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

Form 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended February 28, 2023

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: 1-11869

FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)



Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

13-3362547

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

45 Glover Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut

(Address of principal executive offices)

06850

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(203) 810-1000**

Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbols(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	FDS	New York Stock Exchange LLC
		The Nasdaq Stock Market

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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted 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 whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth 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.

Large accelerated filer **Accelerated filer** **Non-accelerated filer** **Smaller reporting company** **Emerging growth company**

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 Exchange Act).

Yes **No**

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock, \$.01 par value, as of March 27, 2023 was 38,319,485.

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For additional information about FactSet Research Systems Inc. and access to its Annual Reports to Stockholders and Securities and Exchange Commission filings, free of charge, please visit FactSet's website (<https://investor.factset.com>). Any information on or linked from the website is not incorporated by reference into this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

FactSet Research Systems Inc. has made statements under the captions Part I, Item 2. *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, Part II, Item 1A. *Risk Factors*, and in other sections of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three and six months ended February 28, 2023, that are forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify these statements by words such as "may," "might," "will," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "intends," "projects," "indicates," "predicts," "potential," or "continue," and similar expressions.

These forward-looking statements, which are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about us, may include projections of our future financial performance and anticipated trends in our business. These statements are only predictions based on our current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about future events. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. There are many important factors that could cause our actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from the results, level of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including the numerous factors discussed under Item 1A. *Risk Factors* in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022, that should be specifically considered.

Although we believe the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, level of activity, performance or achievements. Moreover, neither we nor any other person assumes responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of any of these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in forward-looking statements. We do not intend, and are under no duty, to update any of these forward-looking statements after the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to reflect actual results, future events or circumstances, or revised expectations.

We intend that all forward-looking statements we make will be subject to safe harbor protection of the federal securities laws as found in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FactSet Research Systems Inc.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME – Unaudited

<i>(in thousands, except per share data)</i>	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues	\$ 515,085	\$ 431,119	\$ 1,019,900	\$ 855,844
Operating expenses				
Cost of services	240,806	199,413	467,848	406,544
Selling, general and administrative	104,582	98,066	210,178	189,304
Asset impairments	447	10,292	729	13,987
Total operating expenses	345,835	307,771	678,755	609,835
Operating income	169,250	123,348	341,145	246,009
Other income (expense), net				
Interest expense, net	(13,834)	(1,673)	(28,166)	(3,167)
Other income (expense), net	1,346	281	1,668	(956)
Total other income (expense), net	(12,488)	(1,392)	(26,498)	(4,123)
Income before income taxes	156,762	121,956	314,647	241,886
Provision for income taxes	25,169	12,018	46,256	24,301
Net income	\$ 131,593	\$ 109,938	\$ 268,391	\$ 217,585
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 3.44	\$ 2.91	\$ 7.03	\$ 5.77
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 3.38	\$ 2.84	\$ 6.89	\$ 5.63
Basic weighted average common shares	38,281	37,837	38,201	37,685
Diluted weighted average common shares	38,981	38,761	38,947	38,628

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

FactSet Research Systems Inc.**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME – Unaudited**

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	February 28,		February 28,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net income	\$ 131,593	\$ 109,938	\$ 268,391	\$ 217,585
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				
Net unrealized gain (loss) on cash flow hedges*	(2,254)	4,805	4,301	4,810
Foreign currency translation adjustment gains (losses)	3,070	(2,983)	11,839	(21,696)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	816	1,822	16,140	(16,886)
Comprehensive income	\$ 132,409	\$ 111,760	\$ 284,531	\$ 200,699

*Presented net of a tax benefit of \$779 thousand and a tax expense of \$468 thousand for the three months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, respectively. Presented net of a tax expense of \$1,485 thousand and \$469 thousand for the six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, respectively.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

FactSet Research Systems Inc.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS – Unaudited

(in thousands, except share data)

	February 28, 2023	August 31, 2022
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 445,326	\$ 503,273
Investments	32,022	33,219
Accounts receivable, net of reserves of \$3,120 at February 28, 2023 and \$2,776 at August 31, 2022	257,408	204,102
Prepaid taxes	41,605	38,539
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	82,293	91,214
Total current assets	858,654	870,347
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements, net	81,790	80,843
Goodwill	977,359	965,848
Intangible assets, net	1,869,774	1,895,909
Deferred taxes	5,662	3,153
Lease right-of-use assets, net	150,174	159,458
Other assets	57,662	38,747
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,001,075	\$ 4,014,305
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 120,223	\$ 108,395
Current lease liabilities	28,573	29,185
Accrued compensation	63,720	114,808
Deferred revenues	164,190	152,039
Dividends payable	34,099	33,860
Total current liabilities	410,805	438,287
Long-term debt	1,735,609	1,982,424
Deferred taxes	6,600	8,800
Deferred revenues, non-current	6,137	7,212
Taxes payable	34,825	34,211
Long-term lease liabilities	196,669	208,622
Other liabilities	3,276	3,341
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,393,921	\$ 2,682,897
Commitments and contingencies (see Note 12)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized, none issued	\$ —	\$ —
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 150,000,000 shares authorized; 41,949,883 and 41,653,218 shares issued; 38,313,708 and 38,044,756 shares outstanding at February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022, respectively	420	417
Additional paid-in capital	1,261,452	1,190,350
Treasury stock, at cost: 3,636,175 and 3,608,462 shares at February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022, respectively	(942,496)	(930,715)
Retained earnings	1,380,021	1,179,739
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(92,243)	(108,383)
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,607,154	\$ 1,331,408
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 4,001,075	\$ 4,014,305

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FactSet Research Systems Inc.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS – Unaudited

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 268,391	\$ 217,585
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	52,208	32,827
Amortization of lease right-of-use assets	19,596	22,172
Stock-based compensation expense	27,500	25,937
Deferred income taxes	(6,470)	(3,264)
Asset impairments	729	13,987
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions		
Accounts receivable, net of reserves	(54,294)	(37,704)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	12,102	10,183
Accrued compensation	(51,714)	(34,680)
Deferred revenues	11,069	6,201
Taxes payable, net of prepaid taxes	(2,576)	(21,824)
Lease liabilities, net	(22,877)	(23,863)
Other, net	17,650	(12,605)
Net cash provided by operating activities	271,314	194,952
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized internal-use software	(35,416)	(20,546)
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired	—	(50,018)
Purchases of investments	(10,889)	(250)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(46,305)	(70,814)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of debt	(250,000)	—
Dividend payments	(67,478)	(61,448)
Proceeds from employee stock plans	43,605	56,928
Repurchases of common stock	—	(18,639)
Other financing activities	(11,781)	(3,258)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(285,654)	(26,417)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	2,698	(6,574)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(57,947)	91,147
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	503,273	681,865
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 445,326</u>	<u>\$ 773,012</u>

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FactSet Research Systems Inc.**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY- Unaudited**For the Three Months Ended February 28, 2023

<i>(in thousands, except share data)</i>	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock		Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Par Value		Shares	Amount			
Balance as of November 30, 2022	41,848,430	\$ 418	\$ 1,225,947	3,634,322	\$ (941,705)	\$ 1,282,527	\$ (93,059)	\$ 1,474,128
Net income						131,593		131,593
Other comprehensive income (loss)							816	816
Common stock issued for employee stock plans	95,543	1	20,180					20,181
Vesting of restricted stock	5,910	1		1,853	(791)			(790)
Stock-based compensation expense			15,325					15,325
Dividends declared						(34,099)		(34,099)
Balance as of February 28, 2023	41,949,883	\$ 420	\$ 1,261,452	3,636,175	\$ (942,496)	\$ 1,380,021	\$ (92,243)	\$ 1,607,154

For the Six Months Ended February 28, 2023

<i>(in thousands, except share data)</i>	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock		Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Par Value		Shares	Amount			
Balance as of August 31, 2022	41,653,218	\$ 417	\$ 1,190,350	3,608,462	\$ (930,715)	\$ 1,179,739	\$ (108,383)	\$ 1,331,408
Net income						268,391		268,391
Other comprehensive income (loss)							16,140	16,140
Common stock issued for employee stock plans	226,966	2	43,602	410	(166)			43,438
Vesting of restricted stock	69,699	1		27,303	(11,615)			(11,614)
Stock-based compensation expense			27,500					27,500
Dividends declared						(68,109)		(68,109)
Balance as of February 28, 2023	41,949,883	\$ 420	\$ 1,261,452	3,636,175	\$ (942,496)	\$ 1,380,021	\$ (92,243)	\$ 1,607,154

For the Three Months Ended February 28, 2022

<i>(in thousands, except share data)</i>	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock		Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Par Value		Shares	Amount			
Balance as of November 30, 2021	41,372,890	\$ 414	\$ 1,094,467	3,600,720	\$ (927,505)	\$ 989,189	\$ (57,670)	\$ 1,098,895
Net income						109,938		109,938
Other comprehensive income (loss)							1,822	1,822
Common stock issued for employee stock plans	111,360	1	21,163	260	(128)			21,036
Vesting of restricted stock	1,011	—		415	(181)			(181)
Stock-based compensation expense			15,536					15,536
Dividends declared						(31,065)		(31,065)
Balance as of February 28, 2022	41,485,261	\$ 415	\$ 1,131,166	3,601,395	\$ (927,814)	\$ 1,068,062	\$ (55,848)	\$ 1,215,981

For the Six Months Ended February 28, 2022

<i>(in thousands, except share data)</i>	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock		Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Par Value		Shares	Amount			
Balance as of August 31, 2021	41,163,192	\$ 412	\$ 1,048,305	3,547,773	\$ (905,917)	\$ 912,515	\$ (38,962)	\$ 1,016,353
Net income						217,585		217,585
Other comprehensive loss							(16,886)	(16,886)
Common stock issued for employee stock plans	303,709	3	56,924	260	(128)			56,799
Vesting of restricted stock	18,360	—		7,162	(3,130)			(3,130)
Repurchases of common stock				46,200	(18,639)			(18,639)
Stock-based compensation expense			25,937					25,937
Dividends declared						(62,038)		(62,038)
Balance as of February 28, 2022	41,485,261	\$ 415	\$ 1,131,166	3,601,395	\$ (927,814)	\$ 1,068,062	\$ (55,848)	\$ 1,215,981

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

FactSet Research Systems Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, "we," "our," "us," the "Company" or "FactSet") is a global financial digital platform and enterprise solutions provider with open and flexible solutions that drive the investment community to see more, think bigger and do its best work. Our strategy is to build the leading open content and analytics platform that delivers a differentiated advantage for our clients' success.

Fiscal 2023 marks the 45th year our platform has delivered expansive data, sophisticated analytics and flexible technology used by global financial professionals to power their critical investment workflows. As of February 28, 2023, we had more than 7,700 clients comprised of approximately 186,000 investment professionals, including asset managers, bankers, wealth managers, asset owners, channel partners, hedge funds, corporate users, private equity and venture capital professionals. Our on- and off-platform solutions span the investment lifecycle including investment research, portfolio construction and analysis, trade execution, performance measurement, risk management and reporting. Our revenues are primarily derived from subscriptions to our multi-asset class data and solutions powered by our connected content, referred to as our "content refinery." Our products and services include workstations, portfolio analytics and enterprise solutions.

We provide financial data and market intelligence on securities, companies, industries and people to enable our clients to research investment ideas, as well as to analyze, monitor and manage their portfolios. We combine dedicated client service with open and flexible technology offerings, including a configurable desktop and mobile platform, comprehensive data feeds, cloud-based digital solutions and application programming interfaces ("APIs"). Our CUSIP Global Services ("CGS") business supports security master files relied on by the investment industry for critical front, middle and back office functions.

We drive our business based on our detailed understanding of our clients' workflows, which helps us to solve their most complex challenges. We provide them with an open digital platform, connected and reliable data, next-generation workflow solutions and highly committed service specialists.

We operate our business through three reportable segments ("segments"): the Americas, EMEA and Asia Pacific. Refer to Note 16, *Segment Information*, for further discussion. For each of our segments, we execute our strategy through three workflow solutions: Research & Advisory; Analytics & Trading; and Content & Technology Solutions ("CTS").

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

We conduct business globally and manage our business on a geographic basis. The accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all information and footnotes required by GAAP for annual financial statements; as such, the information in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the audited Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022. The accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements include our accounts and those of our wholly-owned subsidiaries; all intercompany activity and balances have been eliminated.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements include all normal recurring adjustments, transactions or events discretely impacting the interim periods considered necessary to present fairly our results of operations, financial position, cash flows and equity.

Reclassifications

In the Consolidated Statements of Income, we reclassified comparative figures for the three and six months ended February 28, 2022 from both Selling, general and administrative and Cost of services to Asset impairments, primarily related to the impairment of our lease right-of-use ("ROU") assets and property, equipment and leasehold improvements, to conform to the current year's presentation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures in conformity with GAAP, required management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of

contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates may have been made in areas that include income taxes, stock-based compensation, goodwill and intangible assets, business combinations, long-lived assets, contingencies and impairment assessments. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Concentrations of Credit Risks

Cash equivalents

Financial instruments that potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents. We are exposed to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents held in financial institutions in the event of a default, to the extent that such amounts are in excess of applicable insurance limits. We have not experienced any losses from maintaining cash accounts in excess of such limits. We do not believe our concentration of cash and cash equivalents presents a significant credit risk as the counterparties to the instruments consist of multiple high-quality, credit-worthy financial institutions.

Accounts Receivable

Our accounts receivable credit risk is dependent upon the financial stability of our individual clients; however, this risk is generally limited due to our large and geographically dispersed client base. No single client represented more than 3% of our total subscription revenues in any period presented. The receivable reserve was \$3.1 million and \$2.8 million as of February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022, respectively. We do not require collateral from our clients.

Derivative Instruments

Our use of derivative instruments exposes us to credit risk to the extent counterparties may be unable to meet the terms of their agreements. To mitigate credit risk, we limit counterparties to credit-worthy financial institutions and use several institutions to reduce concentration risk. We do not expect any losses as a result of default by our counterparties.

Concentrations of Data Providers

We integrate data from various third-party sources into our hosted proprietary data and analytics platform, which our clients access to perform their analyses. As certain data sources have a limited number of suppliers, we make every effort to assure that, where reasonable, alternative sources are available. We are not dependent on any individual third-party data supplier in order to meet the needs of our clients, with only two data suppliers each representing more than 10% of our total data costs for the six months ended February 28, 2023.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

We did not adopt any new standards or updates issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") during the three and six months ended February 28, 2023 that had a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

There were no new accounting pronouncements issued or effective as of February 28, 2023 that had, or are expected to have, a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

3. REVENUE RECOGNITION

We derive most of our revenues by providing client access to our multi-asset class solutions, powered by our content refinery, over the associated contractual term (referred to as the "Hosted Platform"). The Hosted Platform is a subscription-based service that provides client access to various combinations of products and services including workstations, portfolio analytics and enterprise solutions. In addition, through our CGS platform, we provide subscription access to a database of universally recognized identifiers, enabling differentiating characteristics for issuers and their financial instruments (referred to as the "Identifier Platform").

We determined that the majority of each of our Hosted Platform and Identifier Platform services represents a single performance obligation covering a series of distinct products and services that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer to the client. We also determined the primary nature of the promise to the client is to provide daily access to each of these data and analytics platforms. These platforms provide integrated financial information, analytical applications and industry-leading service for the investment community. Based on the nature of the services and products offered by these platforms, we apply an output time-based measure of progress as the client is simultaneously receiving and consuming the

benefits of the platform. We recognize revenue for the majority of these platforms in accordance with the 'as invoiced' practical expedient as the amount of consideration that we have the right to invoice corresponds directly with the value of our performance to date.

We do not consider payment terms as a performance obligation for clients with contractual terms that are one year or less and we have elected the practical expedient.

Contracts with clients can include certain fulfillment costs, comprised of up-front costs to allow for the delivery of products and services, which are recoverable. Fulfillment costs are recognized as an asset, with the current portion recorded in Prepaid expenses and other current assets and the non-current portion recorded in Other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, based on the term of the license period. The fulfillment costs are amortized consistent with the associated revenues for providing the services. There are no significant judgments that would impact the timing of revenue recognition.

The majority of client contracts have a duration of one year or the amount we are entitled to receive corresponds directly with the value of performance obligations completed to date, and therefore, we do not disclose the value of the remaining unsatisfied performance obligations.

Disaggregated Revenues

We disaggregate revenues from contracts with clients by our segments which consist of the Americas, EMEA and Asia Pacific. We believe these segments are reflective of how we manage our business and the markets in which we serve and best depict the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenues and cash flows related to contracts with clients. Segment revenues reflect sales to our clients based on their respective geographic locations. Refer to Note 16, *Segment Information*, for further information.

The following table presents this disaggregation by segment:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	February 28,		February 28,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Americas	\$ 331,121	\$ 273,659	\$ 654,488	\$ 540,572
EMEA	132,508	114,591	263,246	229,594
Asia Pacific	51,456	42,869	102,166	85,678
Total Revenues	\$ 515,085	\$ 431,119	\$ 1,019,900	\$ 855,844

4. FAIR VALUE MEASURES

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In determining fair value, the use of various valuation methodologies, including market, income and cost approaches, is permissible. We consider the principal or most advantageous market in which we would transact and consider assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability.

Fair Value Hierarchy

The accounting guidance for fair value measurements establishes a fair value hierarchy that requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value based on the reliability of inputs. A financial instrument's categorization within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect its placement within the fair value hierarchy levels. We have categorized our cash equivalents, investments and derivatives within the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 – applies to assets or liabilities for which there are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – applies to assets or liabilities for which there are inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets with insufficient volume or infrequent transactions (less active markets); or model-derived valuations in which significant inputs are observable or can be derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data.

Level 3 – applies to assets or liabilities for which there are unobservable inputs to the valuation methodology that are significant to the measurement of the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

(a) Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The following tables show, by level within the fair value hierarchy, our assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022. We did not have any transfers between levels of fair value measurements during the periods presented below. We held no Level 3 assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022.

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Fair Value Measurements at February 28, 2023		
	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Assets			
Corporate money market funds ⁽¹⁾	\$ 163,032	\$ —	\$ 163,032
Mutual funds ⁽²⁾	—	32,022	32,022
Derivative instruments ⁽³⁾	—	11,583	11,583
Total assets measured at fair value	\$ 163,032	\$ 43,605	\$ 206,637

Liabilities			
Derivative instruments ⁽³⁾	\$ —	\$ 1,692	\$ 1,692
Total liabilities measured at fair value	\$ —	\$ 1,692	\$ 1,692

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Fair Value Measurements at August 31, 2022		
	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Assets			
Corporate money market funds ⁽¹⁾	\$ 179,330	\$ —	\$ 179,330
Mutual funds ⁽²⁾	—	33,219	33,219
Derivative instruments ⁽³⁾	—	12,412	12,412
Total assets measured at fair value	\$ 179,330	\$ 45,631	\$ 224,961

Liabilities			
Derivative instruments ⁽³⁾	\$ —	\$ 8,307	\$ 8,307
Total liabilities measured at fair value	\$ —	\$ 8,307	\$ 8,307

(1) Our corporate money market funds are readily convertible into cash and the net asset value of each fund on the last day of the quarter is used to determine its fair value. Our corporate money market funds are included in Cash and cash equivalents within the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(2) Our mutual funds' fair value is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the mutual funds, allocated to each share of the mutual fund using a net asset value approach. The fair value of the underlying investments is based on observable inputs. Our mutual funds are included in Investments (short-term) within the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(3) Our derivative instruments include our foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap agreements. We utilize the income approach to measure fair value for our foreign exchange forward contracts. The income approach uses pricing models that rely on market observable inputs such as spot, forward and interest rates, as well as credit default swap spreads. To estimate fair value for our interest rate swap agreements, we utilize a present value of future cash flows, leveraging a model-derived valuation that uses observable inputs such as interest rate yield curves. Refer to Note 5, Derivative Instruments, for more information on our derivative instruments and their classification within the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(b) Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis

Assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis relate primarily to our tangible fixed assets, lease ROU assets, goodwill and intangible assets. The fair values of these non-financial assets and liabilities are determined based on valuation techniques using the best information available, and may include quoted market prices, market comparable information and discounted cash flow projections. These non-financial assets are required to be assessed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate their carrying value may not be fully recoverable, and at least annually for goodwill.

Asset impairments incurred during the three and six months ended February 28, 2022 were \$10.3 million and \$14.0 million, respectively, with no similar level of impairment recorded during the three and six ended February 28, 2023. The asset impairments recognized during the three and six months ended February 28, 2022 included a respective \$9.7 million and \$13.4 million charge related to our lease ROU assets and property, equipment and leasehold improvements associated with vacating certain leased office space. For those locations we anticipated subleasing, we estimated the fair value of the lease ROU assets as of the cease use date, using a market approach, based on expected future cash flows from sublease income. To complete this assessment we relied on certain assumptions, which included estimates of the rental rate, period of vacancy, incentives and annual rent increases. We fully impaired the lease ROU assets for locations we will not sublease and substantially all the property, equipment and leasehold improvements associated with the related vacated leased office space as there are no expected cash flows related to these items. Due to the subjective nature of the unobservable inputs used, the fair value measurement for the asset impairments are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

(c) Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value for Disclosure Purposes Only

We elected not to carry our Long-term debt at fair value. The carrying value of our Long-term debt is net of related unamortized discount and debt issuance costs.

The fair value of our Senior Notes is estimated based on quoted prices in active markets as of the reporting date, given that the Senior Notes are publicly traded, which are considered Level 1 inputs. The fair value of our 2022 Credit Facilities is estimated based on quoted market prices for similar instruments, adjusted for unobservable inputs to ensure comparability to our investment rating, maturity terms and principal outstanding, which are considered Level 3 inputs. Refer to Note 11, *Debt* for definitions of these terms and more information on the Senior Notes and 2022 Credit Facilities.

The following table summarizes information on our outstanding debt as of February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Fair Value Hierarchy	February 28, 2023		August 31, 2022	
		Principal Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Principal Amount	Estimated Fair Value
2027 Notes	Level 1	\$ 500,000	\$ 460,470	\$ 500,000	\$ 470,525
2032 Notes	Level 1	500,000	419,705	500,000	438,205
2022 Term Facility	Level 3	500,000	503,125	750,000	750,975
2022 Revolving Facility	Level 3	250,000	248,438	250,000	249,075
Total principal amount		\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,631,738	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,908,780
Total unamortized discounts and debt issuance costs		(14,391)		(17,576)	
Total net carrying value of debt		\$ 1,735,609		\$ 1,982,424	

5. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

Cash Flow Hedges

In designing our hedging approach, we consider several factors, including offsetting exposures, the significance of exposures, the forecasting of risk and the potential effectiveness of the hedge to reduce the volatility of our earnings and cash flows. Factors considered in the decision to hedge an underlying market exposure include the materiality of the risk, the volatility of the market, the duration of the hedge, the degree to which the underlying exposure is committed to, and the availability, effectiveness and cost of derivative instruments. Derivative instruments are only utilized for risk management purposes and are not used for speculative or trading purposes. We limit counterparties to credit-worthy financial institutions. Refer to Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Concentrations of Credit Risk*, for further discussion on counterparty credit risk.

We leverage foreign currency forward contracts and interest rate swaps to mitigate certain operational exposures from the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and to manage our interest rate exposure. We have designated and accounted for these derivatives as cash flow hedges with the unrealized gains or losses recorded in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss ("AOCL"), net of tax, in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Realized gains or losses resulting from settlement of our forward contracts and swap agreements are subsequently reclassified into Selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") and Interest expense, net, respectively, in the Consolidated Statements of Income when the hedges are settled.

Foreign Currency Forward Contracts

As we conduct business outside the U.S. in several currencies, we are exposed to movements in foreign currency exchange rates. The gains and losses on foreign currency forward contracts offset the variability in operating expenses associated with currency movements. As of February 28, 2023, we maintained a series of foreign currency forward contracts to hedge a portion of our exposures related to our primary currencies of the British Pound Sterling, Indian Rupee, Euro and Philippine Peso. We entered into these contracts to mitigate our currency exposure ranging from 25% to 75%, over their respective hedged periods, which are set to mature at various points between the third quarter of fiscal 2023 through the second quarter of fiscal 2024.

The following table summarizes the gross notional value of foreign currency forward contracts to purchase British Pound Sterling, Euros, Indian Rupees and Philippine Pesos with U.S. dollars as of February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022.

(in thousands)	February 28, 2023		August 31, 2022	
	Local Currency	USD	Local Currency	USD
British Pound Sterling	£ 46,000	\$ 55,491	£ 44,200	\$ 55,567
Euro	€ 37,500	\$ 39,877	€ 37,500	\$ 40,679
Indian Rupee	Rs 2,987,143	\$ 36,200	Rs 2,667,928	\$ 33,600
Philippine Peso	₱ 1,767,455	\$ 31,600	₱ 1,462,060	\$ 27,000
Total		\$ 163,168		\$ 156,846

Refer to *Foreign Currency Transaction Risk* in Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further discussion of our exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

Interest Rate Swap Agreements

2022 Swap Agreement

On March 1, 2022, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement ("2022 Swap Agreement") with a notional amount of \$800.0 million to hedge a portion of our outstanding floating Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") rate debt with a fixed interest rate of 1.162%. The notional amount of the 2022 Swap Agreement declines by \$100.0 million on a quarterly basis as of May 31, 2022 and is maturing on February 28, 2024. Effective December 30, 2022, we partially novated our 2022 Swap Agreement to equally apportion the then outstanding notional amount of the interest rate swap between two counterparties. No other terms of the 2022 Swap Agreement were amended, terminated, or otherwise modified. As of February 28, 2023, the notional amount of the 2022 Swap Agreement was \$400.0 million.

2020 Swap Agreement

On March 5, 2020, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement ("2020 Swap Agreement") with a notional amount of \$287.5 million. The 2020 Swap Agreement hedged a portion of our then outstanding floating LIBOR rate debt with a fixed interest rate of 0.7995% to mitigate our interest rate exposure. On March 1, 2022, we terminated the 2020 Swap Agreement, which resulted in a one-time benefit of \$3.5 million recognized in Interest expense, net in the Consolidated Statements of Income during the third quarter of fiscal 2022, based on its fair market value.

Refer to Note 11, *Debt*, for further discussion of our outstanding floating SOFR rate debt. Refer to *Interest Rate Risk* in Part I, Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further discussion of our exposure to interest rate risk on our long-term debt outstanding.

Gross Notional Value and Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

The following is a summary of the gross notional values of the derivative instruments:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Gross Notional Value	
	February 28, 2023	August 31, 2022
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$ 163,168	\$ 156,846
Interest rate swap agreement	400,000	600,000
Total cash flow hedges	\$ 563,168	\$ 756,846

The following is a summary of the fair values of our derivative instruments:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Fair Value of Derivative Instruments					
	Derivative Assets			Derivative Liabilities		
	Balance Sheet Classification	February 28, 2023	August 31, 2022	Balance Sheet Classification	February 28, 2023	August 31, 2022
Foreign currency forward contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 1,738	\$ —	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,692	\$ 8,307
Interest rate swap agreement	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	9,845	10,621	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	—
	Other assets	—	1,791	Other liabilities	—	—
Total cash flow hedges		\$ 11,583	\$ 12,412		\$ 1,692	\$ 8,307

All derivatives were designated as hedging instruments as of February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022.

Derivative Recognition

The following table provides the pre-tax effect of derivative instruments in cash flow hedging relationships for the three months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, respectively:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Gain (Loss) Recognized in AOCL on Derivatives		Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCL into Income	Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCL into Income	
	February 28,			February 28,	
	2023	2022		2023	2022
Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships					
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$ (215)	\$ (34)	SG&A	\$ (279)	\$ (1,014)
Interest rate swap agreement	848	3,795	Interest expense, net	3,945	(498)
Total cash flow hedges	\$ 633	\$ 3,761		\$ 3,666	\$ (1,512)

The following table provides the pre-tax effect of derivative instruments in cash flow hedging relationships for the six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, respectively:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Gain (Loss) Reclassified in AOCL on Derivatives		Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCL into Income	Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCL into Income	
	February 28,			February 28,	
Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships	2023	2022		2023	2022
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$ 3,108	\$ (3,576)	SG&A	\$ (5,244)	\$ (1,463)
Interest rate swap agreement	4,276	6,378	Interest expense, net	6,842	(1,014)
Total cash flow hedges	\$ 7,384	\$ 2,802		\$ 1,598	\$ (2,477)

As of February 28, 2023, we estimate that net pre-tax derivative gains of \$9.9 million included in AOCL will be reclassified into earnings within the next 12 months. As of February 28, 2023, our cash flow hedges were highly effective with no amount of ineffectiveness recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Income for these designated cash flow hedges and all components of each derivative's gain or loss were included in the assessment of hedge effectiveness. There was no discontinuance of our cash flow hedges during the six months ended February 28, 2023 or February 28, 2022, and as such, no corresponding gains or losses related to changes in the value of our contracts were reclassified into earnings prior to settlement.

Offsetting of Derivative Instruments

We enter into master netting arrangements designed to permit net settlement of derivative transactions among the respective counterparties, settled on the same date and in the same currency. As of February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022, there were no material amounts recorded net on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

6. ACQUISITIONS

During fiscal 2022, we completed acquisitions of CUSIP Global Services ("CGS") and Cobalt Software, Inc. ("Cobalt").

CUSIP Global Services

On March 1, 2022, we completed the acquisition of CGS for a cash purchase price of \$1.932 billion, inclusive of working capital adjustments. CGS manages a database of 60 different data elements uniquely identifying more than 50 million global financial instruments. It is the foundation for security master files relied on by critical front, middle and back-office functions. CGS, operating on behalf of the American Bankers Association ("ABA"), is the provider of Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures ("CUSIP") and CUSIP International Number System ("CINS") identifiers globally and also acts as the official numbering agency for International Securities Identification Number ("ISIN") identifiers in the United States and as a substitute number agency for more than 35 other countries. We believe that the CGS acquisition will significantly expand our critical role in the global capital markets. The CGS purchase price was in excess of the fair value of net assets acquired, resulting in the recognition of goodwill. We finalized the purchase accounting for the CGS acquisition during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2022 and did not record any material changes to the preliminary purchase price allocation.

The acquisition date fair values of major classes of assets acquired and liabilities assumed are as follows:

	Acquisition Date Fair Value (in thousands)	Acquisition Date Useful Life (in years)	Amortization Method
Current assets ⁽¹⁾	\$ 29,728		
Amortizable intangible assets			
ABA business process	1,583,000	36 years	Straight-line
Client relationships	164,000	26 years	Straight-line
Acquired databases	46,000	15 years	Straight-line
Goodwill	214,970		
Current liabilities ⁽²⁾	(104,691)		
Deferred revenues, long-term	(1,481)		
Total purchase price	\$ 1,931,526		

(1) Includes an accounts receivable balance of \$29.5 million.

(2) Includes a deferred revenues balance of \$99.4 million. The CGS acquisition was accounted for in accordance with our adoption of ASU No. 2021-08; as such, the deferred revenues did not include a fair value adjustment. Refer to Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies in the Notes included in Item 8. of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022 for more information on ASU No. 2021-08.

Goodwill totaling \$215.0 million represents the excess of the CGS purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired and considers future economic benefits that we expect to achieve as a result of the acquisition. The goodwill is included in the Americas segment and is deductible for income tax purposes. The majority of the net assets acquired relate to an ABA business process intangible which is a renewable license agreement with the ABA to manage the issuance, maintenance and access to the CUSIP numbering system and related database of CUSIP identifiers. This intangible asset's valuation and associated useful life considers the nature of the business relationship, multi-year term of the current agreement and the likelihood of long-term renewals. The useful life assigned to the Client relationships intangible asset considers the strong historical client retention and client renewals as a basis for expected future retention. The useful life assigned to Acquired databases considers the historical period of data collection and the limited changes to the data on an annual basis.

The results of CGS's operations have been included in our Consolidated Financial Statements, within the Americas, EMEA and Asia Pacific segments, beginning with the closing of the acquisition on March 1, 2022. CGS functions as part of CTS. Pro forma information has not been presented because the effect of the CGS acquisition was not material to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Cobalt Software, Inc.

On October 12, 2021, we acquired all of the outstanding shares of Cobalt for a purchase price of \$50.0 million, net of cash acquired, and inclusive of working capital adjustments. Cobalt is a leading portfolio monitoring solutions provider for the private capital industry. This acquisition aligned with our strategy to scale our data and workflow solutions through targeted investments as part of our multi-year investment plan and expands our private markets offering. The Cobalt purchase price was in excess of the fair value of net assets acquired, resulting in the recognition of goodwill. We finalized the purchase accounting for the Cobalt acquisition during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2022 and did not record any material changes to the preliminary purchase price allocation.

The acquisition date fair values of major classes of assets acquired and liabilities assumed are as follows:

	Acquisition Date Fair Value (in thousands)	Acquisition Date Useful Life (in years)	Amortization Method
Current assets	\$ 540		
Amortizable intangible assets			
Software technology	7,750	5 years	Straight-line
Client relationships	4,800	11 years	Straight-line
Goodwill	41,338		
Other assets	34		
Current liabilities	(4,437)		
Other liabilities	(7)		
Total purchase price	<u>\$ 50,018</u>		

Goodwill totaling \$41.3 million represents the excess of the Cobalt purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired and is included in the Americas and EMEA segments. Goodwill generated from the Cobalt acquisition is not deductible for income tax purposes. The useful life assigned to the Client relationships intangible asset considers the historical client retention as a basis for expected future retention. The useful life assigned to Software technology considers our historical experience and anticipated technological changes.

The results of Cobalt's operations have been included in our Consolidated Financial Statements, within the Americas and EMEA segments, beginning with its acquisition on October 12, 2021. Pro forma information has not been presented because the effect of the Cobalt acquisition was not material to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

7. GOODWILL

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by segment for the six months ended February 28, 2023 are as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Total
Balance at August 31, 2022	\$ 686,412	\$ 277,087	\$ 2,349	\$ 965,848
Foreign currency translations	—	11,463	48	11,511
Balance at February 28, 2023	<u>\$ 686,412</u>	<u>\$ 288,550</u>	<u>\$ 2,397</u>	<u>\$ 977,359</u>

Goodwill is not amortized as it is estimated to have an indefinite life. At least annually, we are required to test goodwill at the reporting unit level, which is consistent with our segments, for potential impairment, and, if impaired, we write down our goodwill to fair value based on the present value of discounted cash flows. We performed our annual goodwill impairment test during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2022 utilizing a qualitative analysis, consistent with the timing and methodology of previous years. We concluded it was more likely than not that the fair value of each of our segments was not less than its respective carrying value and no impairment charge was required.

8. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

We amortize intangible assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful life, gross carrying amounts and accumulated amortization totals related to our identifiable intangible assets are as follows:

(in thousands, except useful lives)	Estimated Useful Life (years)	February 28, 2023			August 31, 2022		
		Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
ABA business process	36	\$ 1,583,000	\$ 43,972	\$ 1,539,028	\$ 1,583,000	\$ 21,986	\$ 1,561,014
Client relationships	11 to 26	263,825	62,102	201,723	263,163	55,405	207,758
Software technology	2 to 9	123,463	101,985	21,478	122,363	96,567	25,796
Developed technology	3 to 5	96,981	41,654	55,327	80,956	33,676	47,280
Acquired databases	15	46,000	3,067	42,933	46,000	1,533	44,467
Data content	7 to 20	33,625	26,704	6,921	32,305	24,973	7,332
Trade names	15	6,759	4,395	2,364	6,693	4,431	2,262
<i>Total</i>		\$ 2,153,653	\$ 283,879	\$ 1,869,774	\$ 2,134,480	\$ 238,571	\$ 1,895,909

The weighted average useful life of our intangible assets at February 28, 2023 was 32.8 years. As described in Note 6, *Acquisitions*, we acquired several intangible assets as part of the CGS acquisition. The weighted average useful life of our intangible assets at February 28, 2023, excluding those acquired from CGS, was 9.3 years. We assess intangible assets for indicators of impairment on a quarterly basis, including an evaluation of our useful lives to determine if events and circumstances warrant a revision to the remaining period of amortization. If indicators of impairment are present, amortizable intangible assets are tested for impairment by comparing the carrying value to undiscounted cash flows and, if impaired, written down to fair value based on discounted cash flows. We have not identified a material impairment nor a material change to the estimated remaining useful lives of our intangible assets for the six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022. The intangible assets have no assigned residual values.

Amortization expense recorded for intangible assets for the three months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022 was \$21.7 million and \$9.1 million, respectively. Amortization expense for intangible assets for the six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022 was \$43.4 million and \$19.2 million, respectively.

As of February 28, 2023, estimated intangible asset amortization expense for each of the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

(in thousands)	Estimated Amortization Expense
Fiscal Years Ended August 31,	
2023 (remaining six months)	\$ 46,853
2024	85,169
2025	78,644
2026	70,020
2027	63,279
Thereafter	1,525,809
<i>Total</i>	\$ 1,869,774

9. INCOME TAXES

Income tax expense is based on taxable income determined in accordance with current enacted laws and tax rates. Deferred income taxes are recorded for the temporary differences between the financial statement and the tax bases of assets and liabilities using currently enacted tax rates.

Income Tax Provision and Effective Tax Rate

The provision for income taxes and effective tax rate are as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Income before income taxes	\$ 156,762	\$ 121,956	\$ 314,647	\$ 241,886
Provision for income taxes	\$ 25,169	\$ 12,018	\$ 46,256	\$ 24,301
Effective tax rate	16.1 %	9.9 %	14.7 %	10.0 %

We are subject to taxation in the United States and various foreign jurisdictions in which we conduct our business. Our provision for income taxes for interim periods is calculated by applying an estimate of our annual effective tax rate to our quarter and year-to-date results, adjusted for discrete items recorded in the period. The computation of the annual estimated effective tax rate at each interim period requires certain estimates and assumptions including, but not limited to, the expected pretax income (or loss) for the year, projections of the proportion of income (or loss) earned and taxed in foreign jurisdictions, permanent and temporary differences and the likelihood of recovering deferred tax assets, then adjusted for any discrete items. On a quarterly basis, we update the estimate of our annual effective tax rate as new events occur, assumptions change, or additional information is obtained.

For the three months ended February 28, 2023, the effective tax rate was 16.1% compared to 9.9% for the same period a year ago. For the six months ended February 28, 2023, the effective tax rate was 14.7% compared to 10.0% for the same period a year ago. For all periods presented, our effective tax rate was lower than the applicable U.S. corporate income tax rate, mainly due to research and development ("R&D") tax credits, a foreign derived intangible income ("FDII") deduction, and a tax benefit from the exercise of stock options.

Our effective tax rate during the three and six months ended February 28, 2023 was higher than the rate during the respective prior year periods, due mainly to a decrease in the impact of tax attributes on the effective tax rate as a result of an increase in income, a lower tax benefit from the exercise of stock options and an increase in the U.K.'s enacted tax rates.

Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

On August 16, 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act ("IRA") was signed into law. The IRA contains several revisions to the Internal Revenue Code effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, including a 15% minimum income tax on certain large corporations. The IRA also includes a 1% excise tax on corporate stock repurchases made by publicly traded U.S. corporations after December 31, 2022. We do not expect the IRA to have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

10. LEASES

Our lease portfolio is primarily related to our office space, under various operating lease agreements. We review new arrangements at inception to evaluate whether we obtain substantially all the economic benefits of and have the right to control the use of an asset. Our lease ROU assets and lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of future minimum lease payments at lease commencement (which includes fixed lease payments and certain qualifying index-based variable payments) over the reasonably certain lease term, leveraging an estimated IBR. Certain adjustments to calculate our lease ROU assets may be required due to prepayments, lease incentives received and initial direct costs incurred. We account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component, which we recognize over the expected term on a straight-line expense basis in occupancy costs (a component of SG&A expense) in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

As of February 28, 2023, we recognized \$150.2 million of Lease right-of-use assets, net and \$225.2 million of combined Current lease liabilities and Long-term lease liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Such leases have a remaining lease term ranging from less than one year to just under 13 years and did not include any renewal or termination options that were not yet reasonably certain to be exercised.

The following table reconciles our future undiscounted cash flows related to our operating leases and the reconciliation to the combined Current lease liabilities and Long-term lease liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of February 28, 2023:

<i>(in thousands)</i>		Minimum Lease Payments
Fiscal Years Ended August 31,		
2023 (remaining six months)	\$	19,171
2024		35,952
2025		33,864
2026		33,043
2027		31,777
Thereafter		114,427
Total	\$	268,234
Less: Imputed interest		42,992
Present value	\$	225,242

The following table includes the components of our occupancy costs in our Consolidated Statements of Income:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Operating lease cost ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8,156	\$ 10,221	\$ 16,233	\$ 20,699
Variable lease cost ⁽²⁾	\$ 3,834	\$ 2,858	\$ 8,054	\$ 5,748

(1) Operating lease costs include costs associated with fixed lease payments and index-based variable payments that qualified for lease accounting under ASC 842, Leases and complied with the practical expedients and exceptions elected by us.

(2) Variable lease costs include costs that were not fixed at the lease commencement date and are not dependent on an index or rate. These costs were not included in the measurement of lease liabilities and primarily include variable non-lease costs, such as utilities, real estate taxes, insurance and maintenance, as well as lease costs for those leases that qualified for the short-term lease exception.

The following table summarizes our lease term and discount rate assumptions related to the operating leases recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheets:

	As of February 28, 2023	As of August 31, 2022
Weighted average remaining lease term <i>(in years)</i>	8.2	8.6
Weighted average discount rate <i>(IBR)</i>	4.4 %	4.4 %

The following table summarizes supplemental cash flow information related to our operating leases:

<i>(in thousands)</i>		Six Months Ended February 28,	
		2023	2022
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities	\$	19,596	\$ 22,172
Lease ROU assets obtained in exchange for lease liabilities ⁽¹⁾	\$	1,379	\$ 2,680
Reductions to ROU assets resulting from reductions to lease liabilities ⁽²⁾	\$	—	\$ (8,893)

(1) Primarily includes new lease arrangements entered into during the period and contract modifications that extend our lease terms and/or provide additional rights.

(2) Primarily relates to lease term reassessments based on contractual options to early terminate, resulting in a reduction to the lease liability and the corresponding lease ROU asset.

During the three and six months ended February 28, 2022, we incurred an impairment charge of \$5.8 million and \$7.2 million, respectively, related to our lease ROU assets associated with vacating certain leased office space. Refer to Note 4, Fair Value Measures for more information on the lease ROU assets impairment methodology. There were no similar lease ROU asset impairments recorded during the three and six months ended February 28, 2023.

11. DEBT

We elected not to carry our Long-term debt at fair value. The carrying value of our debt is net of related unamortized discount and debt issuance costs. Our total debt obligations as of February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022 consisted of the following:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Issuance Date	Contractual Maturity Date	February 28, 2023	August 31, 2022
2022 Credit Agreement				
2022 Term Facility	3/1/2022	3/1/2025	500,000	750,000
2022 Revolving Facility	3/1/2022	3/1/2027	250,000	250,000
Senior Notes				
2027 Notes	3/1/2022	3/1/2027	500,000	500,000
2032 Notes	3/1/2022	3/1/2032	500,000	500,000
Total unamortized discounts and debt issuance costs			(14,391)	(17,576)
Total Long-term debt			\$ 1,735,609	\$ 1,982,424

As of February 28, 2023, annual maturities on our total debt obligations, based on contract maturity, were as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Maturities
Fiscal Years Ended August 31,	
2023 (remaining six months)	\$ —
2024	—
2025	500,000
2026	—
2027	750,000
Thereafter	500,000
Total	\$ 1,750,000

2022 Credit Agreement

On March 1, 2022, we entered into a credit agreement (the "2022 Credit Agreement") and borrowed an aggregate principal amount of \$1.0 billion under its senior unsecured term loan credit facility (the "2022 Term Facility") and \$250.0 million of the available \$500.0 million under its senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the "2022 Revolving Facility" and, together with the 2022 Term Facility, the "2022 Credit Facilities"). The 2022 Term Facility matures on March 1, 2025, and the 2022 Revolving Facility matures on March 1, 2027. The 2022 Revolving Facility allows for the availability of up to \$100.0 million in the form of letters of credit and up to \$50.0 million in the form of swingline loans. We may seek additional commitments under the 2022 Revolving Facility from lenders or other financial institutions up to an aggregate principal amount of \$750.0 million.

We pay a commitment fee on the daily unused amount of the 2022 Revolving Facility using a pricing grid based on our senior unsecured non-credit enhanced long-term debt rating and our total leverage ratio. The commitment fee remained consistent at 0.125% from the borrowing date through February 28, 2023.

We used these borrowings, along with the net proceeds from the issuance of the Senior Notes (as defined below) and cash on hand, to finance the consideration for the CGS acquisition, to repay borrowings under the 2019 Credit Agreement (as defined below) and to pay related transaction fees, costs and expenses.

During fiscal 2022, we incurred approximately \$9.5 million in debt issuance costs related to the 2022 Credit Facilities. Debt issuance costs are presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the debt liability. Debt issuance costs are amortized to Interest expense, net in the Consolidated Statements of Income on a straight-line basis over the contractual term of the debt, which approximates the effective interest method.

We may voluntarily prepay loans under the 2022 Credit Facilities at any time without premium or penalty. During the three and six months ended February 28, 2023, we repaid \$125.0 million and \$250.0 million, respectively, under the 2022 Term Facility, inclusive of voluntary prepayments of \$112.5 million and \$225.0 million, respectively. Since loan inception on March 1, 2022, we have repaid \$500.0 million under the 2022 Term Facility, inclusive of voluntary prepayments of \$462.5 million.

As of February 28, 2023, the outstanding borrowings under the 2022 Credit Facilities bore interest at a rate equal to the applicable one-month Term SOFR rate plus a 1.1% spread (comprised of a 1.0% interest rate margin based on a debt leverage pricing grid plus a 0.1% credit spread adjustment). The spread remained consistent from the borrowing date through February 28, 2023. Interest on the 2022 Credit Facilities is currently payable on the last business day of each month, in arrears.

The 2022 Credit Agreement contains usual and customary event of default provisions for facilities of this type, which are subject to usual and customary grace periods and materiality thresholds. If an event of default occurs under the 2022 Credit Agreement, the lenders may, among other things, terminate their commitments and declare all outstanding borrowings immediately due and payable.

The 2022 Credit Agreement contains usual and customary affirmative and negative covenants for facilities of this type, including a financial covenant requiring maintenance of a total leverage ratio of no greater than 4.00 to 1.00 as of February 28, 2023. We were in compliance with all covenants and requirements of the 2022 Credit Agreement as of February 28, 2023.

Swap Agreements

On March 5, 2020, we entered into the 2020 Swap Agreement to hedge a portion of our then outstanding floating LIBOR rate debt with a fixed interest rate of 0.7995%. On March 1, 2022, we terminated the 2020 Swap Agreement and concurrently entered into the 2022 Swap Agreement to hedge a portion of our outstanding floating SOFR rate debt with a fixed interest rate of 1.162%. Effective December 30, 2022, we apportioned the then outstanding notional amount of the 2022 Swap Agreement between two counterparties. Refer to Note 5, *Derivative Instruments* for further discussion of the 2020 Swap Agreement and 2022 Swap Agreement.

Senior Notes

On March 1, 2022 we completed a public offering of \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2.900% Senior Notes due March 1, 2027 (the "2027 Notes") and \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.450% Senior Notes due March 1, 2032 (the "2032 Notes" and, together with the 2027 Notes, the "Senior Notes"). The Senior Notes were issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of March 1, 2022, by and between us and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by the supplemental indenture, dated as of March 1, 2022, between us and the Trustee (the "Supplemental Indenture").

The Senior Notes were issued at an aggregate discount of \$2.8 million during fiscal 2022 and we incurred approximately \$9.1 million in debt issuance costs. Debt discounts and debt issuance costs are presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as a net direct deduction from the carrying amount of the debt liability. The debt discounts and debt issuance costs are amortized to Interest expense, net in the Consolidated Statements of Income over the contractual term of the debt, leveraging the effective interest method.

Interest on the Senior Notes is payable semiannually in arrears on March 1 and September 1 of each year, with the first payment made on September 1, 2022.

We may redeem the Senior Notes, in whole or in part, at any time at specified redemption prices, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. Upon the occurrence of a change of control triggering event (as defined in the Supplemental Indenture), we must offer to repurchase the Senior Notes at 101% of their principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

2019 Credit Agreement

On March 29, 2019, we entered into a credit agreement with PNC Bank, National Association (the "2019 Credit Agreement") and borrowed \$575.0 million of the available \$750.0 million provided by the revolving credit facility thereunder (the "2019 Revolving Credit Facility"). Borrowings under the 2019 Revolving Credit Facility bore interest on the outstanding principal amount at a rate equal to the daily LIBOR plus a spread using a debt leverage pricing grid. Interest on the amounts outstanding under the 2019 Revolving Credit Facility was payable quarterly, in arrears, and on the maturity date. We incurred approximately \$0.9 million in debt issuance costs related to the 2019 Credit Agreement.

On March 1, 2022, we terminated the 2019 Credit Agreement and amortized the remaining related \$0.4 million of capitalized debt issuance costs into Interest expense, net in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

Interest Expense

On March 1, 2022, the 2019 Revolving Credit Facility and 2020 Swap Agreement were both terminated and concurrently replaced with the 2022 Credit Facilities, Senior Notes and 2022 Swap Agreement.

The following table presents the interest expense on our outstanding debt which is included in Interest expense, net in our Consolidated Statements of Income:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	February 28,		February 28,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Interest expense on outstanding debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 16,728	\$ 1,908	\$ 33,256	\$ 3,826

⁽¹⁾ Interest expense on our outstanding debt includes the related amortization of debt issuance costs and debt discounts, net of the effects of the related interest rate swap agreements.

Including the related amortization of debt issuance costs and debt discounts, net of the effects of the related interest rate swap agreement, the year-to-date weighted average interest rate on amounts outstanding under our outstanding debt was 3.26% and 2.02% as of February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022, respectively. Refer to Note 5, *Derivative Instruments* for further discussion of the 2020 Swap Agreement and 2022 Swap Agreement.

12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Commitments represent obligations, such as those for future purchases of goods or services, that are not yet recorded on the balance sheet as liabilities. We record liabilities for commitments when incurred (*i.e.*, when the goods or services are received).

We accrue non-income-tax liabilities for contingencies when we believe that a loss is probable, and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Judgment is required to determine both probability and the estimated amount of loss. If the reasonable estimate of a probable loss is a range, we record the most probable estimate of the loss or the minimum amount when no amount within the range is a better estimate than any other amount. We review accruals on a quarterly basis and adjust, as necessary, to reflect the impact of negotiations, settlements, rulings, advice of legal counsel and other current information. Contingent gains are recognized only when realized.

Uncertain income tax positions are accounted for in accordance with applicable accounting guidance, refer to Note 9, *Income Taxes* in the Notes included in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022 for further details.

Purchase Commitments with Suppliers and Vendors

Purchase obligations represent our legally-binding agreements to purchase fixed or minimum quantities at determinable prices. Our total purchase obligations as of August 31, 2022 primarily related to hosting services and acquisition of data, and, to a lesser extent, third-party software providers. Hosting services support our technology investments related to our transition to a hybrid cloud strategy, the majority of which rely on third-party hosting providers. Data is an integral component of the value we provide to our clients and our commitments to third-party software providers mainly include internal-use software licenses.

As of August 31, 2022, we had total purchase obligations with suppliers of \$373.9 million. During the second quarter of fiscal 2023, we amended a contract with a data supplier that resulted in an incremental commitment to purchase data of approximately \$26 million.

We also have contractual obligations related to our lease liabilities and outstanding debt. Refer to Note 10, *Leases* and Note 11, *Debt* for information regarding lease commitments and outstanding debt obligations, respectively.

Capital Commitments

As of February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022, we had outstanding capital commitments related to an investment of \$0.8 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

Letters of Credit

From time to time, we are required to obtain letters of credit in the ordinary course of business. As of both February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022, we had \$0.5 million of standby letters of credit outstanding. No liabilities related to these arrangements are reflected in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Contingencies

Legal Matters

We are engaged in various legal proceedings, claims and litigation that have arisen in the ordinary course of business. The outcome of all the matters against us are subject to future resolution, including the uncertainties of litigation. Based on information available at February 28, 2023, our management believes that the ultimate outcome of these unresolved matters against us, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, our results of operations or our cash flows.

Income Taxes

We are currently under audit by tax authorities and have reserved for potential adjustments to our provision for income taxes that may result from examinations by, or any negotiated settlements with, these tax authorities. We believe that the final outcome of these examinations or settlements will not have a material effect on our results of operations nor our cash flows. If events occur which indicate payment of these amounts is unnecessary, the reversal of the liabilities would result in the recognition of tax benefits in the period we determine the liabilities are no longer necessary. If our estimates of the federal, state and foreign income tax liabilities are less than the ultimate assessment, additional expense would result.

Sales Tax Matters

On August 8, 2019, we received a Notice of Intent to Assess (the "First Notice") additional sales taxes, interest and underpayment penalties (the "Sales Taxes") from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue (the "Commonwealth") relating to the tax periods from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2013. On July 20, 2021, we received a Notice of Intent to Assess (the "Second Notice") additional Sales Taxes from the Commonwealth relating to the tax periods from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018. On December 29, 2022, we received a Notice of Intent to Assess (the "Third Notice"; cumulatively with the First and Second Notices, the "Notices") additional Sales Taxes from the Commonwealth relating to the tax periods from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. We have filed an appeal with respect to the Notices to contest all Sales Taxes that may be assessed. We continue to cooperate with the Commonwealth's inquiry with respect to the Notices.

We have concluded that a payment to the Commonwealth is probable. We have recorded an accrual which is not material to our consolidated financial statements. While we believe that the assumptions and estimates used to determine the accrual are reasonable, future developments could result in adjustments being made to this accrual. If we are presented with a formal assessment for any of these matters, we believe that we will ultimately prevail; however, if we do not prevail, the amount of any assessment could have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Indemnifications

As permitted or required under Delaware law and to the maximum extent allowable under that law, we have certain obligations to indemnify each of our current and former officers and directors for certain events or occurrences while the officer or director is, or was, serving at our request in such capacity. These indemnification obligations are valid as long as the director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of FactSet, and

with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. It is not possible to determine the maximum potential amount for claims made under the indemnification obligations due to the unique set of facts and circumstances likely to be involved in each particular claim and indemnification provision; however, we have purchased a director and officer insurance policy that mitigates our exposure and may enable us to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. We do not believe, based on historical experience and information currently available, that it is probable that any material amounts will be required to be paid under such indemnification obligations.

13. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Share Repurchases

<i>(in thousands, except share data)</i>	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Repurchases of common stock under the share repurchase program ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	46,200
Total cost of shares repurchased ⁽¹⁾	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 18,639

(1) Amounts do not include 1,853 shares and 675 shares surrendered by grantees to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon the vesting or exercise of stock-based awards valued at \$0.8 million and \$0.3 million during the three months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, respectively. Amounts do not include 27,713 shares and 7,422 shares surrendered by grantees to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon the vesting or exercise of stock-based awards valued at \$11.8 million and \$3.3 million during the six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, respectively.

We did not repurchase any shares of our common stock during the three months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022. We also did not repurchase any shares during the six months ended February 28, 2023 compared with 46,200 shares repurchased for \$18.6 million during the same period in the prior fiscal year. Beginning in the second quarter of fiscal 2022, we suspended our share repurchase program until at least the second half of fiscal 2023, with the exception of potential minor repurchases to offset dilution from grants of equity awards or repurchases to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon the vesting of stock-based awards. The suspension of our share repurchase program allowed us to prioritize the repayment of debt under the 2022 Credit Facilities. We anticipate resuming the existing share repurchase program for the third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2023. Refer to Note 11, *Debt* for more information on the 2022 Credit Facilities.

As of February 28, 2023, a total of \$181.3 million remained authorized for future share repurchases under this program. There is no defined number of shares to be repurchased over a specified timeframe through the life of the share repurchase program. We may repurchase shares of our common stock under the program from time-to-time in the open market and privately negotiated transactions, subject to market conditions.

Equity-based Awards

Refer to Note 15, *Stock-Based Compensation* for more information on equity awards issued during the three and six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022.

Dividends

Our Board of Directors declared dividends during the three and six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022 as follows:

Year Ended	Dividends per Share of Common Stock	Record Date	Total \$ Amount (in thousands)	Payment Date
Fiscal 2023				
First Quarter	\$ 0.89	November 30, 2022	\$ 34,010	December 15, 2022
Second Quarter	\$ 0.89	February 28, 2023	\$ 34,099	March 16, 2023
Fiscal 2022				
First Quarter	\$ 0.82	November 30, 2021	\$ 30,973	December 16, 2021
Second Quarter	\$ 0.82	February 28, 2022	\$ 31,065	March 17, 2022

In the third quarter of fiscal 2022, our Board of Directors approved an 8.5% increase in the regular quarterly dividend from \$0.82 to \$0.89 per share. Future cash dividend payments will depend on our earnings, capital requirements, financial condition and other factors considered relevant by us and are subject to final determination by our Board of Directors.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The components of AOCL are as follows:

(in thousands)	February 28, 2023	August 31, 2022
Accumulated unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow hedges, net of tax	\$ 7,450	\$ 3,149
Accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments	(99,693)	(111,532)
Total AOCL	\$ (92,243)	\$ (108,383)

14. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share ("Basic EPS") is computed by dividing net income by the number of weighted average common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share ("Diluted EPS") is computed using the treasury stock method, by dividing net income by the cumulative weighted average common shares that are outstanding or are issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock-based compensation awards during the period. Stock-based compensation awards that are out-of-the-money and performance share units ("PSUs") in which the performance criteria have not been met as of the end of the respective reporting period are omitted from the calculation of Diluted EPS.

A reconciliation of the weighted average shares outstanding used in the Basic and Diluted EPS computation is as follows:

(in thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Numerator				
Net income used for calculating Basic and Diluted EPS	\$ 131,593	\$ 109,938	\$ 268,391	\$ 217,585
Denominator				
Weighted average common shares used in the calculation of Basic EPS	38,281	37,837	38,201	37,685
Common stock equivalents associated with stock-based compensation plan ⁽¹⁾	700	924	746	943
Shares used in the calculation of Diluted EPS	38,981	38,761	38,947	38,628
Basic EPS	\$ 3.44	\$ 2.91	\$ 7.03	\$ 5.77
Diluted EPS	\$ 3.38	\$ 2.84	\$ 6.89	\$ 5.63

(1) *Dilutive potential common shares consist of stock options and unvested PSUs. As of February 28, 2023 we excluded 543,082 common stock equivalents related to stock options and as of February 28, 2022, we did not exclude any common stock equivalents related to stock options from our calculation of Diluted EPS. As of February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, we excluded a respective 93,308 and 95,865 common stock equivalents related to PSUs from our calculation of Diluted EPS.*

15. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

We measure compensation expense based on the grant date fair value for all stock-based awards made to our employees and to our non-employee directors ("non-employees") using the Black-Scholes model or the lattice-binomial option-pricing model ("binomial model").

We utilize the Black-Scholes model for grants of non-employee stock options and non-employee restricted stock units ("RSUs"), and common stock acquired under the FactSet Research Systems Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as Amended and Restated ("ESPP"). We use the binomial model for grants of employee stock options and employee RSUs and PSUs. We refer to RSUs and PSUs, collectively, as "Restricted Stock Awards."

Both models involve certain estimates and assumptions such as:

- **Risk-free interest rate** - based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant with maturities equal to the expected terms of the stock-based awards granted.
- **Expected life** - the weighted average period the stock-based awards are expected to remain outstanding.
- **Expected volatility** - based on a blend of historical volatility of the stock-based award's useful life and the weighted average implied volatility for call option contracts traded in the 90 days preceding the stock-based award's valuation date.
- **Dividend yield** - the expectation of dividend payouts based on our history.

Additionally, the binomial model incorporates market conditions, vesting restrictions and exercise patterns.

For Restricted Stock Awards, the grant date fair value is measured by reducing the grant date price of our common stock by the present value of the dividends expected to be paid on the underlying stock during the requisite service period, discounted at the appropriate risk-free interest rate.

For stock-based awards, we use the straight-line method to recognize compensation expense over the requisite service period. The amount of compensation expense that is recognized on any date is at least equal to the vested portion of the award on that date. Compensation expense for PSUs is recognized if the achievement of the performance condition is determined to be probable. We review the PSU performance conditions quarterly to ensure the compensation expense appropriately reflects the Company's expected achievement, as these awards are subject to upward or downward adjustment depending on whether the actual financial performance is above or below target levels, with the PSU payout ranging from 0% to 150% of the number of target shares. Compensation expense for stock-based awards is recorded net of estimated forfeitures, which are based on historical forfeiture rates and are revised if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

We recognized total stock-based compensation expense of \$15.3 million and \$15.5 million during the three months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, respectively. During the six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, we recognized total stock-based compensation expense of \$27.5 million and \$25.9 million, respectively.

As of February 28, 2023, \$139.7 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested awards is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.2 years. There was no stock-based compensation capitalized as of February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022.

As of February 28, 2023, we had 4.2 million employee stock-based awards available for grant under the FactSet Research Systems Inc. Stock Option and Award Plan, as Amended and Restated (the "LTIP"). As of February 28, 2023, we had 0.2 million non-employee stock-based awards available for grant under the FactSet Research Systems Inc. Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Award Plan as Amended and Restated (the "Director Plan").

Employee Stock Option Awards

Under the LTIP, we granted the following stock options for the six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, which are valued using the lattice-binomial option-pricing model. The majority of the stock options granted relate to the November 1, 2022 and November 1, 2021 annual employee grants.

	Six Months Ended	
	February 28,	
	2023	2022
Stock options granted ⁽¹⁾	267,641	302,493
Weighted average exercise price	\$ 426.25	\$ 434.70
Weighted average grant date fair value	\$ 125.58	\$ 102.45

(1) Includes the annual employee grant on November 1, 2022 and November 1, 2021 of 266,051 and 292,377 stock options, respectively. These annual employee grants both vest 20% annually on the anniversary date of the grant and are fully vested after five years, expiring ten years from the date of grant.

As part of the November 1, 2022 annual employee grant, the estimated fair value of this grant leveraged the following assumptions:

November 1, 2022 Annual Employee Grant Details

Risk-free interest rate	3.99% - 4.51%
Expected life (years)	6.62
Expected volatility	24.7%
Dividend yield	0.83%
Estimated fair value	\$125.62
Exercise price	\$426.25

Non-Employee Director Stock Option Grant

On January 17, 2023, we granted 5,462 stock options under the Director Plan to our non-employee directors, which vest 100% on the first anniversary of the grant date and expire seven years from the date the options were granted, using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

January 17, 2023 Non-Employee Director Grant Details

Risk-free interest rate	3.49 %
Expected life (years)	5.7
Expected volatility	27.3 %
Dividend yield	0.84 %
Estimated fair value	\$128.84
Exercise price	\$428.70

Employee Restricted Stock Awards

Restricted Stock Awards granted to employees, under the LTIP, entitle the holders to shares of common stock as the Restricted Stock Awards vest over time, but not to dividends declared on the underlying shares, while the stock subject to the Restricted Stock Awards is unvested. The Restricted Stock Awards are subject to continued employment over a specified period. Vesting of the shares underlying the PSUs are also subject to achieving certain specified performance levels during the measurement period subsequent to the date of grant.

Under the LTIP, we granted the following Restricted Stock Awards with the associated weighted average grant date fair value, assuming a target payout for PSUs, for the six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022.

	Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2023	2022
RSUs Granted ⁽¹⁾	47,371	59,738
PSUs Granted ⁽²⁾	34,482	30,704
Total Restricted Stock Awards	81,853	90,442
Restricted Stock Awards weighted average grant date fair value	\$ 415.33	\$ 422.34

(1) The majority of the RSUs granted relate to the November 1, 2022 and November 1, 2021 annual employee grants that both vest 20% annually on the anniversary date of grant and are fully vested after five years.

(2) The majority of the PSUs granted relate to the November 1, 2022 and November 1, 2021 annual employee grants that both cliff vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, subject to the achievement of certain performance metrics. The ultimate number of common shares that may be earned pursuant to these PSU awards range from 0% to 150% of the number of target shares, depending on the level of the Company's achievement of stated financial performance objectives.

Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Units

The Director Plan provides for the grant of stock-based awards, including RSUs, to non-employee directors of FactSet. On January 17, 2023, we granted 1,653 RSUs to our directors that vest 100% on the first anniversary of the grant date. The RSUs granted to our directors on January 17, 2023 had a grant date fair value of \$425.06.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Shares of FactSet common stock may be purchased by eligible employees under our ESPP in three-month intervals. The purchase price is equal to 85% of the lesser of the fair market value of our common stock on the first day or the last day of each three-month offering period. Employee purchases may not exceed 10% of their gross compensation, and there is a \$25,000 contribution limit per employee during an offering period. Shares purchased through our ESPP cannot be sold or otherwise transferred for 18 months after purchase. Dividends paid on shares held in our ESPP are used to purchase additional ESPP shares at the market price on the dividend payment date.

Stock-based compensation expense related to our ESPP was \$0.6 million for the three months ended February 28, 2023 and \$0.5 million for the three months ended February 28, 2022. Stock-based compensation expense related to our ESPP was \$1.3 million for the six months ended February 28, 2023 and \$1.1 million for the six months ended February 28, 2022. As of February 28, 2023, our ESPP had 84,576 shares reserved for future issuance.

16. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise that have the following characteristics: (i) they engage in business activities from which they may earn revenue and incur expense, (ii) their operating results are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker ("CODM") for resource allocation decisions and performance assessment, and (iii) their discrete financial information is available. Our Chief Executive Officer functions as our CODM.

Our operating segments are consistent with our reportable segments and how we, including our CODM, manage our business and the geographic markets in which we serve. Our internal financial reporting structure is based on three segments: the Americas; EMEA; and Asia Pacific.

The Americas segment serves our clients throughout North, Central, and South America. The EMEA segment serves our clients in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. The Asia Pacific segment serves our clients in Asia and Australia. Segment revenues reflect sales to our clients based on their respective geographic locations.

Each segment records expenses related to its individual operations with the exception of expenditures associated with our data centers, third-party data costs and corporate headquarters charges, which are recorded by the Americas segment and are not allocated to the other segments. The content collection centers, located in India, the Philippines and Latvia, benefit all our segments, and the expenses incurred at these locations are allocated to each segment based on a percentage of revenues.

The following tables reflect the results of operations of our segments as of February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Total
For the three months ended February 28, 2023				
Revenues	\$ 331,121	\$ 132,508	\$ 51,456	\$ 515,085
Operating income	\$ 61,181	\$ 68,941	\$ 39,128	\$ 169,250
Capital expenditures ⁽¹⁾	\$ 15,589	\$ 739	\$ 1,128	\$ 17,456

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Total
For the three months ended February 28, 2022				
Revenues	\$ 273,659	\$ 114,591	\$ 42,869	\$ 431,119
Operating income ⁽²⁾	\$ 48,903	\$ 45,944	\$ 28,501	\$ 123,348
Capital expenditures ⁽¹⁾	\$ 10,346	\$ 252	\$ 1,365	\$ 11,963

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Total
For the six months ended February 28, 2023				
Revenues	\$ 654,488	\$ 263,246	\$ 102,166	\$ 1,019,900
Operating income	\$ 128,712	\$ 136,263	\$ 76,170	\$ 341,145
Capital expenditures ⁽¹⁾	\$ 31,343	\$ 1,312	\$ 2,761	\$ 35,416

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Total
For the six months ended February 28, 2022				
Revenues	\$ 540,572	\$ 229,594	\$ 85,678	\$ 855,844
Operating income ⁽²⁾	\$ 104,401	\$ 86,598	\$ 55,010	\$ 246,009
Capital expenditures ⁽¹⁾	\$ 17,549	\$ 362	\$ 2,635	\$ 20,546

(1) Capital expenditures includes purchases of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized internal-use software.

(2) Asset impairments incurred during the three and six months ended February 28, 2022 were \$10.3 million (\$10.2 million recognized in the Americas) and \$14.0 million (\$13.9 million recognized in the Americas), respectively. This impairment primarily related to vacating certain leased office space resulting in an impairment to our lease ROU assets and associated property, equipment and leasehold improvements. Refer to Note 4, Fair Value Measures and Note 10, Leases for more information on the impairment.

Segment Total Assets

The following table reflects the total assets for our segments:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	February 28, 2023	August 31, 2022
Segment Assets		
Americas	\$ 3,189,973	\$ 3,191,313
EMEA	561,294	580,450
Asia Pacific	249,808	242,542
Total assets	\$ 4,001,075	\$ 4,014,305

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022, our Current Reports on Form 8-K and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed below. Factors that could cause such differences include, but are not limited to, those identified below and those discussed in Item 1A. *Risk Factors* in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2022.

Our MD&A is designed to provide a reader of our financial statements with a narrative from the perspective of our management on our financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and certain other factors that may affect our future results. Our MD&A is presented in the following sections:

- Executive Overview
- Annual Subscription Value ("ASV")
- Client and User Additions
- Employee Headcount
- Results of Operations
- Non-GAAP Financial Measures
- Liquidity and Capital Resources
- Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements
- Foreign Currency Exposure
- Critical Accounting Estimates
- New Accounting Pronouncements

Executive Overview

FactSet Research Systems Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, "we," "our," "us," the "Company" or "FactSet") is a global financial digital platform and enterprise solutions provider with open and flexible solutions that drive the investment community to see more, think bigger and do its best work. Our strategy is to build the leading open content and analytics platform that delivers a differentiated advantage for our clients' success.

Fiscal 2023 marks the 45th year our platform has delivered expansive data, sophisticated analytics, and flexible technology used by global financial professionals to power their critical investment workflows. As of February 28, 2023, we had more than 7,700 clients comprised of approximately 186,000 investment professionals, including asset managers, bankers, wealth managers, asset owners, channel partners, hedge funds, corporate users, private equity and venture capital professionals. Our on- and off-platform solutions span the investment lifecycle including investment research, portfolio construction and analysis, trade execution, performance measurement, risk management and reporting. Our revenues are primarily derived from subscriptions to our multi-asset class data and solutions powered by our connected content, referred to as our "content refinery." Our products and services include workstations, portfolio analytics and enterprise solutions.

We provide financial data and market intelligence on securities, companies, industries and people to enable our clients to research investment ideas, as well as to analyze, monitor and manage their portfolios. We combine dedicated client service with open and flexible technology offerings, including a configurable desktop and mobile platform, comprehensive data feeds, cloud-based digital solutions and application programming interfaces ("APIs"). Our CUSIP Global Services ("CGS") business supports security master files relied on by the investment industry for critical front, middle and back office functions.

We drive our business based on our detailed understanding of our clients' workflows, which helps us to solve their most complex challenges. We provide them with an open digital platform, connected and reliable data, next-generation workflow solutions and highly committed service specialists.

We operate our business through three segments: the Americas, EMEA and Asia Pacific. Refer to Note 16, *Segment Information*, in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further discussion. For each of our segments, we execute our strategy through our three workflow solutions: Research & Advisory; Analytics & Trading; and Content & Technology Solutions ("CTS").

Business Strategy

As the needs of our clients evolve, they seek personalized and connected data, tools for multi-asset class investing and increased efficiencies. Clients are also seeking cloud-based solutions, open and flexible systems and increased efficiencies to support their digital transformations.

Our strategy is to build the leading open content and analytics platform to deliver differentiated advantages for our clients' success. To execute this strategy, we plan on:

- **Growing our digital platform:** We are scaling up our content refinery to offer a comprehensive and connected inventory of industry, proprietary and third-party data for the financial community. This data includes granular data for key industry verticals, private companies, wealth management, real-time data and sustainable finance. We are driving personalized workflow solutions for financial professionals, including asset managers, bankers, wealth managers, asset owners, channel partners, hedge funds, corporate users and private equity and venture capital professionals. Our goal is to offer an open ecosystem of cloud-based data and analytics, providing solutions and content that is accessible and flexible through many delivery methods, enabling our clients to more efficiently manage their workflows.
- **Delivering execution excellence:** We strive to be innovative and collaborative across our organization to remain responsive, flexible and agile. Our open ecosystem provides a digital foundation that powers client personalization and efficiency, firm-type product development and core process automation. We employ technology to accelerate content collection for industry, proprietary and third-party data. Additionally, our sales force is improving price realization by focusing on productivity, efficiency and improved client outcomes. We are also optimizing our operations and managing our expenses to improve returns on our investments in people and product. Finally, we are committed to promoting a modern work environment that preserves the benefit of flexibility while retaining talent, fostering creativity, innovation, and collaboration, and enabling mentorship.
- **Driving a growth mindset:** To drive sustainable growth, we are recruiting, training and empowering a diverse and operationally efficient workforce. As a performance-based culture, we are investing in talent that can create leading technological solutions and efficiently execute our strategy. We use partnerships and acquisitions to accelerate our growth in strategic areas.

Our strategy centers on a relentless focus on our clients and their FactSet experience. We aim to be a trusted partner and service provider, offering personalized digital products powered by cognitive computing to research ideas and uncover relevant insights. Additionally, we continually evaluate business opportunities such as partnerships and acquisitions to increase our capabilities and competitive differentiation.

We are focused on growing our global business through three segments: the Americas, EMEA and Asia Pacific. We believe this geographic strategic alignment helps us better manage our resources, target our solutions and interact with our clients. We further execute on our growth strategy by offering data, products and analytical applications within our three workflow solutions: Research & Advisory; Analytics & Trading; and CTS.

Fiscal 2023 Second Quarter in Review

Revenues in the second quarter of fiscal 2023 were \$515.1 million, an increase of 19.5% from the prior year comparable period. Revenues increased across all our segments, primarily in the Americas and, to a lesser extent, EMEA and Asia Pacific. The increased revenues were supported by higher sales in each of our workflow solutions, mainly in CTS (driven by the acquisition of CGS), followed by Research & Advisory and Analytics & Trading, when compared with the prior year. Organic revenues contributed to 8.9% of our growth during the second quarter of fiscal 2023, compared with the prior year period. Refer to Part I, Item 2. *Non-GAAP Financial Measures* in the MD&A of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a reconciliation between revenues and organic revenues.

As of February 28, 2023, organic annual subscription value ("Organic ASV") plus Professional Services totaled \$1.9 billion, an increase of 9.1% over February 28, 2022. Organic ASV increased across all our segments, with the majority of the increase related to the Americas and, to a lesser extent, EMEA and Asia Pacific, supported by increases in our workflow solutions, mainly from Research & Advisory and Analytics & Trading, and, to a lesser extent, CTS. Refer to Part I, Item 2 *Annual Subscription Value* in the MD&A of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the definitions of Organic ASV and Organic ASV plus Professional Services.

Operating margin increased to 32.9% during the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with 28.6% in the prior year period. This increase was mainly due to growth in revenues and a decrease in employee compensation costs, as well as asset

impairment charges recorded in the prior year period, when expressed as a percentage of revenues. The margin improvement was further driven by a decrease in occupancy costs and professional fees, partially offset by higher amortization of intangible assets and royalty fees, when expressed as a percentage of revenues.

Diluted earnings per share ("EPS") increased 19.0% for the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with the prior year period.

CUSIP Global Services Acquisition

On December 24, 2021, we entered into a definitive agreement to acquire CGS for \$1.932 billion in cash, inclusive of working capital adjustments. The acquisition was completed on March 1, 2022. We believe that the CGS acquisition will significantly expand our critical role in the global capital markets. Revenues from CGS are recognized based on geographic business activities in accordance with how our operating segments are currently aligned. CGS functions as part of CTS.

The purchase price for the CGS acquisition was financed from the net proceeds of the issuance of the Senior Notes and borrowings under the 2022 Credit Facilities. Refer to Note 6, *Acquisitions* and Note 11, *Debt* in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for more information on our acquisition of CGS, and our defined terms of Senior Notes and the 2022 Credit Facilities, respectively.

COVID-19 Update

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we implemented a business continuity plan to respond quickly and provide ongoing guidance so that we could continue offering our clients uninterrupted products, services and support while also protecting our employees. We believe these actions have been successful and that the pandemic, and our responses, have not significantly affected our financial results for the three and six months ended February 28, 2023.

Refer to Part I, Item 1. *Business, Human Capital Management, How We Work* and Item 1A. *Risk Factors, Operational Risks* of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022 for further discussion of the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business.

Ukraine/Russia Conflict

As the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine is ongoing, we continue to monitor the potential impact on our business, our people and our clients. We have taken all necessary steps to ensure compliance with all applicable regulatory restrictions on international trade and financial transactions. In Russia, we have discontinued all commercial operations and delivery of products and services to clients; have terminated all contracts with vendors; and have suspended all new business, trials and prospecting activities. Total revenues associated with clients in Russia were not material to our consolidated financial results, and termination of Russian vendors has not had a material impact on our business or client relationships. We have no offices in Russia or Ukraine, and none of our employees or contractors has been directly impacted by the conflict. We continue to monitor the regional and global ramifications of the events in the area, including the threatened disruptions to global energy markets, and are reviewing our business continuity plans to ensure that we are prepared in the event any of our offices are impacted. Our cybersecurity teams are ready to respond in the event of any attempted systems compromise.

Annual Subscription Value ("ASV")

We believe ASV reflects our ability to grow recurring revenues and generate positive cash flow, and is a key indicator of the successful execution of our business strategy.

- "ASV" at any point in time represents our forward-looking revenues for the next 12 months from all subscription services currently being supplied to clients, excluding revenues from Professional Services.
- "Organic ASV" at any point in time equals our ASV excluding ASV from acquisitions and dispositions completed within the last 12 months and the effects of foreign currency movements.
- "Professional Services" are revenues derived from project-based consulting and implementation, annualized over the past 12 months.
- "Organic ASV plus Professional Services" at any point in time equals the sum of Organic ASV and Professional Services.

Organic ASV plus Professional Services

The following table presents the calculation of Organic ASV plus Professional Services as of February 28, 2023. With proper notice provided as contractually required, our clients can add to, delete portions of, or terminate service, subject to certain limitations.

<i>(dollar amounts in millions)</i>	As of February 28, 2023	
As reported ASV plus Professional Services ⁽¹⁾	\$	2,074.0
Currency impact ⁽²⁾		(1.0)
Acquisition ASV ⁽³⁾		(171.3)
Organic ASV plus Professional Services	\$	1,901.7
<i>Organic ASV plus Professional Services growth rate</i>		<i>9.1 %</i>

(1) Includes \$23.2 million in Professional Services.

(2) The impact from foreign currency movements.

(3) Acquired ASV from acquisitions completed within the last 12 months.

As of February 28, 2023, Organic ASV plus Professional Services was \$1.9 billion, an increase of 9.1% compared with February 28, 2022. Organic ASV increased due mainly to increased sales to existing clients and, to a lesser extent, price increases to existing clients and new client sales, partially offset by existing client cancellations.

Organic ASV increased across all our segments, with the majority of the increase related to the Americas, followed by EMEA and Asia Pacific. This increase was driven by additional sales in our workflow solutions, primarily in Research & Advisory and Analytics & Trading, and, to a lesser extent, CTS. Sales increased in Research & Advisory mainly due to higher demand for our workstations. Sales increased in Analytics & Trading mainly from our portfolio analytics solutions, performance and reporting products and portfolio and benchmark services. CTS sales increased mainly from our data management solutions, company data and real time data solutions.

Segment ASV

As of February 28, 2023, ASV from the Americas represented 64% of total ASV and was \$1,315.3 million, an increase from \$1,085.6 million as of February 28, 2022. Americas Organic ASV increased to \$1,188.6 million as of February 28, 2023, a 9.3% increase from the prior year period. The Organic ASV increase in the Americas was primarily driven by increased sales of Research & Advisory and Analytics & Trading.

As of February 28, 2023, ASV from EMEA represented 26% of total ASV and was \$528.5 million, an increase from \$459.9 million as of February 28, 2022. EMEA Organic ASV increased to \$494.3 million as of February 28, 2023, a 8.1% increase from the prior year period. The EMEA Organic ASV increase was mainly driven by higher sales of Analytics & Trading, CTS and Research & Advisory.

As of February 28, 2023, ASV from Asia Pacific represented 10% of total ASV and was \$207.1 million, an increase from \$180.5 million as of February 28, 2022. Asia Pacific Organic ASV increased to \$195.6 million as of February 28, 2023, a 10.8% increase from the prior year period. The Asia Pacific Organic ASV increase was primarily due to increased sales of Research & Advisory and Analytics & Trading.

Buy-side and Sell-side Organic ASV Growth

The buy-side and sell-side Organic ASV growth rates at February 28, 2023, compared with February 28, 2022, were 8.1% and 15.8%, respectively. Buy-side clients account for approximately 83% of our Organic ASV, consistent with the prior year period, and primarily include asset managers, wealth managers, asset owners, channel partners, hedge funds, and corporate firms. The remainder of our Organic ASV is derived from sell-side firms and primarily include broker-dealers, banking and advisory, private equity and venture capital firms.

Client and User Additions

The table below presents our total clients and users:

	As of February 28, 2023	As of February 28, 2022	Change
Clients ⁽¹⁾	7,730	7,172	7.8 %
Users	186,463	171,341	8.8 %

(1) The client count includes clients with ASV of \$10,000 and above.

Our total client count was 7,730 as of February 28, 2023, a net increase of 7.8% or 558 clients in the last 12 months, mainly due to an increase in corporate clients, wealth management clients and channel partners. We believe this increase was primarily due to our expanded suite of client-centric workflow solutions, our content refinery and continued execution excellence by our sales and client facing teams.

As of February 28, 2023, there were 186,463 professionals using FactSet, representing a net increase of 8.8% or 15,122 users in the last 12 months, primarily driven by an increase from wealth management firms.

Annual ASV retention was greater than 95% of ASV and 92% when expressed as a percentage of clients for the period ended February 28, 2023, with both percentages consistent with the prior year period.

Employee Headcount

As of February 28, 2023, our employee headcount was 11,896, an increase of 10.3% compared with 10,784 employees as of February 28, 2022. This growth in headcount was primarily due to an increase of 10.4% in Asia Pacific, 12.1% in the Americas and 6.8% in EMEA. At February 28, 2023, 7,891 employees were located in Asia Pacific, 2,540 in the Americas, and 1,465 in EMEA.

Results of Operations

For an understanding of the significant factors that influenced our performance for the three and six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, the following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

The following table summarizes the results of operations for the periods described:

	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended		
	February 28,			February 28,		
<i>(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)</i>	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022	% Change
Revenues	\$ 515,085	\$ 431,119	19.5 %	\$ 1,019,900	\$ 855,844	19.2 %
Cost of services	240,806	199,413	20.8 %	467,848	406,544	15.1 %
Selling, general and administrative	104,582	98,066	6.6 %	210,178	189,304	11.0 %
Asset impairments	447	10,292	(95.7)%	729	13,987	(94.8)%
Operating income	\$ 169,250	\$ 123,348	37.2 %	\$ 341,145	\$ 246,009	38.7 %
Net income	\$ 131,593	\$ 109,938	19.7 %	\$ 268,391	\$ 217,585	23.3 %
Diluted weighted average common shares	38,981	38,761		38,947	38,628	
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 3.38	\$ 2.84	19.0 %	\$ 6.89	\$ 5.63	22.4 %

Revenues

Three months ended February 28, 2023 compared with three months ended February 28, 2022

Revenues for the three months ended February 28, 2023 were \$515.1 million, an increase of 19.5%. The increase in revenues was primarily driven by increased sales to existing clients and, to a lesser extent, price increases to existing clients and new client sales, partially offset by existing client cancellations. Revenues increased across all our segments, primarily from the Americas and, to a lesser extent, by EMEA and Asia Pacific. The increased revenues were supported by higher sales in each of our workflow solutions, mainly in CTS (driven by the acquisition of CGS), followed by Research & Advisory and Analytics & Trading. Organic revenues increased to \$469.5 million for the three months ended February 28, 2023, an 8.9% increase over the prior year period. Refer to Part I, Item 2. *Non-GAAP Financial Measures* in the MD&A of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further discussion on organic revenues.

The growth in revenues of 19.5% was reflective of organic revenues growth of 8.9% and an 11.0% increase primarily due to the impact of acquisition-related revenues, partially offset by a 0.4% decrease from foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

Six months ended February 28, 2023 compared with six months ended February 28, 2022

Revenues for the six months ended February 28, 2023 was \$1,019.9 million, an increase of 19.2%. The increase in revenues was mainly due to increased sales to existing clients, inclusive of price increases, followed by new client sales, partially offset by existing client cancellations. Revenues increased across all our geographic segments, primarily from the Americas, followed by EMEA and Asia Pacific. The increased revenues were supported by higher sales in each of our workflow solutions, primarily in CTS (driven by the acquisition of CGS), followed by Research & Advisory and Analytics & Trading. Organic revenues increased to \$929.4 million for the six months ended February 28, 2023, an 8.6% increase over the prior year period.

The growth in revenues of 19.2% was reflective of organic revenue growth of 8.6% and an 11.2% increase primarily related to acquisition-related revenue, partially offset by a 0.6% decrease from foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

Revenues by Segment

The following table summarizes our revenues by segment for the periods described:

<i>(dollar amounts in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended		
	February 28,			February 28,		
	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022	% Change
Americas	\$ 331,121	\$ 273,659	21.0 %	\$ 654,488	\$ 540,572	21.1 %
<i>% of revenues</i>	<i>64.3 %</i>	<i>63.5 %</i>		<i>64.2 %</i>	<i>63.2 %</i>	
EMEA	\$ 132,508	\$ 114,591	15.6 %	\$ 263,246	\$ 229,594	14.7 %
<i>% of revenues</i>	<i>25.7 %</i>	<i>26.6 %</i>		<i>25.8 %</i>	<i>26.8 %</i>	
Asia Pacific	\$ 51,456	\$ 42,869	20.0 %	\$ 102,166	\$ 85,678	19.2 %
<i>% of revenues</i>	<i>10.0 %</i>	<i>9.9 %</i>		<i>10.0 %</i>	<i>10.0 %</i>	
Consolidated	\$ 515,085	\$ 431,119	19.5 %	\$ 1,019,900	\$ 855,844	19.2 %

Three months ended February 28, 2023 compared with three months ended February 28, 2022

Americas

Americas revenues increased 21.0% to \$331.1 million during the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$273.7 million from the same period a year ago. The increased revenues were driven by higher sales in all of our workflow solutions, primarily in CTS. The growth in revenues of 21.0% was reflective of an 8.2% increase in organic revenues and a 12.8% increase from acquisition-related revenues.

EMEA

EMEA revenues increased 15.6% to \$132.5 million during the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$114.6 million from the same period a year ago. The increased revenues were driven by higher sales in all of our workflow solutions, primarily in CTS. The growth in revenues of 15.6% was reflective of an 8.2% increase in organic revenues and an 8.1% increase from acquisition-related revenues, partially offset by a 0.7% decrease driven by the effects of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

Asia Pacific

Asia Pacific revenues increased 20.0% to \$51.5 million during the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$42.9 million from the same period a year ago. The increased revenues were driven by higher sales in all of our workflow solutions, primarily in CTS, followed by Research & Advisory and Analytics & Trading. The growth in revenues of 20.0% was reflective of a 15.3% increase in organic revenues and a 7.1% increase from acquisition-related revenues, partially offset by a 2.4% decrease driven by the effects of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

Six months ended February 28, 2023 compared with six months ended February 28, 2022

Americas

Revenues from the Americas increased 21.1% to \$654.5 million during the six months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$540.6 million from the same period a year ago. The increased revenues were driven by higher sales in all of our workflow solutions, primarily in CTS. The growth in revenues of 21.1% was reflective of an 8.0% increase in organic revenue growth and a 13.1% increase primarily due to the impact of acquisition-related revenue.

EMEA

Revenues from EMEA increased 14.7% to \$263.2 million during the six months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$229.6 million from the same period a year ago. The increased revenues were driven by higher sales in all of our workflow solutions, primarily in CTS. The growth in revenues of 14.7% was reflective of a 7.7% increase in organic revenue and an 8.2% increase primarily due to the impact of acquisition-related revenue, partially offset by a 1.2% decrease due to the effects of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

Asia Pacific

Revenues from Asia Pacific increased 19.2% to \$102.2 million during the six months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$85.7 million from the same period a year ago. The increased revenues were driven by higher sales in all of our workflow solutions, primarily in CTS. The growth in revenues of 19.2% was reflective of a 15.1% increase in organic revenues and a 7.1% increase from acquisition-related revenue, partially offset by a 3.0% decrease due to the effects of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

Revenues by Workflow Solution

Three months ended February 28, 2023 compared with three months ended February 28, 2022

The growth in revenues of 19.5% for the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with the same period a year ago, was due to higher revenues from each of our segments supported by increased revenues from our workflow solutions, primarily from CTS and, to a lesser extent, Research & Advisory and Analytics & Trading. The increase in CTS revenues was mainly driven by CGS related data licensing and issuance revenues. The increase in Research & Advisory revenues was driven mainly by higher demand for our workstations. The increase in revenues from Analytics & Trading was primarily due to increased demand for our performance and portfolio reporting products, portfolio analytics solutions and portfolio and benchmark services.

Six months ended February 28, 2023 compared with six months ended February 28, 2022

The growth in revenues of 19.2% for the six months ended February 28, 2023, compared with the same period a year ago, was due to higher revenues from each of our segments supported by increased revenues from our workflow solutions, primarily from CTS and, to a lesser extent, Research & Advisory and Analytics & Trading. The increase in CTS revenues was driven mainly by CGS related data licensing and issuance revenues. The increase in Research & Advisory revenues was driven mainly by higher demand for our workstations. The increase in revenues from Analytics & Trading was primarily due to increased

demand for our performance and portfolio reporting products, portfolio analytics solutions and portfolio and benchmark services.

Operating Expenses

Principal Operating Costs and Expenses

Cost of services is mainly comprised of employee compensation costs and also includes expenses related to data costs, computer-related expenses, amortization of identifiable intangible assets, royalty fees, client-related communication costs and computer depreciation.

Selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") consists primarily of employee compensation costs and also includes expenses related to occupancy costs, professional fees, depreciation of furniture and fixtures, amortization of leasehold improvements, travel and entertainment expenses, marketing costs, non-compensatory employee expenses, internal communication costs and bad debt expense.

Employee compensation costs are a major component of both our cost of services and SG&A. These expenses primarily include costs related to salaries, incentive compensation and sales commissions, stock-based compensation, benefits, employment taxes, and any applicable restructuring costs.

We assign employee compensation costs between costs of services and SG&A based on the roles and activities associated with each employee. We categorize employees within the content collection, consulting, product development, software and systems engineering groups as cost of services personnel. Employees included in our sales department and those that serve in various other support departments, including marketing, finance, legal, human resources and administrative services, are classified as SG&A.

Asset impairments consist primarily of expenses recognized when the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its fair value.

The following table summarizes the components of our total operating expenses and operating margin for the periods presented:

<i>(dollar amounts in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended		
	February 28,			February 28,		
	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022	% Change
Cost of services	\$ 240,806	\$ 199,413	20.8 %	\$ 467,848	\$ 406,544	15.1 %
SG&A	104,582	98,066	6.6 %	210,178	189,304	11.0 %
Asset impairments	447	10,292	(95.7)%	729	13,987	(94.8)%
Total operating expenses	\$ 345,835	\$ 307,771	12.4 %	\$ 678,755	\$ 609,835	11.3 %
Operating income	\$ 169,250	\$ 123,348	37.2 %	\$ 341,145	\$ 246,009	38.7 %
<i>Operating margin</i>	<i>32.9 %</i>	<i>28.6 %</i>		<i>33.4 %</i>	<i>28.7 %</i>	

Cost of Services

Three months ended February 28, 2023 compared with three months ended February 28, 2022

Cost of services increased 20.8% to \$240.8 million for the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$199.4 million for the same period a year ago, primarily due to an increase in amortization of intangible assets, employee compensation costs, royalty fees related to our CGS acquisition and computer-related expenses.

Cost of services, when expressed as a percentage of revenues, was 46.8% for the three months ended February 28, 2023, an increase of 50 basis points over the prior year period. This increase was primarily due to higher amortization of intangible assets, royalty fees and computer-related expenses, partially offset by lower employee compensation and data costs.

- Amortization of intangible assets increased 210 basis points mainly due to increased amortization related to acquired intangible assets, primarily from the CGS acquisition.
- Royalty fees increased cost of services by 170 basis points due to contracts acquired in connection with the acquisition of CGS.

- Computer-related expenses increased 80 basis points due to increased spend from our migration to cloud-based hosting services, CGS integration activities, amortization of capitalized internal use software and an increase in licensed software arrangements.
- Employee compensation costs decreased 340 basis points primarily due to growth of our revenues outpacing the increase in employee compensation costs. This decrease was also driven by higher capitalization of compensation costs related to the development of our internal-use software, partially offset by higher annual base salaries and variable compensation expense. The increase in annual base salaries was mainly due to annual merit increases and a net headcount increase in cost of services of 884, with hiring focused mainly in lower cost locations.
- Data costs decreased by 70 basis points due to revenue growth outpacing the increased cost of content.

Six months ended February 28, 2023 compared with six months ended February 28, 2022

For the six months ended February 28, 2023, cost of services increased 15.1% to \$467.8 million compared with \$406.5 million in the same period a year ago, primarily due to an increase in amortization of intangible assets, royalty fees related to our CGS acquisition, computer-related expenses and employee compensation costs.

Cost of services, when expressed as a percentage of revenues, was 45.9% for the six months ended February 28, 2023, a decrease of 160 basis points compared with the same period a year ago. This decrease was primarily due to lower employee compensation and data costs, partially offset by higher amortization of intangible assets, royalty fees and computer-related expenses.

- Employee compensation costs decreased 450 basis points primarily due to growth of our revenues outpacing the increase in employee compensation costs. This decrease was also driven by higher capitalization of compensation costs related to the development of our internal-use software and a one-time restructuring charge to drive organizational realignment incurred during the first quarter of fiscal 2022, partially offset by higher annual base salaries and variable compensation expense. The increase in annual base salaries was primarily driven by annual merit increases and a net headcount increase in cost of services of 884, with hiring focused mainly in lower cost locations.
- Data costs decreased 110 basis points mainly due to the release of certain accruals during the six months ended February 28, 2023 which related to the successful resolution of exchange audits that were set-up during the prior year period, partially offset by increased data prices and usage-based fees.
- Amortization of intangible assets increased 200 basis points, mainly due to increased amortization related to acquired intangible assets, primarily from the CGS acquisition.
- Royalty fees increased cost of services 170 basis points due to contracts acquired in connection with the acquisition of CGS.
- Computer-related expenses increased 40 basis points due to increased spend from our migration to cloud-based hosting services and an increase in licensed software arrangements.

Selling, General and Administrative

Three months ended February 28, 2023 compared with three months ended February 28, 2022

SG&A expenses increased 6.6% to \$104.6 million for the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$98.1 million from the same period a year ago, with the majority of the increase related to higher employee compensation expense and, to a lesser extent, an increase in travel and entertainment expenses, partially offset by a decrease in professional fees.

SG&A expenses, when expressed as a percentage of revenues, were 20.3% for the three months ended February 28, 2023, a decrease of 240 basis points over the prior year period. This decrease was primarily due to lower occupancy costs and professional fees, partially offset by higher travel and entertainment expenses.

- Occupancy costs decreased by 110 basis points mainly driven by impairment charges recognized during fiscal 2022 related to vacating leased office space, which reduced occupancy costs recorded over their respective remaining lease terms.
- Professional fees decreased by 110 basis points primarily driven by costs related to the acquisition of CGS incurred during the prior year period.
- Travel and entertainment expenses increased by 70 basis points as we resumed essential business travel and incurred non-compensatory employee-related costs related to return to office activities during the current year.

Six months ended February 28, 2023 compared with six months ended February 28, 2022

For the six months ended February 28, 2023, SG&A expenses increased 11.0% to \$210.2 million, compared with \$189.3 million for the same period a year ago, primarily due to higher employee compensation costs and an increase in travel and entertainment expenses.

SG&A expenses, when expressed as a percentage of revenues, were 20.6% for the six months ended February 28, 2023, a decrease of 150 basis points over the prior year period. This decrease was primarily due to lower occupancy costs, professional fees, and employee compensation costs, partially offset by an increase in travel and entertainment expenses.

- Occupancy costs decreased by 100 basis points mainly driven by impairment charges recognized during fiscal 2022 related to vacating leased office space, which reduced occupancy costs recorded over their respective remaining lease terms.
- Professional fees decreased 80 basis points, primarily driven by costs related to the acquisition of CGS incurred during the prior year period.
- Employee compensation costs decreased 30 basis points, primarily due to growth of our revenues outpacing the increase in employee compensation costs, partially offset by higher annual base salaries and stock-based compensation expense. The increase in annual base salaries was primarily driven by a net headcount increase in SG&A of 228 and annual merit increases.
- Travel and entertainment expenses increased by 70 basis points as we resumed essential business travel and incurred non-compensatory employee-related costs related to return to office activities during the current year.

Asset Impairments

Asset impairments incurred during the three and six months ended February 28, 2022 were \$10.3 million and \$14.0 million, respectively, with no similar level of impairment recorded during the three and six ended February 28, 2023. The asset impairments recognized during the three and six months ended February 28, 2022 included a respective \$9.7 million and \$13.4 million charge related to our lease right-of-use ("ROU") assets and property, equipment and leasehold improvements associated with vacating certain leased office space to resize our real estate footprint for the hybrid work environment. We fully impaired our lease ROU assets for locations we vacated with no intention to sublease. For locations we intend to sublease, we recognized an impairment when the estimated fair value of the lease ROU asset was less than its carrying value. Substantially all the property, equipment and leasehold improvements associated with the vacated lease office space was fully impaired as there are no expected future cash flows for these items.

Operating Income and Operating Margin

Three months ended February 28, 2023 compared with three months ended February 28, 2022

Operating income increased 37.2% to \$169.3 million for the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$123.3 million in the prior year period. This increase was primarily due to growth in revenues and, to a lesser extent, asset impairment charges incurred during the prior year period. These increases to operating income were partially offset by higher employee compensation costs, amortization of intangible assets, royalty fees and computer-related expenses. Foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, net of hedge activity, increased operating income by \$7.7 million for the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with a decrease of \$1.2 million during the three months ended February 28, 2022.

Operating margin increased to 32.9% during the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with 28.6% in the prior year period. This increase was mainly due to growth in revenues and a decrease in employee compensation costs, as well as asset impairment charges recorded in the three months ended February 28, 2022, when expressed as a percentage of revenues. The margin improvement was further driven by a decrease in occupancy costs and professional fees, partially offset by higher amortization of intangible assets and royalty fees, when expressed as a percentage of revenues.

Six months ended February 28, 2023 compared with six months ended February 28, 2022

Operating income increased 38.7% to \$341.1 million for the six months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$246.0 million in the prior year period. Operating income increased primarily due to growth in revenues and, to a lesser extent, asset impairment charges recognized in the prior year period. These increases in operating income were partially offset by higher employee compensation costs, amortization of intangible assets, royalty fees and computer-related expenses. Foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, net of hedge activity, increased operating income by \$16.3 million, compared with a decrease of \$5.4 million during the six months ended February 28, 2022.

Operating margin increased to 33.4% for the six months ended February 28, 2023, compared with 28.7% in the prior year period. This increase was primarily due to growth in revenues and a decrease in employee compensation costs, as well as asset impairment charges recognized in the prior year period, when expressed as a percentage of revenues. The margin improvement was further driven by a decrease in data costs and occupancy costs, partially offset by higher amortization of intangible assets and royalty fees, when expressed as a percentage of revenues.

Operating Income by Segment

Our internal financial reporting structure is based on three segments: the Americas; EMEA; and Asia Pacific. Refer to Note 16, *Segment Information* in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further discussion regarding our segments. The following table summarizes our operating income by segment for the periods described:

<i>(dollar amounts in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended February 28,			Six Months Ended February 28,		
	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022	% Change
Americas	\$ 61,181	\$ 48,903	25.1 %	\$ 128,712	\$ 104,401	23.3 %
EMEA	68,941	45,944	50.1 %	136,263	86,598	57.4 %
Asia Pacific	39,128	28,501	37.3 %	76,170	55,010	38.5 %
Total Operating Income	\$ 169,250	\$ 123,348	37.2 %	\$ 341,145	\$ 246,009	38.7 %

Three months ended February 28, 2023 compared with three months ended February 28, 2022

Americas

Americas operating income increased 25.1% to \$61.2 million during the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$48.9 million in the same period a year ago. This increase was primarily due to growth in revenues of 21.0% and asset impairment charges recorded in the prior year period, partially offset by higher amortization of intangible assets, employee compensation costs, royalty fees and computer-related expenses.

- The impairment charges recorded in the prior year period were mainly related to our lease ROU assets and property, equipment and leasehold improvements ("PPE") associated with vacating certain leased office space.
- Amortization of intangible assets primarily increased due to amortization related to acquired intangible assets, mainly from the CGS acquisition.
- Employee compensation costs increased primarily due to an increase in annual base salary and, to a lesser extent, an increase in variable compensation costs, partially offset by higher capitalization of compensation costs related to the development of our internal-use software. The increase in annual base salary was primarily driven by annual merit increases and a net headcount increase of 275.
- Royalty fees increased due to contracts acquired in connection with the acquisition of CGS.
- Computer-related expenses increased primarily due to increased spend from our migration to cloud-based hosting services to support our transition to a hybrid cloud strategy, CGS integration activities and expenses related to licensed software arrangements.

EMEA

EMEA operating income increased 50.1% to \$68.9 million during the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$45.9 million recognized during the same period a year ago. This increase was primarily due to growth in revenues of 15.6%, lower amortization of intangible assets and a reduction in bad debt expense, partially offset by an increase in employee compensation costs. Amortization of intangible assets decreased as certain acquired intangible assets were fully amortized during the third quarter of fiscal 2022. Employee compensation costs increased primarily due to an increase in annual base salary driven by annual merit increases and a net headcount increase of 93.

Asia Pacific

Asia Pacific operating income increased 37.3% to \$39.1 million during the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$28.5 million from the prior year. This increase was mainly due to growth in revenues of 20.0%, partially offset by higher employee compensation costs and travel expenses. Employee compensation expense increased mainly due to higher annual base salaries driven by annual merit increases and a net increase in employee headcount of 744. Travel expenses increased as we incurred non-compensatory employee-related costs related to return to office activities during the current year.

Six months ended February 28, 2023 compared with six months ended February 28, 2022

Americas

Americas operating income increased 23.3% to \$128.7 million during the six months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$104.4 million in the same period a year ago. This increase was primarily due to growth in revenues of 21.1% and asset impairment charges recorded in the prior year period, partially offset by an increase in amortization of intangible assets, employee compensation costs, royalty fees and computer-related expenses.

- The impairment charges recorded in the prior year period were mainly related to our lease ROU assets and PPE associated with vacating certain leased office space.
- Amortization of intangible assets primarily increased due to amortization related to acquired intangible assets, mainly from the CGS acquisition.
- Employee compensation costs increased primarily due to an increase in annual base salary, and, to a lesser extent, an increase in variable compensation expense, partially offset by an increase in capitalized compensation costs related to development of internal-use software projects and a current period benefit due to a one-time restructuring charge recorded in the prior year period to drive organizational realignment. The increase in annual base salary was driven by annual merit increases and a net increase in employee headcount of 275.
- Royalty fees increased due to contracts acquired in connection with the acquisition of CGS.
- Computer-related expenses increased primarily due to increased spend from our migration to cloud-based hosting services to support our transition to a hybrid cloud strategy, as well as expenses related to licensed software arrangements.

EMEA

EMEA operating income increased 57.4% to \$136.3 million during the six months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$86.6 million in the same period a year ago. This increase was primarily due to growth in revenues of 14.7%, a decrease in data costs and amortization of intangible assets, partially offset by an increase in employee compensation costs.

- Data costs decreased due to the release of certain accruals during the six months ended February 28, 2023 which related to the successful resolution of exchange audits that were set-up during the prior year period.
- Amortization of intangible assets decreased as certain acquired intangible assets were fully amortized during the third quarter of fiscal 2022.
- Employee compensation costs increased primarily due to an increase in variable compensation, partially offset by a one-time restructuring charge recorded during the prior year period to drive organization realignment.

Asia Pacific

Asia Pacific operating income increased 38.5% to \$76.2 million during the six months ended February 28, 2023, compared with \$55.0 million in the same period a year ago. This increase was mainly due to growth in revenues of 19.2%, partially offset by an increase in employee compensation costs and travel expenses. Employee compensation expense increased primarily due to higher annual base salary driven by annual merit increases and a net headcount increase of 744. Travel expenses increased as we incurred non-compensatory employee-related costs related to return to office activities during the current year.

Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes and the effective tax rate is as follows:

<i>(dollar amounts in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended		
	February 28,		% Change	February 28,		% Change
	2023	2022		2023	2022	
Income before income taxes	\$ 156,762	\$ 121,956	28.5 %	\$ 314,647	\$ 241,886	30.1 %
Provision for income taxes	\$ 25,169	\$ 12,018	109.4 %	\$ 46,256	\$ 24,301	90.3 %
Effective tax rate	16.1 %	9.9 %	62.9 %	14.7 %	10.0 %	46.3 %

We are subject to taxation in the United States and various foreign jurisdictions in which we conduct our business.

Our provision for income taxes for interim periods is calculated by applying an estimate of our annual effective tax rate to our quarter and year-to-date results, adjusted for discrete items recorded in the period. The computation of the annual estimated

effective tax rate at each interim period requires certain estimates and assumptions including, but not limited to, the expected pretax income (or loss) for the year, projections of the proportion of income (or loss) earned and taxed in foreign jurisdictions, permanent and temporary differences and the likelihood of recovering deferred tax assets, then adjusted for any discrete items. On a quarterly basis, we update the estimate of our annual effective tax rate as new events occur, assumptions change, or additional information is obtained.

For the three months ended February 28, 2023, the effective tax rate was 16.1% compared to 9.9% for the same period a year ago. For the six months ended February 28, 2023, the effective tax rate was 14.7% compared to 10.0% for the same period a year ago. For all periods presented, our effective tax rate was lower than the applicable U.S. corporate income tax rate mainly due to research and development ("R&D") tax credits, a foreign derived intangible income ("FDII") deduction and a tax benefit from the exercise of stock options.

Our effective tax rate during the three and six months ended February 28, 2023 was higher than the rate during the respective prior year periods, due mainly to a decrease in the impact of tax attributes on the effective tax rate as a result of an increase in income, a lower tax benefit from the exercise of stock options and an increase in the U.K.'s enacted tax rates.

Net Income and Diluted Earnings per Share

<i>(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)</i>	Three Months Ended February 28,			Six Months Ended February 28,		
	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022	% Change
Net income	\$ 131,593	\$ 109,938	19.7 %	\$ 268,391	\$ 217,585	23.3 %
Diluted weighted average common shares	38,981	38,761	0.6 %	38,947	38,628	0.8 %
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 3.38	\$ 2.84	19.0 %	\$ 6.89	\$ 5.63	22.4 %

Three months ended February 28, 2023 compared with three months ended February 28, 2022

Net income increased 19.7% to \$131.6 million and EPS increased 19.0% to \$3.38 for the three months ended February 28, 2023, compared with the same period a year ago. Net income and diluted EPS increased primarily due to higher operating income, partially offset by an increase in the provision for income taxes and an increase in interest expense as a result of higher outstanding debt, compared with the prior year period.

Six months ended February 28, 2023 compared with six months ended February 28, 2022

Net income increased 23.3% to \$268.4 million and diluted EPS increased 22.4% to \$6.89 for the six months ended February 28, 2023, compared with the same period a year ago. Net income and diluted EPS increased primarily due to higher operating income, partially offset by an increase in interest expense as a result of higher outstanding debt and an increase in the provision for income taxes, compared with the prior year period.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement the financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"), we use non-GAAP financial measures including organic revenues, adjusted operating income, adjusted operating margin, adjusted net income, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted diluted earnings per share. The reconciliations from our financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP to these non-GAAP financial measures are shown in the tables below. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, as a substitute for or superior to, financial measures reported in accordance with GAAP. Moreover, these non-GAAP financial measures have limitations in that they do not reflect all the items associated with the operations of our business as determined in accordance with GAAP. Other companies may calculate similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures differently than we do, limiting the usefulness of those measures for comparative purposes.

Despite the limitations of these non-GAAP financial measures, we believe these adjusted financial measures, and the information they provide, are useful in viewing our performance using the same tools that management uses to gauge progress in achieving our goals. Adjusted measures may also facilitate comparisons to our historical performance.

Adjusted revenues exclude the impact of the fair value of deferred revenues acquired in a business combination. Organic revenues further excludes revenues related to acquisitions and dispositions completed in the last 12 months and foreign currency movements in all periods presented.

The table below provides an unaudited reconciliation of revenues to adjusted revenues and organic revenues.

<i>(dollar amounts in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended		
	February 28,			February 28,		
	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022	% Change
Revenues	\$ 515,085	\$ 431,119	19.5 %	\$ 1,019,900	\$ 855,844	19.2 %
Deferred revenues fair value adjustment ⁽¹⁾	—	(62)		—	24	
Adjusted revenues	\$ 515,085	\$ 431,057	19.5 %	\$ 1,019,900	\$ 855,868	19.2 %
Acquired revenues ⁽²⁾	(47,370)	—		(95,825)	—	
Currency impact ⁽³⁾	1,832	—		5,332	—	
Organic revenues	\$ 469,547	\$ 431,057	8.9 %	\$ 929,407	\$ 855,868	8.6 %

(1) Reflects the amortization effect of the purchase accounting adjustment related to the fair value of acquired deferred revenues for acquisitions prior to fiscal 2022. Acquisitions thereafter do not include this adjustment in accordance with our adoption of ASU No. 2021-08, Business Combinations: Accounting for Contract Assets and Contract Liabilities from Contracts with Customers (Topic 805).

(2) Revenues from acquisitions completed within the last 12 months.

(3) The impact from foreign currency movements year over year.

The table below provides an unaudited reconciliation of operating income, operating margin, net income and diluted EPS to adjusted operating income, adjusted operating margin, adjusted net income, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted diluted earnings per share. Adjusted operating income and margin, adjusted net income, and adjusted diluted earnings per share exclude intangible asset amortization, the impact of the fair value of deferred revenues acquired in a business combination and non-recurring items. EBITDA excludes interest expense, provision for income taxes and depreciation and amortization expense, while Adjusted EBITDA further excludes non-recurring non-cash expenses.

<i>(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)</i>	Three Months Ended February 28,			Six Months Ended February 28,		
	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022	% Change
Operating income	\$ 169,250	\$ 123,348	37.2 %	\$ 341,145	\$ 246,009	38.7 %
Deferred revenues fair value adjustment	—	(62)		—	24	
Intangible asset amortization	17,709	6,291		35,717	12,343	
Business acquisition / integration costs ⁽¹⁾	3,329	5,048		6,828	5,048	
Restructuring / severance	433	200		433	9,228	
Real estate charges ⁽²⁾	—	9,734		—	13,429	
Transformation costs ⁽³⁾	—	580		—	1,768	
Adjusted operating income	\$ 190,721	\$ 145,139	31.4 %	\$ 384,123	\$ 287,849	33.4 %
Operating margin	32.9 %	28.6 %		33.4 %	28.7 %	
Adjusted operating margin ⁽⁴⁾	37.0 %	33.7 %		37.7 %	33.6 %	
Net income	\$ 131,593	\$ 109,938	19.7 %	\$ 268,391	\$ 217,585	23.3 %
Deferred revenues fair value adjustment	—	(55)		—	22	
Intangible asset amortization	14,717	5,543		30,294	10,962	
Business acquisition / integration costs ⁽¹⁾	2,766	4,448		5,792	4,448	
Restructuring / severance	360	177		360	8,261	
Real estate charges ⁽²⁾	—	8,578		—	11,887	
Transformation costs ⁽³⁾	—	512		—	1,576	
Income tax items	(1,322)	(2,466)		(1,552)	(2,725)	
Adjusted net income ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 148,114	\$ 126,675	16.9 %	\$ 303,285	\$ 252,016	20.3 %
Net income	\$ 131,593	\$ 109,938		\$ 268,391	\$ 217,585	23.3 %
Interest expense	16,737	1,962		33,274	3,934	
Income taxes	25,169	12,018		46,256	24,301	
Depreciation and amortization expense	26,211	13,395		52,208	32,827	
EBITDA	\$ 199,710	\$ 137,313	45.4 %	\$ 400,129	\$ 278,647	43.6 %
Real estate charges ⁽²⁾	—	9,734		—	13,429	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 199,710	\$ 147,047	35.8 %	\$ 400,129	\$ 292,076	37.0 %
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 3.38	\$ 2.84	19.0 %	\$ 6.89	\$ 5.63	22.4 %
Deferred revenues fair value adjustment	—	0.00		—	0.00	
Intangible asset amortization	0.37	0.14		0.78	0.28	
Business acquisition / integration costs ⁽¹⁾	0.07	0.11		0.15	0.12	
Restructuring / severance	0.01	0.01		0.01	0.21	
Real estate charges ⁽²⁾	—	0.22		—	0.31	
Transformation costs ⁽³⁾	—	0.01		—	0.04	
Income tax items	(0.03)	(0.06)		(0.04)	(0.07)	
Adjusted diluted earnings per common share ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 3.80	\$ 3.27	16.2 %	\$ 7.79	\$ 6.52	19.5 %
Weighted average common shares (Diluted)	38,981	38,761		38,947	38,628	

(1) Related to integration costs of the CGS acquisition.

(2) Related to impairment charges of our lease ROU assets and property, equipment and leasehold improvements associated with vacating certain leased office space.

(3) Primarily related to professional fees associated with our ongoing multi-year investment plan.

(4) Adjusted operating margin is calculated as Adjusted operating income divided by Adjusted revenues as shown in the revenues reconciliation table above.

(5) For purposes of calculating Adjusted net income and Adjusted diluted earnings per share, all adjustments were taxed at the quarterly effective tax rates of 16.9% for fiscal 2023 and 11.9% for fiscal 2022.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our cash flows provided by operating activities, existing cash and cash equivalents, supplemented with our long-term debt borrowings, have been sufficient to fund our operations while allowing us to invest in activities that support the long-term growth of our operations. Generally, some or all of the remaining available cash flow has been used to, among other things, service our existing and future debt obligations, satisfy our working capital requirements and fund our capital expenditures, acquisitions, dividend payments and repurchases of our common stock. Based on past performance and current expectations, we believe our sources of liquidity, including the available capacity under our existing revolving credit facility and other financing alternatives, will provide us the necessary capital to fund these transactions and achieve our planned growth for the next 12 months and the foreseeable future. We are exposed to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents held in financial institutions in the event of a default, to the extent that such amounts are in excess of applicable insurance limits; however, we do not believe our concentration of cash and cash equivalents presents a significant credit risk as the counterparties to the instruments consist of multiple high-quality, credit-worthy financial institutions.

Sources of Liquidity

Long-Term Debt & Swap Agreements

2022 Credit Agreement

On March 1, 2022, we entered into a credit agreement (the "2022 Credit Agreement") and borrowed an aggregate principal amount of \$1.0 billion under its senior unsecured term loan credit facility (the "2022 Term Facility") and \$250.0 million of the available \$500.0 million under its senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the "2022 Revolving Facility" and, together with the 2022 Term Facility, the "2022 Credit Facilities"). The 2022 Term Facility matures on March 1, 2025, and the 2022 Revolving Facility matures on March 1, 2027. The 2022 Revolving Facility allows for the availability of up to \$100.0 million in the form of letters of credit and up to \$50.0 million in the form of swingline loans. We may seek additional commitments under the 2022 Revolving Facility from lenders or other financial institutions up to an aggregate principal amount of \$750.0 million.

We pay a commitment fee on the daily unused amount of the 2022 Revolving Facility using a pricing grid based on our senior unsecured non-credit enhanced long-term debt rating and our total leverage ratio. The commitment fee remained consistent at 0.125% from the borrowing date through February 28, 2023. During fiscal 2022, we incurred approximately \$9.5 million in debt issuance costs related to the 2022 Credit Facilities.

We used these borrowings, along with the net proceeds from the issuance of the Senior Notes (as defined below) and cash on hand, to finance the consideration for the CGS acquisition, to repay borrowings under the 2019 Credit Agreement (as defined below) and to pay related transaction fees, costs and expenses.

We may voluntarily prepay loans under the 2022 Credit Facilities at any time without premium or penalty. During the three and six months ended February 28, 2023, we repaid \$125.0 million and \$250.0 million, respectively, under the 2022 Term Facility, inclusive of voluntary prepayments of \$112.5 million and \$225.0 million, respectively. Since loan inception on March 1, 2022, we have repaid \$500.0 million under the 2022 Term Facility, inclusive of voluntary prepayments of \$462.5 million.

As of February 28, 2023, the outstanding borrowings under the 2022 Credit Facilities bore interest at a rate equal to the applicable one-month Term Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") rate plus a 1.1% spread (comprised of a 1.0% interest rate margin based on a debt leverage pricing grid plus a 0.1% credit spread adjustment). The spread remained consistent from the borrowing date through February 28, 2023. Interest on the 2022 Credit Facilities is currently payable on the last business day of each month, in arrears.

The 2022 Credit Agreement contains usual and customary event of default provisions for facilities of this type, which are subject to usual and customary grace periods and materiality thresholds. If an event of default occurs under the 2022 Credit Agreement, the lenders may, among other things, terminate their commitments and declare all outstanding borrowings immediately due and payable.

The 2022 Credit Agreement contains usual and customary affirmative and negative covenants for facilities of this type, including a financial covenant requiring maintenance of a total leverage ratio of no greater than 4.00 to 1.00 as of February 28, 2023. We were in compliance with all covenants and requirements of the 2022 Credit Agreement as of February 28, 2023.

Refer to Note 11, *Debt* in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further discussion of the 2022 Credit Agreement.

2022 Swap Agreement

On March 1, 2022, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement (the "2022 Swap Agreement") to hedge a portion of our outstanding floating SOFR rate debt with a fixed interest rate of 1.162%. Effective December 30, 2022, we apportioned the then-outstanding notional amount of the 2022 Swap Agreement between two counterparties. Refer to Note 5, *Derivative Instruments*, in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for more information on the 2022 Swap Agreement.

Senior Notes

On March 1, 2022 we completed a public offering of \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2.900% Senior Notes due March 1, 2027 (the "2027 Notes") and \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.450% Senior Notes due March 1, 2032 (the "2032 Notes" and, together with the 2027 Notes, the "Senior Notes"). The Senior Notes were issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of March 1, 2022, by and between us and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by the supplemental indenture, dated as of March 1, 2022, between us and the Trustee (the "Supplemental Indenture").

Interest on the Senior Notes is payable semiannually in arrears on March 1 and September 1 of each year, with the first payment made on September 1, 2022. The Senior Notes were issued at an aggregate discount of \$2.8 million during fiscal 2022 and we incurred approximately \$9.1 million in debt issuance costs.

We may redeem the Senior Notes, in whole or in part, at any time at specified redemption prices, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. Upon the occurrence of a change of control triggering event (as defined in the Supplemental Indenture), we must offer to repurchase the Senior Notes at 101% of their principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

2019 Credit Agreement

On March 29, 2019, we entered into a credit agreement with PNC Bank, National Association (the "2019 Credit Agreement"), and borrowed \$575.0 million of the available \$750.0 million provided by the revolving credit facility thereunder (the "2019 Revolving Credit Facility"). Borrowings under the 2019 Revolving Credit Facility bore interest on the outstanding principal amount at a rate equal to the daily LIBOR plus a spread using a debt leverage pricing grid. Interest on the amounts outstanding under the 2019 Revolving Credit Facility was payable quarterly, in arrears, and on the maturity date.

As of March 1, 2022, we repaid in full and terminated the 2019 Credit Agreement. Refer to Note 11, *Debt* in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for more information on the termination.

Uses of Liquidity

Returning Value to Shareholders

During the six months ended February 28, 2023 we returned \$67.5 million to shareholders in the form of dividends and during the six months ended February 28, 2022, we returned \$80.1 million in the form of share repurchases and dividends. Over the last 12 months, we returned \$132.0 million to stockholders in the form of dividends, with no shares repurchased over this timeframe due to the suspension of our share repurchase program. Refer to the *Share Repurchase Program* below for more information.

Dividends

In the third quarter of fiscal 2022, our Board of Directors approved an 8.5% increase in the regular quarterly dividend from \$0.82 to \$0.89 per share. Fiscal 2022 marked 23 consecutive fiscal years of dividend increases, highlighting our continued commitment to returning value to stockholders. During the six months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022, we paid dividends of \$67.5 million and \$61.4 million, respectively. Future dividends will depend on our earnings, capital requirements, financial condition and other factors considered relevant by us and are subject to final determination by our Board of Directors.

Share Repurchase Program

As of February 28, 2023, \$181.3 million remained authorized for future share repurchases under our share repurchase program. There is no defined number of shares to be repurchased over a specified timeframe through the life of the program. We may repurchase shares of our common stock under the program from time-to-time in the open market and privately negotiated transactions, subject to market conditions.

We did not repurchase any shares of our common stock during the three months ended February 28, 2023 and February 28, 2022. We also did not repurchase any shares during the six months ended February 28, 2023 compared with 46,200 shares repurchased for \$18.6 million during the same period in the prior fiscal year. Beginning in the second quarter of fiscal 2022, we suspended our share repurchase program until at least the second half of fiscal 2023, with the exception of potential minor repurchases to offset dilution from grants of equity awards or repurchases to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon the vesting of stock-based awards. The suspension of our share repurchase program allowed us to prioritize the repayment of debt under the 2022 Credit Facilities. We anticipate resuming the existing share repurchase program for the third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2023. Refer to Note 11, *Debt* in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for more information on the 2022 Credit Facilities.

Capital Expenditures

For the six months ended February 28, 2023, capital expenditures increased by 72.4% to \$35.4 million, compared with \$20.5 million during the same period a year ago. This increase was primarily due to higher expenditures related to the development of capitalized internal-use software.

Acquisitions

CUSIP Global Services

On March 1, 2022, we completed the acquisition of CGS for a cash purchase price of \$1.932 billion, inclusive of working capital adjustments. CGS manages a database of 60 different data elements uniquely identifying more than 50 million global financial instruments. It is the foundation for security master files relied on by critical front, middle and back-office functions. CGS, operating on behalf of the ABA, is the provider of CUSIP and CINS identifiers globally and also acts as the official numbering agency for ISIN identifiers in the United States and as a substitute number agency for more than 35 other countries. We believe that the CGS acquisition will significantly expand our critical role in the global capital markets.

Cobalt Software, Inc.

On October 12, 2021, we acquired all of the outstanding shares of Cobalt Software, Inc. ("Cobalt") for a purchase price of \$50.0 million, net of cash acquired, and inclusive of working capital adjustments. Cobalt is a leading portfolio monitoring solutions provider for the private capital industry. This acquisition advances our strategy to scale our data and workflow solutions through targeted investments as part of our multi-year investment plan and expands our private markets offering.

Refer to Note 6, *Acquisitions*, in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further discussion of the CGS and Cobalt acquisitions.

Contractual Obligations

Purchase obligations represent our legally-binding agreements to purchase fixed or minimum quantities at determinable prices. Our total purchase obligations as of August 31, 2022 primarily related to hosting services and acquisition of data, and, to a lesser extent, third-party software providers. Hosting services support our technology investments related to our transition to a hybrid cloud strategy, the majority of which rely on third-party hosting providers. Data is an integral component of the value we provide to our clients and our commitments to third-party software providers mainly include internal-use software licenses.

As of August 31, 2022, we had total purchase obligations with suppliers of \$373.9 million. During the second quarter of fiscal 2023, we amended a contract with a data supplier that resulted in an incremental commitment to purchase data of approximately \$26 million.

We also have contractual obligations related to our lease liabilities and outstanding debt. Refer to Note 10, *Leases* and Note 11, *Debt* in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for information regarding lease commitments and outstanding debt obligations, respectively.

Summary of Cash Flows

As of February 28, 2023, Cash and cash equivalents were \$445.3 million, compared with \$773.0 million as of February 28, 2022. Our cash and cash equivalents are held in numerous locations throughout the world, with \$196.4 million in the Americas, \$155.3 million in EMEA (predominantly in the U.K.) and the remaining \$93.6 million in Asia Pacific (predominantly in India and the Philippines) as of February 28, 2023. We permanently reinvest all foreign unremitted earnings, except in jurisdictions where earnings can be repatriated substantially free of tax.

The table below, for the periods indicated, provides selected cash flow information:

<i>(dollar amounts in thousands)</i>	Six Months Ended			% Change
	February 28,			
	2023	2022		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 271,314	\$ 194,952		39.2 %
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(46,305)	(70,814)		(34.6)%
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(285,654)	(26,417)		981.3 %
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	2,698	(6,574)		(141.0)%
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (57,947)	\$ 91,147		(163.6)%

Operating

For the six months ended February 28, 2023, net cash provided by operating activities was \$271.3 million, which included net income of \$268.4 million, non-cash charges of \$93.6 million and a net cash outflow of \$90.6 million to support our working capital requirements. The non-cash charges were primarily driven by \$52.2 million of depreciation and amortization, \$27.5 million of stock-based compensation expense and \$19.6 million from amortization of lease ROU assets. The change in our working capital was primarily driven by higher accounts receivable due to increased sales, an increase in days sales outstanding and a cash outflow of \$51.7 million related to our variable compensation payment.

For the six months ended February 28, 2022, net cash provided by operating activities was \$195.0 million, which consisted of net income of \$217.6 million, non-cash charges of \$91.7 million and a net cash outflow of \$114.3 million to support our working capital requirements. The non-cash charges were primarily driven by \$32.8 million of depreciation and amortization, \$25.9 million of stock-based compensation expense and \$22.2 million from amortization of lease ROU assets. The change in our working capital was primarily driven by higher accounts receivable due to an increase in sales and a cash outflow of \$34.7 million related to our variable compensation payment.

Investing

For the six months ended February 28, 2023, net cash used in investing activities was \$46.3 million. The cash used in investing activities was primarily due to an increase in capital expenditures of \$35.4 million mainly due to capitalization of compensation costs related to development of our internal-use software projects.

For the six months ended February 28, 2022, net cash used in investing activities was \$70.8 million. The cash used in investing activities was primarily due to the purchase of Cobalt for \$50.0 million.

Financing

For the six months ended February 28, 2023, net cash used in financing activities was \$285.7 million, consisting mainly of \$250.0 million related to the partial repayment of the 2022 Term Facility and \$67.5 million of dividend payments, partially offset by \$43.6 million of proceeds from employee stock plans.

For the six months ended February 28, 2022, net cash used in financing activities was \$26.4 million, consisting mainly of \$61.4 million of dividend payments and \$18.6 million of repurchases of common stock, partially offset by \$56.9 million of proceeds from employee stock plans.

Free Cash Flow

We define free cash flow, a non-GAAP financial measure, as cash provided by operating activities less purchases of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized internal-use software. We believe free cash flow is a liquidity measure that provides useful information to management and investors about the amount of cash generated by the business that, after capital expenditures, can be used for strategic opportunities, including returning value to shareholders, investing in our business, making strategic acquisitions and strengthening the balance sheet. Free cash flow should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, consolidated net income as a measure of our performance and net cash provided by operating activities as a measure of our liquidity.

The following table reconciles our net cash provided by operating activities to free cash flow:

<i>(dollar amounts in thousands)</i>	Six Months Ended February 28,		
	2023	2022	Change
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 271,314	\$ 194,952	\$ 76,362
Less: purchases of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized internal-use software	(35,416)	(20,546)	(14,870)
Free cash flow	\$ 235,898	\$ 174,406	\$ 61,492

We generated free cash flow of \$235.9 million during the six months ended February 28, 2023, an increase of \$61.5 million compared with the same period a year ago. This change reflects a \$76.4 million increase in cash provided by operating activities, mainly due to higher net income and lower working capital requirements, partially offset by a \$14.9 million increase in purchases of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized internal-use software, primarily driven by higher capitalized costs related to internal-use software.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of February 28, 2023 and August 31, 2022, we had no off-balance sheet financing or other arrangements with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships (such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities) established for purposes of facilitating off-balance sheet financing, other debt arrangements, or other contractually limited purposes.

Foreign Currency Exposure

As we operate globally, we are exposed to the risk that our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be impacted by changes in foreign currency exchange rates. To mitigate this foreign currency exposure, we entered into a series of forward contracts to hedge a portion of our foreign currency risk related to the British Pound Sterling, Indian Rupee, Euro and Philippine Peso. As of February 28, 2023, these forward contracts hedge a portion of our foreign currency transaction exposure ranging from 25% to 75%, over their respective hedged periods, which are set to mature at various points between the third quarter of fiscal 2023 through the second quarter of fiscal 2024.

The following table summarizes the gross notional value of foreign currency forward contracts to purchase the British Pound Sterling, Euro, Indian Rupee and Philippine Peso with U.S. dollars:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	February 28, 2023				August 31, 2022			
		Local Currency	USD		Local Currency	USD		USD
British Pound Sterling	£	46,000	\$ 55,491	£	44,200	\$ 55,567		
Euro	€	37,500	\$ 39,877	€	37,500	\$ 40,679		
Indian Rupee	Rs	2,987,143	\$ 36,200	Rs	2,667,928	\$ 33,600		
Philippine Peso	₱	1,767,455	\$ 31,600	₱	1,462,060	\$ 27,000		
Total			\$ 163,168			\$ 156,846		

Refer to Part I, Item 3. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk* in the MD&A of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the reclassification of the foreign currency forward contracts gain (loss) from AOCL into income and the impact of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, net of hedge activity, to operating income.

Critical Accounting Estimates

We prepare the Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP, which requires us to make certain estimates and apply judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosures. We base our estimates on historical experience and other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable at the time the Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared and, as such, they may ultimately differ materially from actual results.

We describe our significant accounting policies in Note 2, *Significant Accounting Policies* in the Notes included in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022. These accounting policies were consistently applied in preparing our Consolidated Financial Statements for the six months ended February 28, 2023.

We disclosed our critical accounting estimates in Part II, Item 7 *Critical Accounting Estimates* in the MD&A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022. There were no significant changes in our critical accounting estimates during the six months ended February 28, 2023.

New Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a full description of recent accounting pronouncements, including the expected dates of adoption, which we include herein by reference.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

In the normal course of business, we are exposed to foreign currency exchange risk and interest rate risk that could impact our financial position and results of operations. Current market events have not required us to modify materially or change our financial risk management strategies with respect to our exposures to foreign currency exchange risk or interest rate risk.

Foreign Currency Transaction Risk

We operate on a global basis and are exposed to the risk that our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be impacted by changes in foreign currency exchange rates. To mitigate the volatility and uncertainty of our exchange rate risk, we entered into foreign currency forward contracts with major institutions related to our primary currencies of the British Pound Sterling, Indian Rupee, Euro and Philippine Peso. As of February 28, 2023, these forward contracts hedge a portion of our foreign currency transaction exposure ranging from 25% to 75% over their respective hedged periods. We do not enter into cash flow hedges for trading or speculative purposes.

The changes in fair value for these foreign currency forward contracts are initially reported as a component of Accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL") and subsequently reclassified into operating expenses when the hedged exposure affects earnings.

The following table reflects the foreign currency forward contracts gain (loss) reclassified from AOCL into income and the impact of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, net of hedge activity, to operating income.

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	February 28,		February 28,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Foreign currency forward contracts gain (loss) reclassified from AOCL into income	\$ (279)	\$ (1,014)	\$ (5,244)	\$ (1,463)
Foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations increase (decrease) to operating income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 7,662	\$ (1,156)	\$ 16,299	\$ (5,434)

(1) Impact to operating income is net of hedge activity.

We performed a sensitivity analysis to determine the effects on both the fair value of our outstanding foreign currency forward contracts and our operating income, excluding these forward contracts, of a hypothetical devaluation of the U.S. dollar by 10% as of February 28, 2023, relative to the other foreign currencies in which we transact. Based on the financial results for the six months ended February 28, 2023, the fair value of our outstanding forward contracts would have increased by \$15.9 million and our operating income, excluding these forward contracts, would have decreased by \$21.6 million. This sensitivity analysis has inherent limitations as it disregards the possibility that rates of multiple foreign currencies will not always move in the same direction relative to the value of the U.S. dollar over time and does not account for our forward contracts that we utilize to mitigate fluctuations in exchange rates.

Refer to Note 5, *Derivative Instruments* in the Notes of this Quarterly Report for more information on our foreign currency exposures and our foreign currency forward contracts.

Foreign Currency Translation Risk

We are exposed to foreign currency risk due to the translation of our results from certain international operations into U.S. Dollars, as part of the consolidation process. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates can create volatility in our results of operations and our financial condition.

The following table reflects the foreign currency translation adjustment gains and losses recorded in Other comprehensive income (loss).

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Foreign currency translation adjustment gains (losses)	\$ 3,070	\$ (2,983)	\$ 11,839	\$ (21,696)

Interest Rate Risk*Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments*

As of February 28, 2023, we had Cash and cash equivalents of \$445.3 million and Investments of \$32.0 million. Our Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and highly liquid investments including demand deposits and money market funds, and our Investments consist of mutual funds. We are exposed to interest rate risk through fluctuations of interest rates on our investments. As we have a restrictive investment policy, our financial exposure to fluctuations in interest rates is expected to remain low. Refer to Note 2, *Significant Accounting Policies* in the Notes included in Item 8. of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for more information on our cash and cash equivalents.

*Debt**2022 Credit Agreement*

As of February 28, 2023, our outstanding variable interest rate debt included \$500.0 million under the 2022 Term Facility and \$250.0 million under the 2022 Revolving Facility. During the six months ended February 28, 2023, the outstanding borrowings under the 2022 Credit Facilities bore interest at a rate equal to the applicable one-month Term SOFR rate plus a spread using a debt leverage pricing grid, currently at 1.1% (comprised of a 1.0% interest rate margin based on a debt leverage pricing grid plus a 0.1% credit spread adjustment). The spread remained consistent from the date of borrowing through February 28, 2023.

The variable rate of interest on our debt creates exposure to interest rate volatility due to changes in SOFR. To mitigate this exposure, on March 1, 2022, we entered into the 2022 Swap Agreement to hedge a portion of our outstanding floating SOFR rate debt with a fixed interest rate of 1.162%, to maintain an intended fixed to floating interest rate ratio. The notional amount of the 2022 Swap Agreement declines by \$100.0 million on a quarterly basis. Effective December 30, 2022, we apportioned the then-outstanding notional amount of the 2022 Swap Agreement between two counterparties. As of February 28, 2023, the notional amount of the 2022 Swap Agreement was \$400.0 million, maturing on February 28, 2024.

Our exposure is limited to fluctuations in SOFR on our borrowings from the 2022 Credit Facilities in excess of amounts that are not hedged, or \$350.0 million of our outstanding principal balance. Assuming all terms of our outstanding long-term debt remained the same, a hypothetical 25 basis point change (up or down) in the one-month SOFR would create an exposure of \$0.9 million to our annual interest expense.

Refer to Note 11, *Debt* in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for more information on our 2022 Term Facility and 2022 Revolving Facility. Refer to Note 5, *Derivative Instruments* in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for more information on our 2022 Swap Agreement.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, including our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as of the end of the period covered by this report. As permitted by SEC guidance, that specifies an assessment of internal controls over financial reporting of a recently acquired business may be excluded from management's evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures for up to a year from the date of acquisition, we have excluded CGS from management's assessment on internal control over financial reporting for the six months ended February 28, 2023. We will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as we complete the integration of CGS. CGS represented 9% of our consolidated revenues for the three and six months ended February 28, 2023, and, excluding goodwill and intangible assets, CGS represented 5% percent of our total assets as of February 28, 2023.

Based on their evaluation, our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures, excluding those related to CGS, were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the three and six months ended February 28, 2023 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The information set forth under "Contingencies" in Note 12, *Commitments and Contingencies*, contained in the Notes to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is incorporated by reference in answer to this Item.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes to the risk factors identified in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Items 2(a) and (b) are not applicable as there have been no unregistered sales of equity securities.

(i) Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The following table provides a month-to-month summary of our share repurchase activity during the three months ended February 28, 2023:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased ⁽¹⁾	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ⁽²⁾	Maximum Number of Shares (or Approximate Dollar Value) that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (in US\$) ⁽²⁾
December 2022	—	\$ —	—	\$ 181,254
January 2023	—	\$ —	—	\$ 181,254
February 2023	1,853	\$ 426.55	—	\$ 181,254
Total	1,853		—	

(1) Relates to shares repurchased to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon the vesting or exercise of stock-based awards.

(2) *As of February 28, 2023, a total of \$181.3 million remained available for future share repurchases under our existing share repurchase program. Repurchases may be made from time to time in the open market and privately negotiated transactions, subject to market conditions. No minimum number of shares to be repurchased has been fixed. There is no timeframe to complete the share repurchase program and it is expected that share repurchases will be paid using existing and future cash generated by operations. Beginning in the second quarter of fiscal 2022, we suspended our share repurchase program until at least the second half of fiscal 2023, with the exception of potential minor repurchases to offset dilution from grants of equity awards or repurchases to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon the vesting of stock-based awards. The suspension of our share repurchase program allowed us to prioritize the repayment of debt under the 2022 Credit Facilities. We anticipate resuming the existing share repurchase program for the third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2023. Refer to Note 11, Debt in the Notes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for more information on the 2022 Credit Facilities.*

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Form	Incorporated by Reference			Filed Herewith
			File No.	Exhibit No.	Filing Date	
3.1	FactSet Research Systems Inc. Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation	8-K	001-11869	3.1	1/10/2023	
3.2	FactSet Research Systems Inc. Amended and Restated By-Laws	8-K	001-11869	3.2	1/10/2023	
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended					X
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended					X
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002					X
32.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002					X
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document - The instance document does not appear in the interactive data file because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document					X
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema					X
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase					X
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document					X
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase					X
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase					X
104	Cover page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)					X

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC.
(Registrant)

Date: April 3, 2023

/s/ LINDA S. HUBER

Linda S. Huber
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ GREGORY T. MOSKOFF

Gregory T. Moskoff
Managing Director, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO
EXCHANGE ACT RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, F. Philip Snow, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of FactSet Research Systems Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 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 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;
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 any significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: April 3, 2023

/s/ F. PHILIP SNOW

F. Philip Snow
Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO
EXCHANGE ACT RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Linda S. Huber, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of FactSet Research Systems Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 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 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;
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 any significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: April 3, 2023

/s/ LINDA S. HUBER

Linda S. Huber

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of FactSet Research Systems Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2023, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, F. Philip Snow, do hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ F. PHILIP SNOW

F.Philip Snow
Chief Executive Officer
April 3, 2023

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of FactSet Research Systems Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2023, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Linda S. Huber, do hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ LINDA S. HUBER

Linda S. Huber

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

April 3, 2023