

On November 5, 2015, our Board of Directors authorized a six-month stock repurchase program of up to \$50.0 million (the “2015 Repurchase Program”). The 2015 Repurchase Program expired on May 5, 2016.

The following table details our stock repurchases under the 2015 Stock Repurchase Program:

| | Year Ended December 31, | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Shares of common stock repurchased and retired | 85 | 765 |
| Average price per share | \$ 34.16 | \$ 34.68 |
| Total cost | \$ 2,902 | \$ 26,516 |

16. Employee Benefit Plans

We maintain a qualified defined contribution 401(k) plan, which covers substantially all of our U.S. employees. Under the plan, participants are entitled to make pre-tax and/or Roth post-tax contributions up to the annual maximums established by the Internal Revenue Service. We match a certain percentage of participant contributions pursuant to the terms of the plan, which contributions are limited to a percent of the participant’s eligible compensation. FTI Consulting matches each participant’s eligible 401(k) plan contributions up to the annual limit specified by the Internal Revenue Service. We made contributions related to the plan of \$11.6 million, \$11.4 million and \$10.9 million during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

We also maintain several defined contribution pension plans for our employees in the United Kingdom and other foreign countries. We contributed to these plans \$6.4 million, \$6.3 million and \$6.1 million during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

17. Segment Reporting

We manage our business in five reportable segments: Corporate Finance & Restructuring, Forensic and Litigation Consulting, Economic Consulting, Technology and Strategic Communications.

Our Corporate Finance & Restructuring segment focuses on the strategic, operational, financial and capital needs of our clients around the world and delivers a wide range of service offerings related to restructuring, business transformation and transaction support. Our restructuring practice includes corporate restructuring, including bankruptcy and interim management services. Our business transformation and transaction support practices include financings, mergers and acquisitions (“M&A”), M&A integration, valuations and tax advice, as well as financial, operational and performance improvement services.

Our Forensic and Litigation Consulting segment provides law firms, companies, government clients and other interested parties with multidisciplinary, independent dispute advisory, investigations, data analytics, forensic accounting, business intelligence and risk mitigation services, as well as interim management and performance improvement services for our health solutions practice clients.

Our Economic Consulting segment provides law firms, companies, government entities and other interested parties with analysis of complex economic issues for use in legal, regulatory and international arbitration proceedings, strategic decision making and public policy debates in the U.S. and around the world.

Our Technology segment offers a comprehensive portfolio of information governance and electronic discovery ("e-discovery") software, services and consulting support to companies, law firms, courts and government agencies worldwide. Our services allow our clients to control the risk and expense of e-discovery events more confidently, as well as manage their data in the context of compliance and risk.

Our Strategic Communications segment designs and executes communications strategies for management teams and boards of directors to help them seize opportunities, manage financial, regulatory and reputational challenges, navigate market disruptions, articulate their brand, stake a competitive position, and preserve and grow their operations.

We evaluate the performance of our operating segments based on Adjusted Segment EBITDA. We define Adjusted Segment EBITDA as a segment's share of consolidated operating income before depreciation, amortization of intangible assets, remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration, special charges and goodwill impairment charges. We define Total Adjusted Segment EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, as the total of Adjusted Segment EBITDA for all segments, which excludes unallocated corporate expenses. We use Adjusted Segment EBITDA to internally evaluate the financial performance of our segments because we believe it reflects current core operating performance and provides an indicator of the segment's ability to generate cash.

The table below presents revenues and Adjusted Segment EBITDA for our reportable segments for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Revenues | | | |
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | \$ 482,041 | \$ 483,269 | \$ 440,398 |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 462,324 | 457,734 | 482,269 |
| Economic Consulting | 496,029 | 500,487 | 447,909 |
| Technology | 174,850 | 177,720 | 218,599 |
| Strategic Communications | 192,488 | 191,184 | 189,974 |
| Total revenues | <u>\$ 1,807,732</u> | <u>\$ 1,810,394</u> | <u>\$ 1,779,149</u> |
| Adjusted Segment EBITDA | | | |
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | \$ 82,863 | \$ 97,688 | \$ 90,101 |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 72,705 | 57,882 | 64,267 |
| Economic Consulting | 61,964 | 74,102 | 62,330 |
| Technology | 22,171 | 25,814 | 39,010 |
| Strategic Communications | 27,732 | 30,458 | 27,727 |
| Total Adjusted Segment EBITDA | <u>\$ 267,435</u> | <u>\$ 285,944</u> | <u>\$ 283,435</u> |

The table below reconciles Net income to Total Adjusted Segment EBITDA. Unallocated corporate expenses primarily include indirect costs related to centrally managed administrative functions that have not been allocated to the segments. These administrative costs include costs related to executive management, legal, corporate office support costs, information technology, accounting, marketing, human resources, and company-wide business development and strategy functions.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net income | \$ 107,962 | \$ 85,520 | \$ 66,053 |
| Add back: | | | |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | (20,857) | 42,283 | 39,333 |
| Interest income and other | (3,752) | (10,466) | (3,232) |
| Interest expense | 25,358 | 24,819 | 42,768 |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | — | 19,589 |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | 83,140 | 88,182 | 81,348 |
| Segment depreciation expense | 27,112 | 34,064 | 27,717 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 10,563 | 10,306 | 11,726 |
| Segment special charges | 37,207 | 9,833 | — |
| Remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration | 702 | 1,403 | (1,867) |
| Total Adjusted Segment EBITDA | \$ 267,435 | \$ 285,944 | \$ 283,435 |

The table below presents assets by segment. Segment assets primarily include accounts and notes receivable, fixed assets purchased specifically for the segment, goodwill and other intangible assets.

| | December 31, | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Corporate Finance & Restructuring | \$ 726,176 | \$ 681,919 |
| Forensic and Litigation Consulting | 401,905 | 400,047 |
| Economic Consulting | 501,471 | 496,757 |
| Technology | 195,399 | 189,704 |
| Strategic Communications | 215,083 | 214,160 |
| Total segment assets | 2,040,034 | 1,982,587 |
| Unallocated Corporate assets | 217,207 | 242,781 |
| Total assets | \$ 2,257,241 | \$ 2,225,368 |

The table below details information on our revenues for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015. Revenues have been attributed to location based on the location of the legal entity generating the revenues.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| United States | \$ 1,262,682 | \$ 1,298,492 | \$ 1,281,444 |
| United Kingdom | 251,843 | 246,236 | 236,925 |
| All other foreign countries | 293,207 | 265,666 | 260,780 |
| Total revenues | \$ 1,807,732 | \$ 1,810,394 | \$ 1,779,149 |

We do not have a single customer that represents 10% or more of our consolidated revenues.

The table below details information on our long-lived assets and net assets attributed to geographic location based on the location of the legal entity holding the assets.

| | December 31, 2017 | | | December 31, 2016 | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| | United States | United Kingdom | All Other Foreign Countries | United States | United Kingdom | All Other Foreign Countries |
| Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation | \$ 52,709 | \$ 14,761 | \$ 7,605 | \$ 39,584 | \$ 15,312 | \$ 6,960 |
| Net assets | \$ 654,010 | \$ 207,885 | \$ 330,076 | \$ 709,634 | \$ 193,276 | \$ 304,448 |

18. Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Guarantor and Non-Guarantor Financial Information

Substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries are guarantors of borrowings under our Credit Facility and 2022 Notes. The guarantees are full and unconditional and joint and several. All of our guarantors are 100% owned, direct or indirect, subsidiaries.

The following financial information presents condensed consolidating balance sheets, statements of comprehensive income (loss) and statements of cash flows for FTI Consulting, all the guarantor subsidiaries, all the non-guarantor subsidiaries and the eliminations necessary to arrive at the consolidated information for FTI Consulting and its subsidiaries. For purposes of this presentation, we have accounted for our investments in our subsidiaries using the equity method of accounting. The principal eliminating entries eliminate investment in subsidiary and intercompany balances and transactions.

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet Information as of December 31, 2017

| | FTI Consulting | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 10,186 | \$ 159 | \$ 179,616 | \$ — | \$ 189,961 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 155,124 | 156,859 | 210,895 | — | 522,878 |
| Intercompany receivables | — | 1,093,211 | 32,695 | (1,125,906) | — |
| Other current assets | 31,933 | 21,840 | 27,567 | — | 81,340 |
| Total current assets | 197,243 | 1,272,069 | 450,773 | (1,125,906) | 794,179 |
| Property and equipment, net | 39,137 | 13,572 | 22,366 | — | 75,075 |
| Goodwill | 570,876 | 416,053 | 217,874 | — | 1,204,803 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 18,426 | 11,251 | 29,441 | (14,968) | 44,150 |
| Investments in subsidiaries | 2,175,362 | 566,911 | — | (2,742,273) | — |
| Other assets | 34,454 | 60,566 | 44,014 | — | 139,034 |
| Total assets | \$ 3,035,498 | \$ 2,340,422 | \$ 764,468 | \$ (3,883,147) | \$ 2,257,241 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Intercompany payables | \$ 1,125,906 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ (1,125,906) | \$ — |
| Other current liabilities | 127,295 | 144,474 | 138,559 | — | 410,328 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,253,201 | 144,474 | 138,559 | (1,125,906) | 410,328 |
| Long-term debt, net | 396,284 | — | — | — | 396,284 |
| Other liabilities | 194,042 | 14,753 | 49,863 | — | 258,658 |
| Total liabilities | 1,843,527 | 159,227 | 188,422 | (1,125,906) | 1,065,270 |
| Stockholders' equity | 1,191,971 | 2,181,195 | 576,046 | (2,757,241) | 1,191,971 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 3,035,498 | \$ 2,340,422 | \$ 764,468 | \$ (3,883,147) | \$ 2,257,241 |

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet Information as of December 31, 2016

| | FTI Consulting | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 47,420 | \$ 156 | \$ 168,582 | \$ — | \$ 216,158 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 137,523 | 163,820 | 173,554 | — | 474,897 |
| Intercompany receivables | — | 1,029,800 | — | (1,029,800) | — |
| Other current assets | 44,708 | 24,944 | 22,464 | — | 92,116 |
| Total current assets | 229,651 | 1,218,720 | 364,600 | (1,029,800) | 783,171 |
| Property and equipment, net | 25,466 | 14,118 | 22,272 | — | 61,856 |
| Goodwill | 558,978 | 416,053 | 204,970 | — | 1,180,001 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 21,959 | 13,393 | 34,725 | (17,957) | 52,120 |
| Investments in subsidiaries | 2,065,819 | 490,634 | — | (2,556,453) | — |
| Other assets | 47,308 | 65,398 | 35,514 | — | 148,220 |
| Total assets | \$ 2,949,181 | \$ 2,218,316 | \$ 662,081 | \$ (3,604,210) | \$ 2,225,368 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Intercompany payables | \$ 1,027,050 | \$ — | \$ 2,750 | \$ (1,029,800) | \$ — |
| Other current liabilities | 137,710 | 129,810 | 110,935 | — | 378,455 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,164,760 | 129,810 | 113,685 | (1,029,800) | 378,455 |
| Long-term debt, net | 365,528 | — | — | — | 365,528 |
| Other liabilities | 211,535 | 16,411 | 46,081 | — | 274,027 |
| Total liabilities | 1,741,823 | 146,221 | 159,766 | (1,029,800) | 1,018,010 |
| Stockholders' equity | 1,207,358 | 2,072,095 | 502,315 | (2,574,410) | 1,207,358 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 2,949,181 | \$ 2,218,316 | \$ 662,081 | \$ (3,604,210) | \$ 2,225,368 |

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended December 31, 2017

| | FTI Consulting | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Revenues | \$ 652,604 | \$ 603,294 | \$ 561,250 | \$ (9,416) | \$ 1,807,732 |
| Operating expenses | | | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 438,395 | 421,826 | 364,545 | (9,206) | 1,215,560 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 181,713 | 125,552 | 122,667 | (210) | 429,722 |
| Special charges | 15,414 | 13,010 | 12,461 | — | 40,885 |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | 279 | 2,012 | — | — | 2,291 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 4,393 | 2,141 | 7,018 | (2,989) | 10,563 |
| | <u>640,194</u> | <u>564,541</u> | <u>506,691</u> | <u>(12,405)</u> | <u>1,699,021</u> |
| Operating income | 12,410 | 38,753 | 54,559 | 2,989 | 108,711 |
| Other income (expense) | (23,684) | (5,932) | 8,010 | — | (21,606) |
| Income (loss) before income tax provision (benefit) | (11,274) | 32,821 | 62,569 | 2,989 | 87,105 |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | 11,070 | (43,846) | 11,919 | — | (20,857) |
| Equity in net earnings of subsidiaries | 130,306 | 42,990 | — | (173,296) | — |
| Net income | <u>\$ 107,962</u> | <u>\$ 119,657</u> | <u>\$ 50,650</u> | <u>\$ (170,307)</u> | <u>\$ 107,962</u> |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax: | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax expense of \$0 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 30,664 | \$ — | \$ 30,664 |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax | — | — | 30,664 | — | 30,664 |
| Comprehensive income | <u>\$ 107,962</u> | <u>\$ 119,657</u> | <u>\$ 81,314</u> | <u>\$ (170,307)</u> | <u>\$ 138,626</u> |

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

| | FTI Consulting | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Revenues | \$ 671,408 | \$ 625,950 | \$ 522,757 | \$ (9,721) | \$ 1,810,394 |
| Operating expenses | | | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 447,254 | 428,158 | 344,820 | (9,461) | 1,210,771 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 190,546 | 124,019 | 120,247 | (260) | 434,552 |
| Special charges | 2,916 | 6,242 | 1,287 | — | 10,445 |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | 6 | 2,158 | — | — | 2,164 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 3,903 | 2,179 | 7,308 | (3,084) | 10,306 |
| | <u>644,625</u> | <u>562,756</u> | <u>473,662</u> | <u>(12,805)</u> | <u>1,668,238</u> |
| Operating income | 26,783 | 63,194 | 49,095 | 3,084 | 142,156 |
| Other income (expense) | (27,228) | (2,811) | 15,686 | — | (14,353) |
| Income (loss) before income tax provision | (445) | 60,383 | 64,781 | 3,084 | 127,803 |
| Income tax provision | 1,222 | 27,961 | 13,100 | — | 42,283 |
| Equity in net earnings of subsidiaries | 87,187 | 45,412 | — | (132,599) | — |
| Net income | <u>\$ 85,520</u> | <u>\$ 77,834</u> | <u>\$ 51,681</u> | <u>\$ (129,515)</u> | <u>\$ 85,520</u> |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax: | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax expense of \$0 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ (41,884) | \$ — | \$ (41,884) |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax | — | — | (41,884) | — | (41,884) |
| Comprehensive income | <u>\$ 85,520</u> | <u>\$ 77,834</u> | <u>\$ 9,797</u> | <u>\$ (129,515)</u> | <u>\$ 43,636</u> |

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended December 31, 2015

| | FTI Consulting | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Revenues | \$ 667,259 | \$ 754,458 | \$ 504,429 | \$ (146,997) | \$ 1,779,149 |
| Operating expenses | | | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 428,356 | 551,829 | 337,856 | (146,597) | 1,171,444 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 189,607 | 121,112 | 122,348 | (399) | 432,668 |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | (1,408) | 208 | — | — | (1,200) |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 3,944 | 2,861 | 8,442 | (3,521) | 11,726 |
| | <u>620,499</u> | <u>676,010</u> | <u>468,646</u> | <u>(150,517)</u> | <u>1,614,638</u> |
| Operating income | 46,760 | 78,448 | 35,783 | 3,520 | 164,511 |
| Other income (expense) | (64,554) | (4,881) | 10,310 | — | (59,125) |
| Income (loss) before income tax provision (benefit) | (17,794) | 73,567 | 46,093 | 3,520 | 105,386 |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | (6,944) | 35,579 | 10,698 | — | 39,333 |
| Equity in net earnings of subsidiaries | 76,903 | 31,744 | — | (108,647) | — |
| Net income | <u>\$ 66,053</u> | <u>\$ 69,732</u> | <u>\$ 35,395</u> | <u>\$ (105,127)</u> | <u>\$ 66,053</u> |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax: | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax expense of \$0 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ (28,727) | \$ — | \$ (28,727) |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax | — | — | (28,727) | — | (28,727) |
| Comprehensive income | <u>\$ 66,053</u> | <u>\$ 69,732</u> | <u>\$ 6,668</u> | <u>\$ (105,127)</u> | <u>\$ 37,326</u> |

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended December 31, 2017

| | FTI Consulting | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Consolidated |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Operating activities | | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 25,400 | \$ 80,468 | \$ 41,757 | \$ 147,625 |
| Investing activities | | | | |
| Payments for acquisition of businesses, net of cash received | (8,929) | — | — | (8,929) |
| Purchases of property and equipment and other | (14,265) | (11,893) | (5,846) | (32,004) |
| Other | 295 | — | — | 295 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (22,899) | (11,893) | (5,846) | (40,638) |
| Financing activities | | | | |
| Borrowings under revolving line of credit, net | 30,000 | — | — | 30,000 |
| Deposits | — | — | 2,825 | 2,825 |
| Purchase and retirement of common stock | (168,094) | — | — | (168,094) |
| Net issuance of common stock under equity compensation plans | (504) | — | — | (504) |
| Payments for acquisition-related contingent consideration | — | (5,161) | — | (5,161) |
| Intercompany transfers | 98,863 | (63,411) | (35,452) | — |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (39,735) | (68,572) | (32,627) | (140,934) |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | — | — | 7,750 | 7,750 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (37,234) | 3 | 11,034 | (26,197) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | 47,420 | 156 | 168,582 | 216,158 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | \$ 10,186 | \$ 159 | \$ 179,616 | \$ 189,961 |

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

| | FTI Consulting | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Consolidated |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Operating activities | | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 46,908 | \$ 123,101 | \$ 63,479 | \$ 233,488 |
| Investing activities | | | | |
| Payments for acquisition of businesses, net of cash received | — | — | (1,251) | (1,251) |
| Purchases of property and equipment and other | (3,576) | (20,185) | (5,174) | (28,935) |
| Other | 54 | — | — | 54 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (3,522) | (20,185) | (6,425) | (30,132) |
| Financing activities | | | | |
| Borrowings under revolving line of credit, net | (130,000) | — | — | (130,000) |
| Deposits | — | — | 4,006 | 4,006 |
| Purchase and retirement of common stock | (21,489) | — | — | (21,489) |
| Net issuance of common stock under equity compensation plans | 21,708 | — | — | 21,708 |
| Payments for acquisition-related contingent consideration | (210) | (656) | — | (866) |
| Other | 1,331 | — | — | 1,331 |
| Intercompany transfers | 97,483 | (102,269) | 4,786 | — |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities | (31,177) | (102,925) | 8,792 | (125,310) |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | — | — | (11,648) | (11,648) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 12,209 | (9) | 54,198 | 66,398 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | 35,211 | 165 | 114,384 | 149,760 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | \$ 47,420 | \$ 156 | \$ 168,582 | \$ 216,158 |

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended December 31, 2015

| | FTI Consulting | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Consolidated |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Operating activities | | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 14,815 | \$ 83,516 | \$ 41,589 | \$ 139,920 |
| Investing activities | | | | |
| Payments for acquisition of businesses, net of cash received | — | — | (575) | (575) |
| Purchases of property and equipment and other | (9,192) | (16,487) | (5,720) | (31,399) |
| Other | 79 | — | 158 | 237 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (9,113) | (16,487) | (6,137) | (31,737) |
| Financing activities | | | | |
| Borrowings under revolving line of credit, net | 200,000 | — | — | 200,000 |
| Payments of long-term debt | (425,671) | — | — | (425,671) |
| Payments of debt financing fees | (3,843) | — | — | (3,843) |
| Deposits | — | — | 3,227 | 3,227 |
| Purchase and retirement of common stock | (26,532) | — | — | (26,532) |
| Net issuance of common stock under equity compensation plans | 16,666 | — | — | 16,666 |
| Payments for acquisition-related contingent consideration | (451) | (294) | — | (745) |
| Other | 936 | — | — | 936 |
| Intercompany transfers | 97,314 | (66,729) | (30,585) | — |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (141,581) | (67,023) | (27,358) | (235,962) |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | — | — | (6,141) | (6,141) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (135,879) | 6 | 1,953 | (133,920) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | 171,090 | 159 | 112,431 | 283,680 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | \$ 35,211 | \$ 165 | \$ 114,384 | \$ 149,760 |

19. Quarterly Financial Data (unaudited)

| | Quarter Ended | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| | March 31 | June 30 | September 30 | December 31 |
| 2017 | | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 446,344 | \$ 444,715 | \$ 448,962 | \$ 467,711 |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 309,072 | 304,071 | 294,851 | 307,566 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 107,295 | 107,342 | 103,909 | 111,176 |
| Special charges | — | 30,074 | — | 10,811 |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | 395 | 777 | 252 | 867 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 2,493 | 2,422 | 2,882 | 2,766 |
| | 419,255 | 444,686 | 401,894 | 433,186 |
| Operating income | 27,089 | 29 | 47,068 | 34,525 |
| Interest income and other | 605 | 1,592 | 1,103 | 452 |
| Interest expense | (5,801) | (6,250) | (6,760) | (6,547) |
| Income before income tax provision (benefit) | 21,893 | (4,629) | 41,411 | 28,430 |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | 7,877 | 527 | 9,197 | (38,458) |
| Net income | \$ 14,016 | \$ (5,156) | \$ 32,214 | \$ 66,888 |
| Earnings per common share — basic ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0.35 | \$ (0.13) | \$ 0.86 | \$ 1.81 |
| Earnings per common share — diluted ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0.34 | \$ (0.13) | \$ 0.85 | \$ 1.78 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | | | | |
| Basic | 40,527 | 39,555 | 37,431 | 36,906 |
| Diluted | 41,245 | 39,555 | 37,746 | 37,643 |

| | Quarter Ended | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| | March 31 | June 30 | September 30 | December 31 |
| 2016 | | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 470,285 | \$ 460,147 | \$ 438,042 | \$ 441,920 |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Direct cost of revenues | 305,636 | 303,194 | 293,702 | 308,239 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 103,609 | 108,245 | 106,220 | 116,478 |
| Special charges | 5,061 | 1,750 | — | 3,634 |
| Acquisition-related contingent consideration | 1,134 | 206 | 201 | 623 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 2,606 | 2,590 | 2,845 | 2,265 |
| | 418,046 | 415,985 | 402,968 | 431,239 |
| Operating income | 52,239 | 44,162 | 35,074 | 10,681 |
| Interest income and other | 2,557 | 4,125 | 3,213 | 571 |
| Interest expense | (6,229) | (6,303) | (6,304) | (5,983) |
| Income before income tax provision | 48,567 | 41,984 | 31,983 | 5,269 |
| Income tax provision | 18,386 | 15,437 | 10,292 | (1,832) |
| Net income | \$ 30,181 | \$ 26,547 | \$ 21,691 | \$ 7,101 |
| Earnings per common share — basic ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0.75 | \$ 0.65 | \$ 0.53 | \$ 0.17 |
| Earnings per common share — diluted ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0.73 | \$ 0.64 | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.17 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | | | | |
| Basic | 40,506 | 40,820 | 41,239 | 41,201 |
| Diluted | 41,148 | 41,599 | 42,065 | 42,018 |

⁽¹⁾ The sum of the quarterly earnings per share amounts may not equal the annual amounts due to changes in the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each quarterly period.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

An evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our “disclosure controls and procedures” (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act), as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K was made under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (a) were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is timely recorded, processed, summarized and reported, and (b) included, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management’s report on internal control over financial reporting is included in Part II, Item 8, “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.”

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have not been any changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2017 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

Certain information required in Part III is omitted from this report but is incorporated herein by reference from our definitive proxy statement for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed within 120 days after the end of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, pursuant to Regulation 14A with the SEC.

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information contained in our proxy statement under the captions “Information about the Board of Directors and Committees,” “Corporate Governance,” “Executive Officers and Compensation” and “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” is incorporated herein by reference.

We have adopted the FTI Consulting, Inc. Code of Ethics and Business Conduct (“Code of Ethics”), which applies to our Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller, and our other financial professionals, as well as all our other executive officers, including chief strategy and transformation officer, chief human resources officer, general counsel, and chief risk officer, and our other officers, directors, employees and independent contractors. The Code of Ethics is publicly available on our website at <http://www.fticonsulting.com/~media/Files/us-files/our-firm/guidelines/fti-code-of-conduct.pdf>. If we make any substantive amendments to the Code of Ethics or grant any waiver, including any implicit waiver, from a provision of the Code of Ethics to our President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller or persons performing similar functions, other executive officers or directors, we will disclose the nature of such amendment or waiver on our website or in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC. We will provide a copy of our Code of Ethics without charge upon request to our Corporate Secretary, FTI Consulting, Inc., 6300 Blair Hill Lane, Suite 303, Baltimore, Maryland 21209.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information contained in our proxy statement under the caption “Executive Officers and Compensation” is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The information contained in our proxy statement under the captions “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” and this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption Part II, Item 5, “Market for the Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities — Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans” is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The information contained in our proxy statement under the captions “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions,” “Information About the Board of Directors and Committees,” and “Corporate Governance” is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The information contained in our proxy statement under the caption “Principal Accountant Fees and Services” is incorporated herein by reference.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE

- (a) (1) The following financial statements are included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K:
- Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting
 - Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm — Internal Control over Financial Reporting
 - Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm — Consolidated Financial Statements
 - Consolidated Balance Sheets — December 31, 2017 and 2016
 - Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income— Years Ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015
 - Consolidated Statements of Stockholders’ Equity — Years Ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015
 - Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows — Years Ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015
 - Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
- (2) The following financial statement schedule is included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K:
- Schedule II — Valuation and Qualifying Accounts
- All schedules, other than the schedule listed above, are omitted as the information is not required or is otherwise provided.

FTI Consulting, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Schedule II — Valuation and Qualifying Accounts
(in thousands)

| <u>Description</u> | Balance at Beginning of Period | Additions | | Deductions** | Balance at End of Period |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | Charged to Expense | Charged to Other Accounts* | | |
| Year Ended December 31, 2017 | | | | | |
| Reserves and allowances deducted from asset accounts: | | | | | |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services | \$ 178,819 | \$ 15,386 | \$ 9,656 | \$ 23,174 | \$ 180,687 |
| Valuation allowance for deferred tax asset | \$ 18,900 | \$ 2,721 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 21,621 |
| Year Ended December 31, 2016 | | | | | |
| Reserves and allowances deducted from asset accounts: | | | | | |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services | \$ 185,754 | \$ 8,912 | \$ 9,501 | \$ 25,348 | \$ 178,819 |
| Valuation allowance for deferred tax asset | \$ 13,167 | \$ 5,733 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 18,900 |
| Year Ended December 31, 2015 | | | | | |
| Reserves and allowances deducted from asset accounts: | | | | | |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts and unbilled services | \$ 144,825 | \$ 15,564 | \$ 42,134 | \$ 16,769 | \$ 185,754 |
| Valuation allowance for deferred tax asset | \$ 14,442 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 1,275 | \$ 13,167 |

* Includes estimated provision for unbilled services recorded as a reduction to revenues (i.e., fee, rate and other adjustments).

** Includes estimated direct write-offs of uncollectible and unrealizable accounts receivable.

- 3.1 [Articles of Incorporation of FTI Consulting, Inc., as Amended and Restated. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 23, 2003 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 21, 2003 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 3.2 [Articles of Amendment dated June 1, 2011 to Charter of FTI Consulting, Inc. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 2, 2011 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 1, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 3.3 [Bylaws of FTI Consulting, Inc., as Amended and Restated on June 1, 2011. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 2, 2011 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 1, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 3.4 [Amendment No. 1 to Bylaws of FTI Consulting, Inc. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 16, 2013 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 13, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 3.5 [Amendment No. 2 to Amended and Restated Bylaws of FTI Consulting, Inc. \(Filed with the SEC on September 22, 2014 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 17, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 4.1 [Indenture, dated as of November 27, 2012, among FTI Consulting, Inc., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, relating to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s 6.0% Senior Notes Due 2022. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 29, 2012 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 27, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 4.2 [Form of Notation of Guarantee of 6.0% Senior Notes Due 2022 \(included in Exhibit 4.2 to the Indenture, dated as of November 27, 2012, among FTI Consulting, Inc., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, relating to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s 6.0% Senior Notes Due 2022 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 29, 2012 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 27, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 4.3 [Registration Rights Agreement, dated November 27, 2012, among FTI Consulting, Inc., the guarantors party thereto and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 29, 2012 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 27, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 4.4 [First Supplemental Indenture relating to the 6.0% Senior Notes Due 2022, dated as of May 15, 2013, by and among FTI Consulting, Inc., FTI Consulting \(Government Affairs\) LLC, FTI Consulting Realty LLC and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 22, 2013 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 dated May 22, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 4.5 [Second Supplemental Indenture relating to the 6.0% Senior Notes Due 2022, dated as of August 16, 2013, by and among FTI Consulting, Inc., FTI Consulting Acuity LLC and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 8, 2013 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 4.6 [Third Supplemental Indenture relating to the 6.0% Senior Notes Due 2022, dated as of December 5, 2014, by and among FTI Consulting, Inc., FTI Consulting Platt Sparks LLC, WDSScott \(US\) Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee \(filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 24, 2015 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 4.7 [Fourth Supplemental Indenture relating to the 6.0% Senior Notes Due 2022, dated as of July 13, 2015, by and among FTI Consulting, Inc., Greenleaf Power Management LLC and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.](#)
- 4.8† [Fifth Supplemental Indenture relating to the 6.0% Senior Notes Due 2022, dated August 4, 2017, by and among FTI Consulting, Inc., FTI Consulting Realty, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.](#)

**Exhibit
Number****Description of Exhibits**

- 10.1 * [FTI Consulting, Inc. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as Amended and Restated as of April 27, 2005. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2005 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 18, 2005 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.2 * [Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement used with 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 9, 2004 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.3 * [Form of Restricted Stock Agreement used with 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 9, 2004 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.4 * [FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan established effective April 27, 2005. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2005 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 18, 2005 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.5 * [Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan Stock Option Agreement. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2005 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 18, 2005 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.6 * [Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan Restricted Stock Agreement. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2005 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 18, 2005 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.7 * [Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan Stock Unit Agreement. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2005 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 18, 2005 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.8 * [Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement used with 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 13, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4/A and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.9 * [Amendment to FTI Consulting, Inc. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as Amended and Restated Effective April 27, 2005. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 29, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.10 * [Amendment dated as of June 6, 2006 to the FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 7, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 6, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.11 * [Amendment dated as of June 6, 2006 to the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as Amended and Restated Effective as of April 27, 2005, as further amended. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 7, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 6, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.12 * [FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 2006 as exhibit 4.3 to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 \(333-134789\) and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.13 * [Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan Incentive Stock Option Agreement. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 \(333-134789\) and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)
- 10.14 * [Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Agreement. \(Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 \(333-134789\) and incorporated herein by reference.\)](#)

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| 10.15 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 28, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.16 * | Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan For Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Non-Employee Directors. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (333-134790) and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.17 * | Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan For Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors Stock Unit Agreement for Non-Employee Directors. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (333-134790) and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.18 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. 2007 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 28, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.19 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan, Amended and Restated Effective October 25, 2006. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 26, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 25, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.20 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan/Appendix II: Australian Sub-Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 15, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-139407) and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.21 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan/Appendix III: Ireland Sub-Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 15, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-139407) and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.22 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan/Appendix IV: United Kingdom Sub-Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 15, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-139407) and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.23 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan Stock Option Agreement under FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 13, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 11, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.24 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan Restricted Stock Agreement under FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 13, 2006 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 11, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.25 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement under FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2007 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.27 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan Amended and Restated Effective as of February 20, 2008. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 7, 2008 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.28 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan For Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Non-Employee Directors Under the Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan, as Amended and Restated Effective as of February 20, 2008. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 7, 2008 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.) |

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| 10.29 * | <u>FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Agreement Under the Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan, as Amended and Restated Effective as of February 20, 2008. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 7, 2008 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.30 * | <u>Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Non-Employee Directors under the Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan, as Amended and Restated Effective as of February 20, 2008. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 7, 2008 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.31 * | <u>Form of Stock Unit Agreement for Non-Employee Directors under the Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan, as Amended and Restated Effective as of February 20, 2008. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 7, 2008 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.32 * | <u>Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan Incentive Stock Option Agreement. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 7, 2008 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.33 * | <u>FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan (Amended and Restated Effective as of May 14, 2008). (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 7, 2008 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.34 * | <u>Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Agreement under the Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan, as Amended and Restated Effective as of February 20, 2008. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 7, 2008 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.36 * | <u>Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2006 Global Long-Term Incentive Plan, as Amended and Restated. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 6, 2008 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.37 * | <u>FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 23, 2009 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.38 * | <u>Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan Incentive Stock Option Agreement. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 3, 2009 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 3, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.39 * | <u>Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan Restricted Stock Agreement. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 3, 2009 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 3, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.40 * | <u>Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Non-Employee Directors. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 3, 2009 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 3, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.41 * | <u>Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan Stock Unit Agreement for Non-Employee Directors. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 3, 2009 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 3, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |

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| 10.42 * | <u>Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan Restricted Stock Agreement for Non-Employee Directors. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 3, 2009 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 3, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.43 * | <u>Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan Nonstatutory Stock Option Agreement. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 3, 2009 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 3, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.44 * | <u>FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan Cash-Based Performance Award Agreement. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2010 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 25, 2010 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.45 * | <u>FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan as Amended and Restated Effective as of June 2, 2010. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 23, 2010 as Appendix A to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement dated April 23, 2010 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.46 * | <u>FTI Consulting, Inc. Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 18, 2011 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.47 * | <u>Employment Agreement dated as of December 13, 2013, by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Steven Gunby. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 16, 2013 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 13, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.48 * | <u>Form of Cash-Based Stock Appreciation Right Award Agreement. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 27, 2014 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 26, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.49 * | <u>Form of Cash Unit Award Agreement. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 27, 2014 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 26, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.50 * | <u>Form of Cash-Based Performance Award Agreement. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 27, 2014 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 26, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.51 * | <u>Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. Restricted Stock Agreement for Employment Inducement Awards to Chief Financial Officer and Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 22, 2014 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No.: 333-198311) and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.52 * | <u>Form of FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Statutory Stock Option Agreement for Employment Inducement Award to Chief Financial Officer and Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 22, 2014 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No.: 333-198311) and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.53 * | <u>Offer of Employment Letter dated July 15, 2014, by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Paul Linton. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 30, 2014 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.54 * | <u>Offer of Employment Letter dated July 2, 2014, by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Holly Paul. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 30, 2014 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |

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| 10.55 * | <u>Amendment No. 1 to Offer of Employment Letter dated July 27, 2014, by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Holly Paul. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 30, 2014 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.56 * | <u>The FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated Effective as of June 3, 2015). (Filed as Appendix A to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 21, 2015.)</u> |
| 10.57 * | <u>Form of Non-Statutory Stock Option Award Agreement under FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated Effective as of June 3, 2015). (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2016 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.58 * | <u>Form of Incentive Stock Option Award Agreement under FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated Effective as of June 3, 2015). (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2016 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.59 * | <u>Form of Restricted Stock Award [or Restricted Stock Unit] Agreement under FTI Consulting, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated Effective as of June 3, 2015). (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2016 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.60 ** | <u>Credit Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2015, among FTI Consulting, Inc., the designated borrowers party thereto, the guarantors party thereto, the lenders party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent. (Filed as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 26, 2015 filed with the SEC on June 30, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.61 ** | <u>Security Agreement dated as of June 26, 2015, by and among FTI Consulting, Inc., the other grantors party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent. (Filed as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 26, 2015 filed with the SEC on June 30, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.62 ** | <u>Pledge Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2015, by and among FTI Consulting, Inc., the other pledgors party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent. (Filed as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 26, 2015 filed with the SEC on June 30, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.63 * | <u>Employment Letter dated May 14, 2015 between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Curtis Lu. (Filed as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 30, 2015 and incorporated by reference herein.)</u> |
| 10.64 | <u>FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2016. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2016 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.65 | <u>Form of Deferred Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for Non-Employee Directors Pursuant to the FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2016. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2016 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.66 | <u>Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for Non-Employee Directors Pursuant to the FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2016. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2016 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.67 | <u>Form of Restricted Stock [or Restricted Stock Unit] Award Agreement for Non-Employee Directors Pursuant to the FTI Consulting, Inc. Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2016. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2016 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |

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| 10.68 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as Appendix A to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A dated April 20, 2016 filed with the SEC on April 20, 2016 and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.69 * | Offer of Employment Letter dated as of July 5, 2016, by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Ajay Sabherwal. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 14, 2016 filed with the SEC on July 18, 2016 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 10.70 * | Amendment No. 1 dated as of December 5, 2016 to Employment Agreement made and entered into as of December 13, 2013, by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Steven Gunby. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 5, 2016 filed with the SEC on December 5, 2016 and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.71 * | Amendment dated as of March 1, 2016 to Employment Letter by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Catherine M. Freeman. |
| 10.72 * | Amendment No. 2 effective as of March 21, 2017 to Employment Agreement dated as of December 13, 2013, as amended, by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Steven Gunby. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on form 8-K dated March 21, 2017, filed with the SEC on March 23, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference) |
| 10.73 * | Amendment No. 1 effective as of March 21, 2017 to Offer of Employment Letter dated as of July 5, 2016, by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Ajay Sabherwal. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on form 8-K dated March 21, 2017, filed with the SEC on March 23, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference) |
| 10.74 * | Amendment No. 1 effective as of March 21, 2017 to Offer of Employment Letter dated July 15, 2014, by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Paul Linton. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on form 8-K dated March 21, 2017, filed with the SEC on March 23, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference) |
| 10.75 * | Amendment No. 1 effective as of March 21, 2017 to Employment Letter dated May 14, 2015, by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Curtis Lu. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on form 8-K dated March 21, 2017, filed with the SEC on March 23, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference) |
| 10.76 * | Amendment No. 2 effective as of March 21, 2017 to Offer of Employment Letter dated July 15, 2014, by and between FTI Consulting, Inc. and Holly Paul. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on form 8-K dated March 21, 2017, filed with the SEC on March 23, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference) |
| 10.77 * | FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Effective as of June 7, 2017). (Included as Appendix A to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on April 25, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.78 * | Form of Executive Long-Term Incentive Pay Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.79 * | Form of Executive Long-Term Incentive Pay Incentive Stock Option Award Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.) |
| 10.80 * | Form of Executive Long-Term Incentive Pay Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.) |

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| 10.81 * | <u>Form of General Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.82 * | <u>Form of General Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.83 * | <u>Form of General Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.84 * | <u>Form of General Nonstatutory Stock Option Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.85 * | <u>Form of General Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.86 * | <u>Form of General Cash Unit Award Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.87 * | <u>Form of General Cash -Based Stock Appreciation Right Award Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.88 * | <u>Form of General Cash-Based Performance Unit Award Agreement under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.89 * | <u>Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Non-Employee Directors under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.90 * | <u>Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for Non-Employee Directors under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.91 * | <u>Form of Deferred Stock Unit Award Agreement for Non-Employee Directors under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 10.92 * | <u>Form of Deferred Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for Non-Employee Directors under the FTI Consulting, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 27, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 11.1† | <u>Computation of Earnings Per Share (included in Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 herein).</u> |

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| 14.0 | <u>FTI Consulting, Inc. Code of Ethics and Business Conduct, as Amended and Restated effective September 17, 2014. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on February 28, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 21.1† | <u>Subsidiaries of FTI Consulting, Inc.</u> |
| 23.0† | <u>Consent of KPMG LLP.</u> |
| 31.1† | <u>Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).</u> |
| 31.2† | <u>Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).</u> |
| 32.1† | <u>Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 USC. Section 1350 (Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).</u> |
| 32.2† | <u>Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 USC. Section 1350 (Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).</u> |
| 99.1 | <u>Policy on Disclosure Controls, as Amended and Restated Effective as of January 1, 2016. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on February 28, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 99.2 | <u>Policy on Inside Information and Insider Trading, as Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2016. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on February 28, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 99.3 | <u>Corporate Governance Guidelines, as last Amended and Restated Effective as of September 17, 2014. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 22, 2014 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 17, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 99.5 | <u>Categorical Standards of Director Independence, as last Amended and Restated Effective as of February 25, 2009. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 28, 2013 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 99.6 | <u>Charter of Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, as last Amended and Restated Effective as of February 23, 2011. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 18, 2011 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 99.7 | <u>Charter of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, as last Amended and Restated Effective as of February 27, 2013. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2013 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 99.8 | <u>Charter of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, as last Amended and Restated Effective as of December 16, 2009. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2010 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |
| 99.9 | <u>Anti-Corruption Policy, as Amended and Restated Effective February 19, 2014. (Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 2, 2014 as an exhibit to FTI Consulting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.)</u> |

**Exhibit
Number**

Description of Exhibits

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| 101 | The following financial information from the Annual Report on Form 10-K of FTI Consulting, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed herewith, and formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income; (iii) Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity; (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and (v) Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text. |
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* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

† Filed herewith.

** With certain exceptions that were specified at the time of initial filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, exhibits and schedules (or similar attachments) are not filed with the SEC. FTI Consulting, Inc. will furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted exhibit or schedule to the SEC upon request.

FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this "Fifth Supplemental Indenture"), dated as of August 4, 2017, among FTI Consulting Realty, Inc., a California corporation (the "Guaranteeing Subsidiary"), a direct wholly owned subsidiary of FTI Consulting, Inc., a Maryland corporation (or its permitted successor) (the "Company"), the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee under the Indenture referred to below (the "Trustee").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Company has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an indenture, dated as of November 27, 2012 (the "Indenture"), providing for the issuance of 6.0% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "Notes");

WHEREAS, the Indenture provides that under certain circumstances the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall agree to guarantee the Notes on the terms and conditions set forth herein (the "Note Guarantee"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.01 of the Indenture, the parties hereto are authorized to execute and deliver this Fifth Supplemental Indenture.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of Notes as follows:

1. **CAPITALIZED TERMS.** Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.
2. **AGREEMENT TO GUARANTEE.** The Guaranteeing Subsidiary hereby agrees to provide an unconditional Note Guarantee on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Note Guarantee and in the Indenture including but not limited to Article 10 thereof.
3. **NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS.** No director, manager, officer, employee, stockholder, member, general or limited partner or incorporator, past, present or future, of the Guaranteeing Subsidiary, as such or in such capacity, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Guaranteeing Subsidiary under the Note Guarantee by reason of his, her or its status as such director, manager, officer, employee, stockholder, member, general or limited partner or incorporator. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Note Guarantee.

4. NEW YORK LAW TO GOVERN. THE INTERNAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

5. COUNTERPARTS. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Fifth Supplemental Indenture (including facsimile transmission or portable document format). Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

6. EFFECT OF HEADINGS. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

7. THE TRUSTEE. The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of this Fifth Supplemental Indenture or for or in respect of the recitals contained herein, all of which recitals are made solely by the Guaranteeing Subsidiary and the Company.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee

By: 
Authorized Signatory

Schedule of Subsidiaries of FTI Consulting, Inc.

| Legal Name | Jurisdiction |
|--|----------------------------|
| Compass Lexecon LLC | Maryland |
| [f/k/a Lexecon, LLC] | |
| [f/k/a LI Acquisition Company, LLC] | |
| FCN Holdings CV | Netherlands |
| FD MWA Holdings Inc. | Delaware |
| Ferrier Hodgson Management Services Inc. | Philippines |
| FH Asset Management Corp. | Philippines |
| FH Corporate Services Inc. | Philippines |
| FTI Capital Advisors – Canada ULC | Canada |
| [f/k/a FTI Consulting (Canada) Capital Advisors ULC] | |
| FTI Capital Advisors (Australia) Pty Ltd | Australia, New South Wales |
| FTI Capital Advisors, LLC | Maryland |
| [f/k/a FTI Merger & Acquisition Advisors, LLC] | |
| FTI Capital Management LLC | Maryland |
| FTI Capital Management (Cayman) Limited | Cayman Islands |
| FTI Consulting—FD Australia Holdings Pty Ltd | Australia, Victoria |
| [f/k/a FD Australia Holdings Pty Ltd] | |
| FTI Consulting—Qatar LLC | Qatar |
| [f/k/a Dispute Resolution Consulting LLC] | |
| FTI Consulting (Asia) Ltd | Hong Kong |
| [f/k/a International Risk Limited] | |
| FTI Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd | Australia |
| FTI Consulting (Beijing) Co., Limited | Beijing, China |
| [f/k/a—FD (Beijing) Consulting Co., Ltd.] | |
| FTI Consulting (BVI) Limited | British Virgin Islands |
| [f/k/a FTI Forensic Accounting Limited] | |
| [f/k/a Forensic Accounting Limited] | |
| FTI Consulting (Cayman) Ltd | Cayman Islands |
| FTI Consulting (China) Ltd. | China |
| [f/k/a Thompson Market Services (Shanghai) Co. Ltd] | |
| FTI Consulting (CM) Limited | Ireland |
| [f/k/a K Capital Source Limited] | |
| FTI Consulting (Government Affairs) LLC | New York |
| FTI Consulting (Hong Kong) Limited | Hong Kong |
| FTI Consulting Capital Advisors (Hong Kong) Limited | Hong Kong |
| [f/k/a FTI Consulting (Hong Kong) Services Four Limited] | |
| [f/k/a Sun Easy Investment Limited] | |

| Legal Name | Jurisdiction |
|--|----------------------------|
| FTI Consulting (Hong Kong) Services One Limited [f/k/a Chater Secretaries Limited] | Hong Kong |
| Power Famous Limited [f/k/a FTI Consulting (Hong Kong) Services Three Limited] [f/k/a Power Famous Limited] | Hong Kong |
| FTI Consulting (Hong Kong) Services Two Limited [f/k/a Lansdowne Nominees Limited] | Hong Kong |
| FTI Consulting (Ireland) Limited [f/k/a Financial Dynamics Ireland Ltd.] | Ireland |
| FTI Consulting (Perth) Pty Ltd [f/k/a FD PTY LIMITED] [f/k/a FD Third Person Perth Pty Limited] [f/k/a Kudos Consultants Pty Limited] | Australia |
| FTI Consulting (SC) Inc. [f/k/a FD U.S. Communications, Inc.] | New York |
| FTI Consulting (SC) Ltda. [f/k/a FD Gravitas Ltda.] [f/k/a Gravitas Comunicaciones Estrategicos Limitada] | Colombia |
| FTI Consulting (Singapore) PTE. LTD. [f/k/a FS Asia Advisory Pte. LTD.] | Singapore |
| FTI Consulting (Strategic Communications) S.A.S. [f/k/a Financial Dynamics S.A.S.] | France |
| FTI Consulting (Sydney) Pty Ltd [f/k/a FD (Sydney) PTY LTD] [f/k/a FD Third Person Pty Limited] [f/k/a Third Person Communications Pty Limited] | Australia, New South Wales |
| FTI Consulting Acuity LLC | Maryland |
| FTI Consulting B.V. [f/k/a Irharo B.V.] | Netherlands |
| FTI Consulting Belgium SA [f/k/a Blueprint Partners SA] | Belgium |
| FTI Consulting Canada Inc. [f/k/a Watson, Edgar, Bishop, Meakin & Aquirre Inc.] | British Columbia, Canada |
| FTI Consulting Canada ULC | British Columbia, Canada |
| FTI Consulting Colombia S.A.S. | Colombia |
| FTI Consulting Denmark ApS | Denmark |
| FTI Consulting Deutschland GmbH | Germany |
| FTI Consulting Deutschland Holding GmbH [f/k/a Maia Neunundzwanzigste Vermögensverwaltungs-GmbH] | Germany |
| FTI Consulting Directors (Cayman) Limited | Cayman Islands |
| FTI Consulting Finland Limited | England and Wales |

| Legal Name | Jurisdiction |
|--|-------------------------------|
| FTI Consulting Group Limited [f/k/a Financial Dynamics Ltd.] | England and Wales |
| FTI Consulting Gulf Limited [f/k/a FD Gulf Limited] [f/k/a FD Dubai Limited] | England and Wales |
| FTI Consulting India Private Limited [f/k/a FD Communications India Private Limited] | India |
| FTI Consulting International Limited | British Virgin Islands |
| FTI Consulting LLC | Maryland |
| FTI Consulting LLP [f/k/a—FTI Consulting Management LLP] | England and Wales |
| FTI Consulting Malaysia SDN. BHD. FTI Consulting Management Limited [f/k/a—FTI Consulting Limited] [f/k/a—Carmill Limited] | Malaysia England and Wales |
| FTI Consulting Management Ltd [f/k/a—FTI Consulting (Asia) Limited] [f/k/a— Baker Tilly Hong Kong Business Recovery Ltd] [f/k/a Baker Tilly Purserblade Asia Limited] [f/k/a Purserblade Asia Limited] | Hong Kong |
| FTI Consulting Management Solutions Limited [f/k/a Distinct Intelligence Limited] | Ireland |
| FTI Consulting Mexico S DE RL DE CV (f/k/a FDFTI Mexico S DE RL DE CV) | Mexico |
| FTI CONSULTING MEXICO SERVICES. S DE R.L. DE C.V. | Mexico |
| FTI Consulting Panama, SDAD. LTDA. | Panama |
| FTI Consulting Platt Sparks LLC | Texas |
| FTI Consulting Pte Ltd. [f/k/a International Risk (Singapore) Pte Ltd]. | Singapore |
| FTI Consulting Puerto Rico, Inc. | Puerto Rico |
| FTI Consulting Realty LLC | New York |
| FTI Consulting Realty, Inc. | California |
| FTI Consulting Russia Limited [f/k/a FD Russia Limited] | England and Wales |
| FTI Consulting S.A. | Argentina |
| FTI Consulting SC GmbH [f/k/a Financial Dynamics GmbH] [f/k/a A & B Financial Dynamics gmbh] | Germany |
| FTI Consulting Services (Israel) Ltd. | Israel |
| FTI Consulting Solutions Limited [f/k/a Brewer Consulting Limited] | England And Wales |
| FTI Consulting South Africa (Pty) Ltd. | S. Africa |

| Legal Name | Jurisdiction |
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| [f/k/a FD Media and Investor Relations Pty Ltd.] | |
| [f/k/a Beachhead Media and Investor Relations (Proprietary) Limited] | |
| FTI Consulting Spain, S.R.L. | Spain |
| FTI Consulting Switzerland GmbH | Switzerland |
| FTI Consulting Technology (Sydney) Pty Ltd. | Australia |
| [f/k/a FTI Ringtail (AUST) PTY LTD] | |
| [f/k/a FTI Australia Pty Ltd.] | |
| FTI Consulting Technology LLC | Maryland |
| [f/k/a FTI Technology LLC] | |
| [f/k/a FTI Repository Services, LLC] | |
| FTI Consulting Technology Software Corp | Washington |
| [f/k/a Attenex Corporation] | |
| FTI Consultoria Ltda. | Brazil |
| [f/k/a FTI Holder Consultoria LTDA] | |
| [f/k/a FTI Holder Consultoria S.A.] | |
| [f/k/a Arbok Holdings S.A.] | |
| FTI Director Services Limited | British Virgin Islands |
| [f/k/a FS Director Services Limited] | |
| FTI Director Services Number 2 Limited | British Virgin Islands |
| [f/k/a FS Director Services Number 2 Limited] | |
| FTI Director Services Number 3 Limited | British Virgin Islands |
| [f/k/a FS Director Services Number 3 Limited] | |
| FTI Financial Services Limited | England and Wales |
| [f/k/a Hoodwell Limited] | |
| FTI France SAS | Paris, France |
| FTI General Partner (BVI) Limited | British Virgin Islands |
| FTI General Partner LLC | Maryland |
| FTI Global VAT Compliance B.V. | Netherlands |
| FTI Global VAT Compliance BVBA | Belgium |
| FTI Global VAT Compliance S.R.L. | Italy |
| FTI Hosting LLC | Maryland |
| FTI International LLC | Maryland |
| [f/k/a FTI FD LLC] | |
| FTI Investigations, LLC | Maryland |
| FTI Services Limited | British Virgin Islands |
| [f/k/a Total Sun Investments Limited] | |
| FTI UK Holdings Limited | England and Wales |
| FTI, LLC | Maryland |
| Gravitas Panama S.A. | Panama |
| Greenleaf Power Management LLC | Maryland |
| IRL (Holdings) Limited | British Virgin Islands |
| PT. FTI Consulting Indonesia | Indonesia |

Legal Name

Sports Analytics LLC

FTI Global VAT Compliance SL

[f/k/a Tax and VAT Compliance ST]

The Lost City Estates S.A.

Thompson Market Services Limited

Jurisdiction

Maryland

Spain

Panama

Hong Kong

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors
FTI Consulting, Inc.:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statements No. 333-19251, 333-30173, 333-30357, 333-71563, 333-91315, 333-32160, 333-64050, 333-92384, 333-105741, 333-115786, 333-115787, 333-125104, 333-134789, 333-134790, 333-134793, 333-167283, 333-198311, 333-204698, and 333-218558 on Form S-8, registration statement No. 333-129715 on Form S-3, and registration statement No. 333-173096 and 333-188762 on Form S-4 of FTI Consulting, Inc. of our reports dated February 22, 2018, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of FTI Consulting, Inc. as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes and financial statement Schedule II, Valuation and Qualifying Accounts (collectively, the "consolidated financial statements"), and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, which reports appear in the December 31, 2017 annual report on Form 10-K of FTI Consulting, Inc.

/s/ KPMG LLP

McLean, Virginia
February 22, 2018

Certification of Principal Executive Officer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a)
(Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)

I, Steven H. Gunby, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of FTI Consulting, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an Annual Report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 22, 2018

By:

/s/ STEVEN GUNBY

Steven H. Gunby
President and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

