American Express Earnings Conference Call Q4'24



Summary Financial Performance

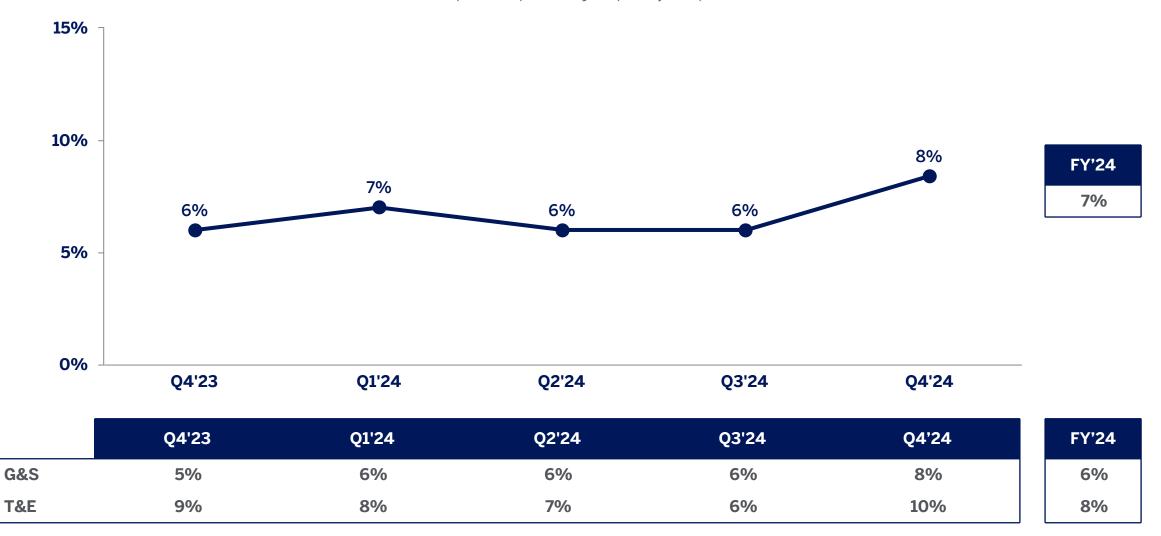
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	Q4'24	YoY% Inc/(Dec)	FY'24	YoY% Inc/(Dec)
Total Revenues Net of Interest Expense	\$17,179	9%	\$65,949	9%
FX-Adjusted*		10%		10%
Net Income	\$2,170	12%	\$10,129	21%
Diluted EPS**	\$3.04	16%	\$14.01	25%
Adjusted EPS***			\$13.35	19%
Average Diluted Shares Outstanding	704	(3%)	713	(3%)

^{*} Total Revenues Net of Interest Expense adjusted for FX is a non-GAAP measure. FX-adjusted information assumes a constant exchange rate between the periods being compared for purposes of currency translation into U.S. dollars (i.e., assumes Q4'24 and FY'24 foreign exchange rates apply to Q4'23 and FY'23 results, respectively). See Annex 8 for Revenues Net of Interest Expense on a GAAP basis. ** Attributable to common shareholders. Represents net income less earnings allocated to participating share awards and dividends on preferred shares. *** Adjusted Diluted Earnings per share, a non-GAAP measure, excludes the \$0.66 per share impact of the gain from the sale of Accertify recognized in Q2'24. See Annex 1 for a reconciliation to Diluted EPS on a GAAP basis.

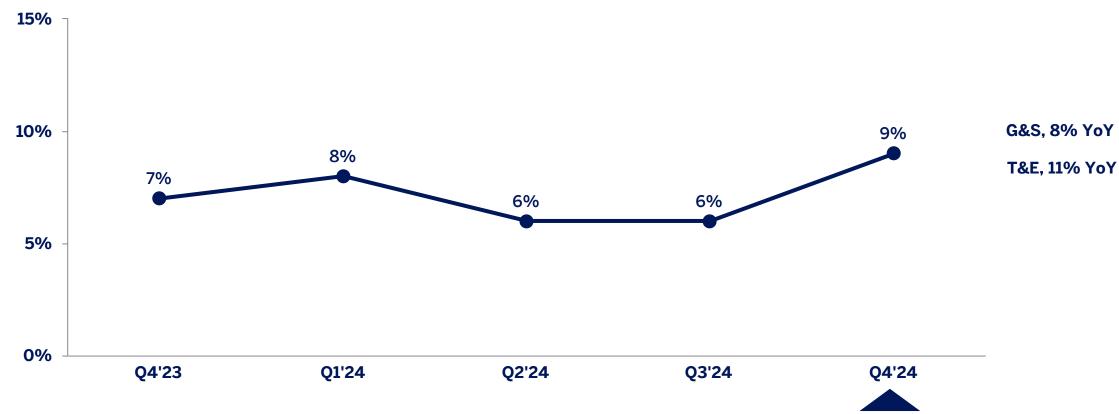
Total Billed Business

% Increase/(decrease) vs. Prior year (FX-adjusted)



U.S. Consumer Services Billed Business

% Increase/(decrease) vs. Prior year

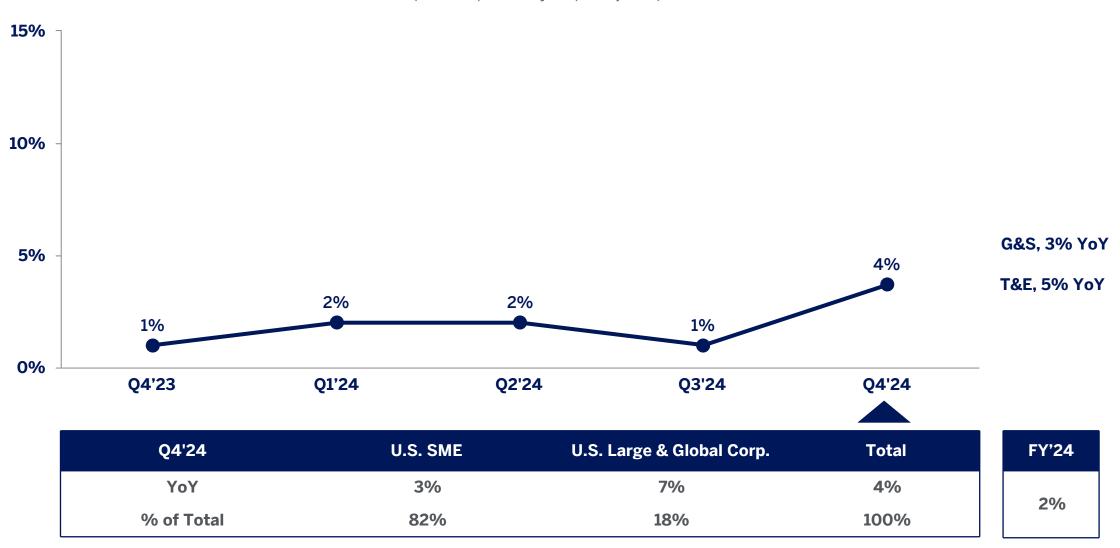


Q4'24	Millennials + Gen-Z	Gen-X	Baby Boomer +	Total
YoY	16%	7%	4%	9%
% of Total	34%	36%	30%	100%

FY'24	
7%	

Commercial Services Billed Business

% Increase/(decrease) vs. Prior year (FX-adjusted)

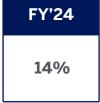


International Card Services Billed Business

% Increase/(decrease) vs. Prior year (FX-adjusted)

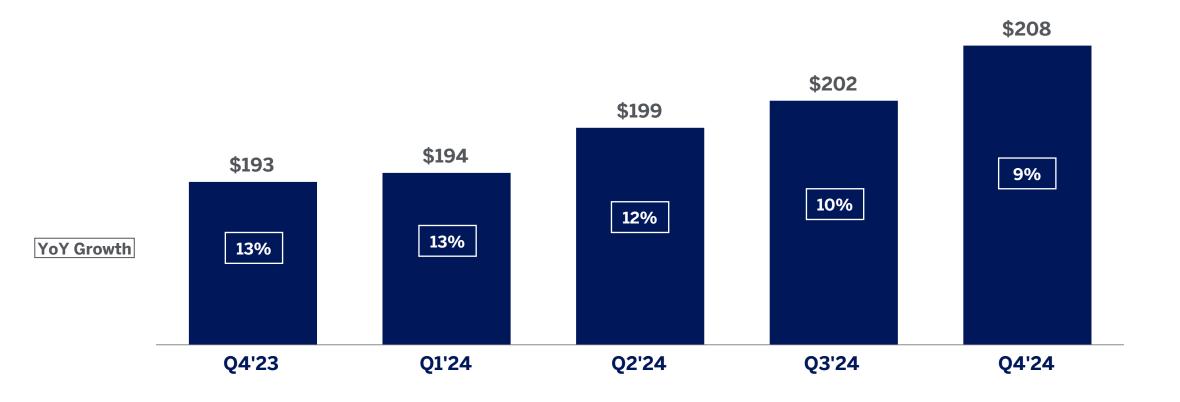


Q4'24	Int'l Consumer	Int'l SME & Large Corp.	Total
YoY	15%	15%	15%
% of Total	65%	35%	100%

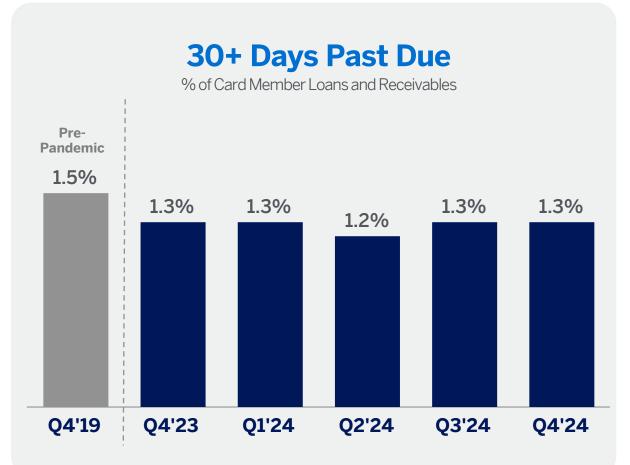


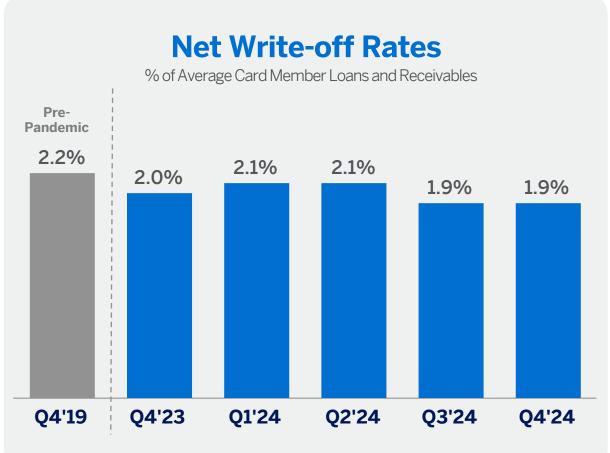
Worldwide Total Loans and Card Member Receivables

\$ in billions (on a reported basis) - % Increase/(decrease) vs. Prior year (FX-adjusted)



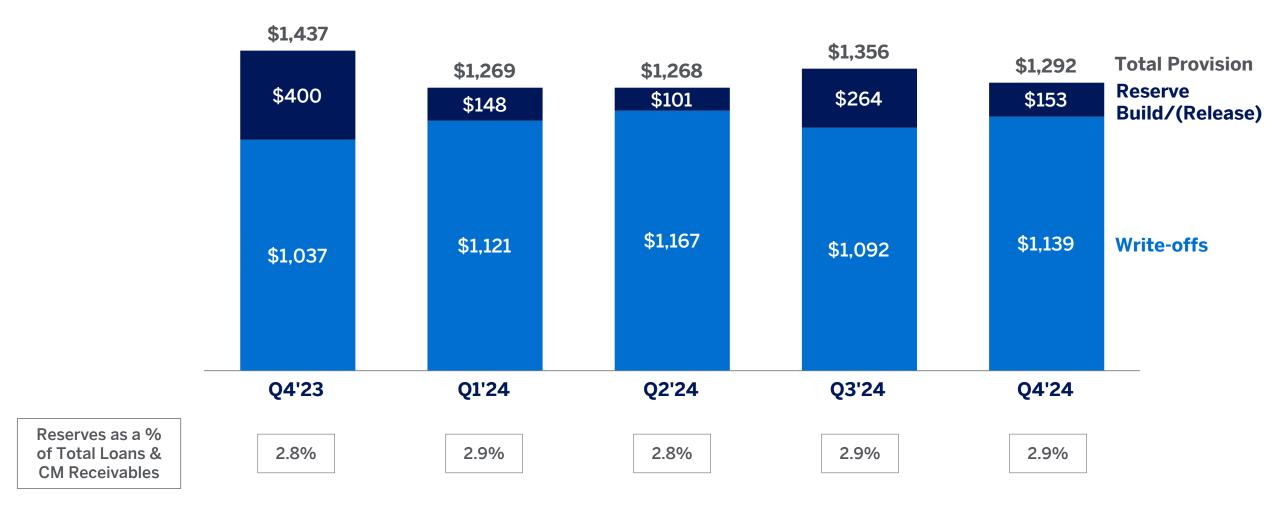
Credit Metrics





Total Provision

(\$ in millions)



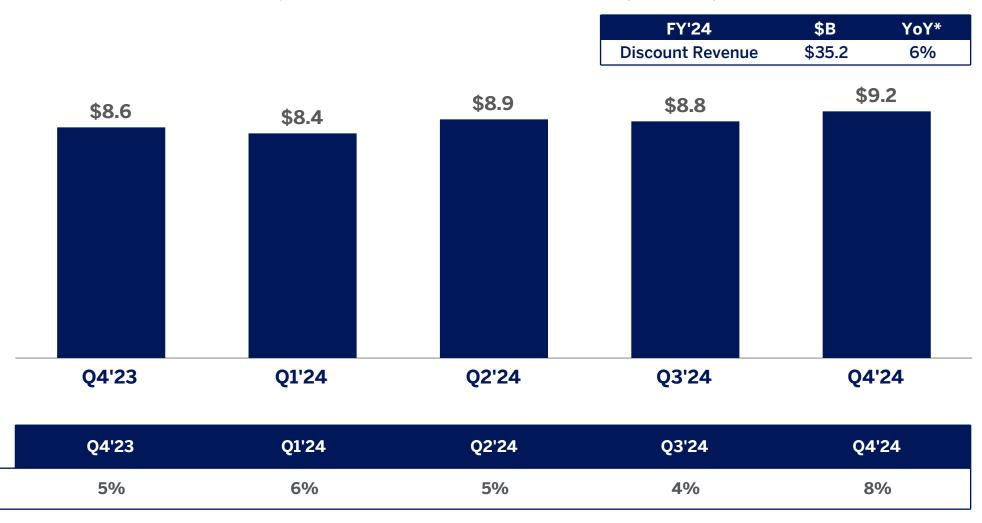
Revenue Performance

(\$ in millions)

	Q4'24	YoY% Inc/(Dec)	FY'24	YoY% Inc/(Dec)
Discount Revenue	\$9,177	7%	\$35,192	5%
Net Card Fees	\$2,245	18%	\$8,449	16%
Service Fees and Other Revenue	\$1,290	0%	\$5,129	2%
Processed Revenue	\$429	4%	\$1,636	(4%)
Net Interest Income	\$4,038	12%	\$15,543	18%
Revenues Net of Interest Expense	\$17,179	9%	\$65,949	9%
FX-Adjusted*		10%		10%

Discount Revenue

\$ in billions (on a reported basis) - % Increase/(decrease) vs. Prior year (FX-adjusted)

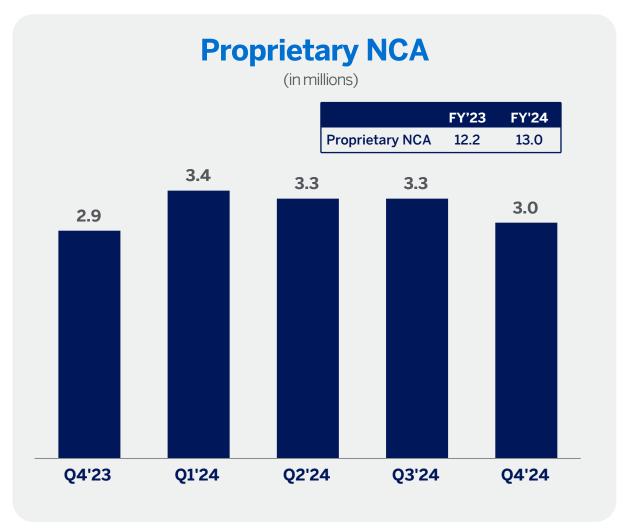


YoY Growth*

^{*} Discount Revenue YoY growth rates adjusted for FX are non-GAAP measures. See Annex 4 for Discount Revenue growth rates on a GAAP basis. See Slide 2 for an explanation of FX-adjusted information. Subtotals may not foot due to rounding.

Net Card Fees and Proprietary New Cards Acquired





Net Interest Income

\$ in billions (on a reported basis) - % Increase/(decrease) vs. Prior year (FX-adjusted)

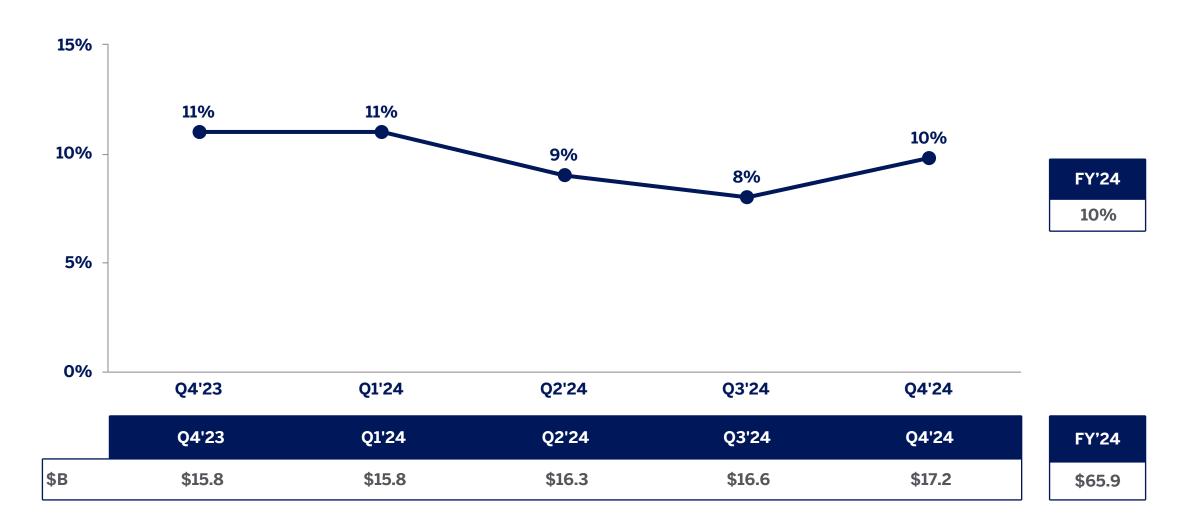
FY'24	\$B	YoY*
Net Interest Income	\$15.5	18%



^{*} Net Interest Income YoY growth rates adjusted for FX are non-GAAP measures. See Annex 6 for Net Interest Income growth rates on a GAAP basis. See Slide 2 for an explanation of FX-adjusted information. ** CM loans used to calculate Net Interest Yield include loans held-for-sale. See Annex 7 for a reconciliation of net interest yield, a non-GAAP measure.

Total Revenue Net of Interest Expense

\$ in billions (on a reported basis) - % Increase/(decrease) vs. Prior year (FX-adjusted)



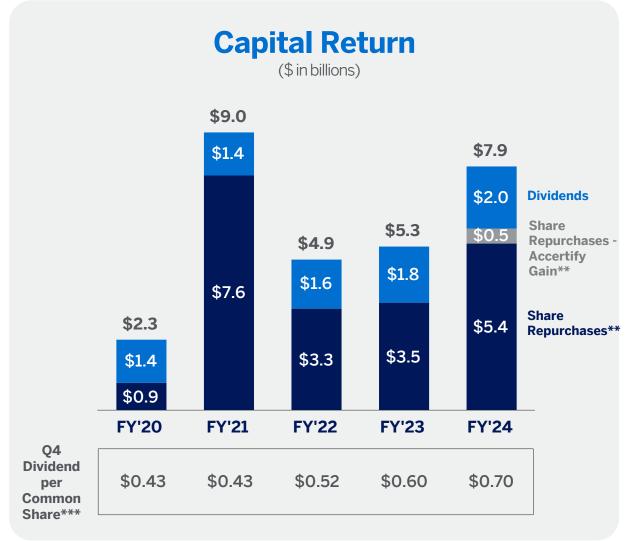
Expense Performance

(\$ in millions)

	Q4'24	YoY% Inc/(Dec)	FY'24	YoY% Inc/(Dec)	
Card Member Rewards	\$4,430	15%	\$16,599	8%	
Business Development	\$1,637	10%	\$5,886	4%	
Card Member Services	\$1,278	20%	\$4,782	21%	
Variable Customer Engagement Expenses	\$7,345	15%	\$27,267	9%	
VCE Expenses % of Revenue	43%		41%		
Marketing	\$1,614	31%	\$6,040	16%	FY'24 Accerti Gain on Sale
Operating Expenses	\$4,172	(1%)	\$14,562	(2%)	(\$531)
Total Expenses	\$13,131	11%	\$47,869	6%	

Capital





Long-Term Aspiration & 2025 Guidance

Long-Term Aspiration

Revenue Growth: 10%+

EPS Growth: Mid-teens

2025 Guidance

Revenue Growth: 8% - 10%

<u>EPS</u>: \$15.00 - \$15.50

(Adjusted EPS Growth*: 12% - 16%)

Appendix

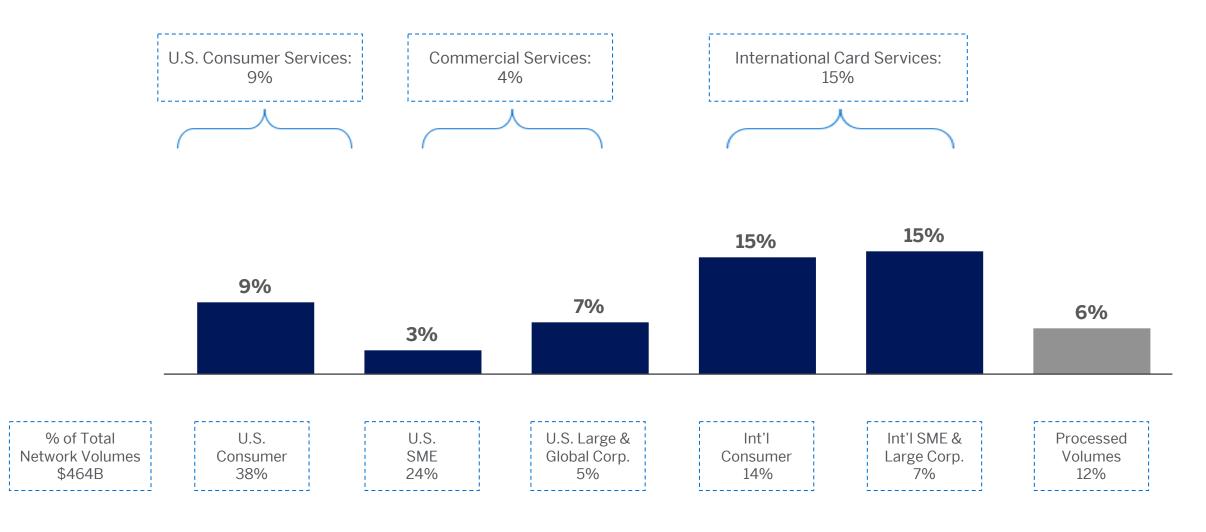


Travel & Entertainment Billed Business

Q4'24	Restaurants	Lodging	Airlines	Other	Total T&E
YoY Growth	8%	6%	13%	13%	10%
% of Total Billed Business	7%	5%	6%	8%	26%

Q4'24 Network Volumes Growth by Customer Type

% Increase/(decrease) vs. Prior Year (FX-adjusted)



Card Member Credit Metrics

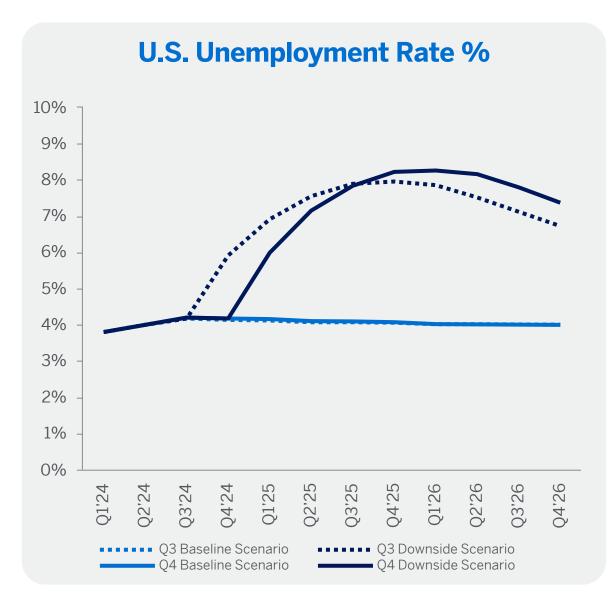
	Q4'19	Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24	Q4'24
Card Member Loans Net Write-off Rate*	2.3%	2.1%	2.3%	2.3%	2.1%	2.1%
Card Member Receivables Net Write-off Rates*	1.9%	1.7%	1.7%	1.5%	1.4%	1.2%
Corporate Net Write-off Rates**	0.8%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%
Card Member Loans 30+ Days Past Due***	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%
Card Member Receivables 30+ Days Past Due***	1.4%	1.1%	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%

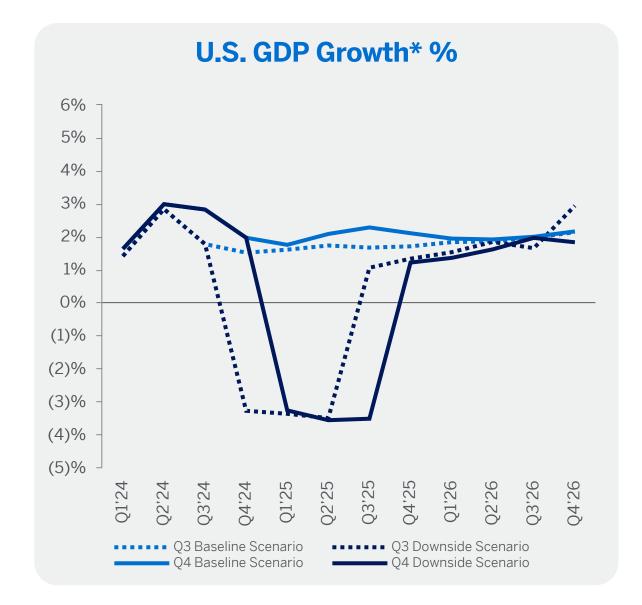
^{*}Net write-off rates based on principal losses only (unavailable for Corporate). See Statistical Tables for the fourth quarter of 2024, available at ir.americanexpress.com, for net write-off rates including interest and fees.

*** Corporate Net Write-off Rates based on principal and fee losses related to U.S. Corporate, International Corporate and Global Clients receivables.

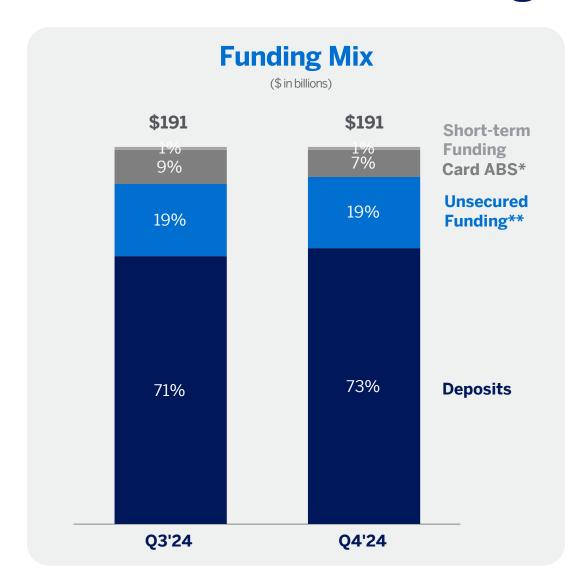
*** 30+ Days past due represent Consumer and Small Business Services Card Member Loans and Card Member Receivables (unavailable for Corporate).

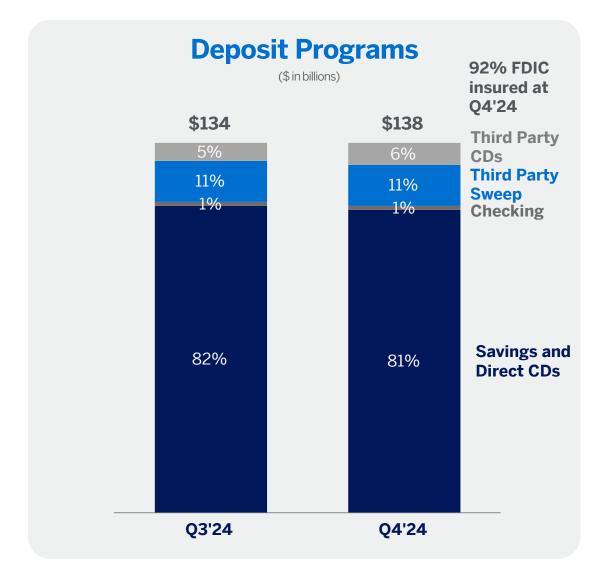
Credit Reserve Macroeconomic Scenarios: Select Variables



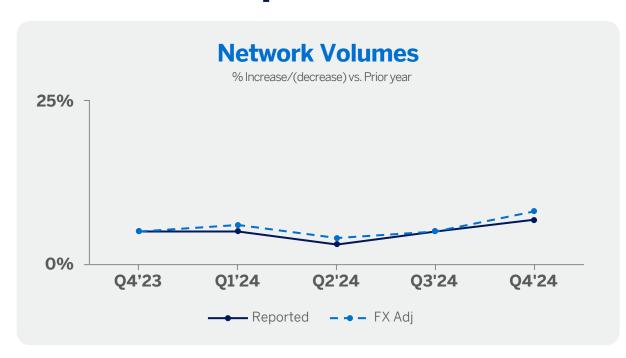


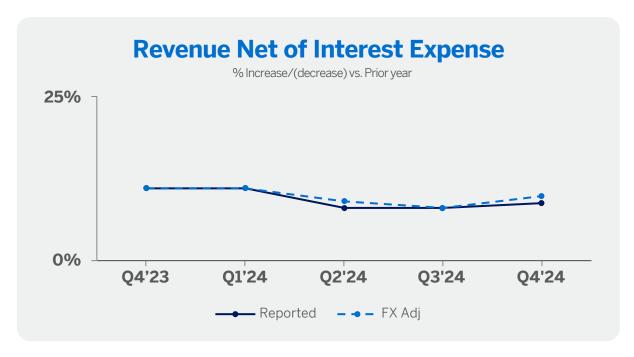
Funding and Deposits





FX Impact on Network Volumes and Revenue Growth





	Euro €	UK £	Japan ¥	Australia \$	Canada \$	Mexico \$
Approximate Q4'24 Network Volumes as a % of Total	4%	5%	4%	3%	2%	2%
YoY% change in USD* vs. Currency Strengthened / (Weakened)	7%	2%	11%	10%	9%	23%

Additional Commentary – Variance Analysis

The following summary provides selected variance information for the three months ended December 31, 2024 compared to the same period in the prior year. It should be read in conjunction with the statistical tables for Q4'24, available at ir.americanexpress.com.

- <u>Discount Revenue</u>: Increased 7 percent versus Q4'23, primarily driven by an increase in billed business.
- Net Card Fees: Increased 18 percent versus Q4'23, primarily driven by growth in our premium card portfolios.
- <u>Service Fees and Other Revenue:</u> Was flat versus Q4'23, primarily driven by lower travel commissions and fees from our consumer travel business and Accertify revenues included in the prior year, offset by increases in foreign exchange related revenues associated with Card Member cross-currency spending, loyalty coalition-related fees, and revenue from the sale of reward points.
- <u>Processed Revenue:</u> Increased 4 percent versus Q4'23 (10 percent on an FX-adjusted basis*), primarily driven by an increase in network partner volumes.
- <u>Interest Income:</u> Increased 9 percent versus Q4'23, primarily driven by growth in revolving loan balances, partially offset by lower interest rates.
- <u>Interest Expense:</u> Increased 5 percent versus Q4'23, primarily driven by growth in customer deposits and long-term debt, partially offset by lower interest rates.
- <u>Provisions for Credit Losses:</u> Decreased 10 percent versus Q4'23, primarily driven by a lower net reserve build in the current period, partially offset by higher net write offs.

Additional Commentary – Variance Analysis

- <u>Card Member Rewards Expense:</u> Increased 15 percent versus Q4'23, primarily driven by higher billed business and an increase in the cost of redemptions.
- <u>Business Development Expense:</u> Increased 10 percent versus Q4'23, primarily due to increased partner payments driven by higher network volumes and a charge related to revenue allocated to a joint venture partner.
- <u>Card Member Services Expense:</u> Increased 20 percent versus Q4'23, primarily due to growth in premium card accounts, contributing to a higher usage of travel-related benefits.
- <u>Marketing Expense:</u> Increased 31 percent versus Q4'23, reflecting higher levels of spending on customer acquisition and other growth initiatives.
- Salaries and Employee Benefits Expense: Was relatively flat versus Q4'23.
- Other Expenses: Were relatively flat versus Q4'23 and include a prior-year foreign exchange loss related to the devaluation of the Argentine peso and a current year charge associated with an increase in international non-income tax reserves.

○ Adjusted EPS and Adjusted Operating Expenses, Excluding the Impact of Accertify Gain on Sale

(\$ in millions; except per share amounts)

GAAP Diluted EPS

Accertify Gain on Sale (pretax)

Tax Impact of Accertify Gain on Sale

Accertify Gain on Sale (after tax)

Adjusted Diluted EPS Excluding the Impact of Accertify Gain on Sale

GAAP Diluted EPS

Accertify Gain on Sale (after tax)

Adjusted Diluted EPS Excluding the Impact of Accertify Gain on Sale

GAAP	Operating	Expenses
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Accertify Gain on Sale

Adjusted Operating Expenses Excluding the Impact of Accertify Gain on Sale

FY'24	FY'23	YoY% Inc/(Dec)
\$14.01	\$11.21	25%
\$0.74	_	
(\$0.08)	_	
\$0.66	_	
\$13.35	\$11.21	19%

FY'24	2025 Guidance	2025 Guidance YoY % Inc/(Dec)
\$14.01	\$15.00 - \$15.50	7% - 11%
\$0.66	_	
\$13.35	\$15.00 - \$15.50	12% - 16%

FY'24	FY'23	YoY% Inc/(Dec)
\$14,562	\$14,874	(2%)
(\$531)	_	
\$15,093	\$14,874	1%

Annex 2 (1 of 2)

⇒ Billed Business – Reported & FX-Adjusted*

% Increase/(decrease) vs. Prior year

Billed Business

Reported

FX-Adjusted*

G&S

Reported

FX-Adjusted*

T&E

Reported

FX-Adjusted*

Processed Volumes

Reported

FX-Adjusted*

Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24	Q4'24	FY'24
6%	6%	5%	6%	8%	6%
6%	7%	6%	6%	8%	7%
5%	6%	5%	6%	7%	7%
5%	6%	6%	6%	8%	6%
9%	8%	6%	6%	9%	5%
9%	8%	7%	6%	10%	8%
				20/	
				2%	
				6%	

^{*} See Slide 2 for an explanation of FX-adjusted information.

Annex 2 (2 of 2)

⇒Billed Business – Reported & FX-Adjusted*

% Increase/(decrease) vs. Prior year

U.S. Large and Global Corp.

Commercial Services

Total Billed Business

G&S

T&E

Q4	'24	FY'24				
Reported	FX-Adj.*	Reported	FX-Adj.*			
7%	7%					
4%	4%	2%	2%			
3%	3%					
5%	5%					

International Consumer
International SME & Large Corp.
International Card Services
Total Billed Business
G&S
T&E

Q4	'24	FY'24				
Reported	FX-Adj.*	Reported	FX-Adj.*			
11%	15%					
11%	15%					
11%	15%	11%	14%			
11%	15%					
10%	14%					

➡ Worldwide Total Loans and Card Member Receivables – Reported & FX-Adjusted*

(\$ in billions)

GAAP Worldwide Total Loans and Card Member Receivables

FX-Adjusted Worldwide Total Loans and Card Member Receivables*

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in GAAP Worldwide Total Loans and Card Member Receivables

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in FX-Adjusted Worldwide Total Loans and Card Member Receivables*

Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24	Q4'24
\$171	\$172	\$179	\$183	\$193	\$194	\$199	\$202	\$208
\$172	\$172	\$178	\$185	\$191				
				13%	12%	11%	10%	8%
				13%	13%	12%	10%	9%

^{*} See Slide 2 for an explanation of FX-adjusted information.

○ Discount Revenue − Reported & FX-Adjusted*

(\$ in billions)

FX-Adjusted Discount Revenue*

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in GAAP Discount Revenue

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in FX-Adjusted Discount Revenue*

Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	FY'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24	Q4'24	FY'24
\$8.2	\$7.9	\$8.5	\$8.4	\$8.6	\$33.4	\$8.4	\$8.9	\$8.8	\$9.2	\$35.2
\$8.2	\$7.9	\$8.4	\$8.4	\$8.5	\$33.3					
				5%		5%	4%	4%	7%	5%
				5%		6%	5%	4%	8%	6%

⇒Net Card Fees – Reported & FX-Adjusted*

(\$ in billions)

GAAP Net Card Fees

FX-Adjusted Net Card Fees*

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in GAAP Net Card Fees

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in FX-Adjusted Net Card Fees*

Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	FY'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24	Q4'24	FY'24
\$1.6	\$1.7	\$1.8	\$1.8	\$1.9	\$7.3	\$2.0	\$2.1	\$2.2	\$2.2	\$8.4
\$1.6	\$1.7	\$1.8	\$1.8	\$1.9	\$7.2					
				17%		15%	15%	18%	18%	16%
				17%		16%	16%	18%	19%	17%

⇒ Net Interest Income – Reported & FX-Adjusted*

(\$ in billions)

GAAP Net Interest Income

FX-Adjusted Net Interest Income*

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in GAAP Net Interest Income

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in FX-Adjusted Net Interest Income*

Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	FY'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24	Q4'24	FY'24
\$2.8	\$3.0	\$3.1	\$3.4	\$3.6	\$13.1	\$3.8	\$3.7	\$4.0	\$4.0	\$15.5
\$2.8	\$3.0	\$3.1	\$3.4	\$3.6	\$13.1					
				31%		26%	20%	16%	12%	18%
				30%		26%	20%	17%	13%	18%

^{*} See Slide 2 for an explanation of FX-adjusted information.

Consolidated Net Interest Yield on Average Card Member Loans

(\$ in millions)

Net interest income

Exclude:

Interest expense not attributable to our Card Member Ioan portfolio*

Interest income not attributable to our Card Member Ioan portfolio**

Adjusted net interest income***

Average Card Member loans including loans held-for-sale

Net interest income divided by average Card Member loans

Net interest yield on average Card Member loans***

Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24	Q4'24
\$3,604	\$3,769	\$3,730	\$4,006	\$4,038
\$821	\$882	\$912	\$940	\$865
(\$824)	(\$916)	(\$920) (\$940)		(\$823)
\$3,601	\$3,735	\$3,722	\$4,006	\$4,080
\$121,774	\$124,720	\$128,321	\$132,956	\$137,161
11.7%	12.2%	11.7%	12.0%	11.7%
11.7%	12.0%	11.7%	12.0%	11.8%

^{*} Primarily represents interest expense attributable to funding Card Member receivables and maintaining our corporate liquidity pool.

^{**} Primarily represents interest income attributable to Other loans, interest-bearing deposits and our Travelers Cheque and other stored-value investment portfolio.

^{***} Adjusted net interest income and net interest yield on average Card Member loans are non-GAAP measures. We believe adjusted net interest income is useful to investors because it represents the interest expense and interest income attributable to our Card Member loan portfolio and is a component of net interest yield on average Card Member loans, which provides a measure of profitability of our Card Member loan portfolio. Net interest yield on average Card Member loans reflects adjusted net interest income divided by average Card Member loans, computed on an annualized basis. Net interest income divided by average Card Member loans, computed on an annualized basis, a GAAP measure, includes elements of total interest income and total interest expense that are not attributable to the Card Member loan portfolio, and thus is not representative of net interest yield on average Card Member loans.

⇒ Revenues Net of Interest Expense and Processed Revenue – Reported & FX-Adjusted*

GAAP Revenues Net of Interest Expense (billions)

FX-Adjusted Revenues Net of Interest Expense (billions)*

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in GAAP Revenues Net of Interest Expense

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in FX-Adjusted Revenues Net of Interest Expense*

Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	FY'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24	Q4'24	FY'24
\$14.2	\$14.3	\$15.1	\$15.4	\$15.8	\$60.5	\$15.8	\$16.3	\$16.6	\$17.2	\$65.9
\$14.2	\$14.2	\$15.0	\$15.3	\$15.6	\$60.2					
				11%		11%	8%	8%	9%	9%
				11%		11%	9%	8%	10%	10%

GAAP Processed Revenue (millions)

FX-Adjusted Processed Revenue (millions)*

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in GAAP Processed Revenue

YoY% Inc/(Dec) in FX-Adjusted Processed Revenue*

Q4'23	Q4'24
\$414	\$429
\$390	
	4%
	10%

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- the company's ability to achieve its 2025 earnings per common share (EPS) outlook and grow EPS in the future consistent with the company's growth aspiration, which will depend in part on revenue growth, credit performance and the effective tax rate remaining consistent with current expectations and the company's ability to continue investing at high levels in areas that can drive sustainable growth (including its brand, value propositions, coverage, marketing, technology and talent), controlling operating expenses, effectively managing risk and executing its share repurchase program, any of which could be impacted by, among other things, the factors identified in the subsequent paragraphs as well as the following: macroeconomic conditions, higher rates of unemployment, changes in interest rates, effects of inflation, tariffs, supply chain issues, energy costs and fiscal and monetary policies; geopolitical instability, hostilities and tensions, such as involving China and the U.S.; the impact of any future contingencies, including, but not limited to, legal costs and settlements, the imposition of fines or monetary penalties, increases in Card Member remediation, investment gains or losses, restructurings, impairments and changes in reserves; issues impacting brand perceptions and the company's reputation; impacts related to acquisitions, cobrand and other partner agreements, portfolio sales and joint ventures; and the impact of regulation and litigation, which may be heightened due to the uncertain regulatory environment and could affect the profitability of the company's business activities, limit the company's ability to pursue business opportunities, require changes to business practices or alter the company's relationships with Card Members, partners and merchants;
- the company's ability to achieve its 2025 revenue growth outlook and grow revenues net of interest expense in the future consistent with the company's growth aspiration, which could be impacted by, among other things, the factors identified above and in the subsequent paragraphs, as well as the following: spending volumes and the spending environment not being consistent with expectations, including a decline in spending by U.S. small and mid-sized enterprise Card Members or slowdowns in U.S. consumer or international spending volumes; an inability to address competitive pressures, attract and retain customers, invest in and enhance the company's Membership Model of premium products, differentiated services and partnerships, successfully refresh its card products, grow spending and lending with customers across age cohorts, including Millennial and Gen-Z customers, and implement strategies and business initiatives, including within the premium consumer space, commercial payments and the global network; the effects of regulatory initiatives, including pricing and network regulation; merchant coverage growing less than expected or the reduction of merchant acceptance or the perception of coverage; increased surcharging, steering, suppression or differential acceptance of the company's products; merchant discount rates changing from the company's expectations; and changes in foreign currency exchange rates;

- net card fees not growing consistent with the company's expectations, which could be impacted by, among other things, a decrease in the ability and desire
 of Card Members to pay card fees, such as due to a deterioration in macroeconomic conditions; higher Card Member attrition rates; the pace of Card
 Member acquisition activity and demand for the company's fee-based products; and the company's inability to address competitive pressures, develop
 attractive premium value propositions and implement its strategy of refreshing card products and realize its anticipated growth from those refreshes,
 enhancing and delivering benefits and services and continuing to innovate with respect to its products;
- net interest income, the effects of changes in interest rates and the growth of loans and Card Member receivables outstanding and revolving balances, being higher or lower than expectations, which could be impacted by, among other things, the behavior and financial strength of Card Members and their actual spending, borrowing and paydown patterns; the effectiveness of the company's strategies to enhance Card Member value propositions, capture a greater share of Card Members' spending and borrowings, and attract new, and retain existing, customers; the company's ability to effectively manage underwriting risk; changes in benchmark interest rates, including where such changes affect the company's assets or liabilities differently than expected; changes in capital and credit market conditions and the availability and cost of capital; credit actions, including line size and other adjustments to credit availability; the yield on Card Member loans not remaining consistent with current expectations; the company's deposit levels or the interest rates it offers on deposits changing from current expectations; loss or impacts to cobrand relationships; and governmental actions to cap interest rates;
- future credit performance, the level of future delinquency, reserve and write-off rates and the amount and timing of future reserve builds and releases, which will depend in part on macroeconomic factors such as unemployment rates, GDP and the volume of bankruptcies; the ability and willingness of Card Members to pay amounts owed to the company; changes in loans and receivables outstanding, such as from the implementation of the company's strategy to capture spending and borrowings, or from changes in consumer behavior that affect loan and receivable balances (e.g., paydown and revolve rates); changes in the levels of customer acquisitions and the credit profiles of new customers acquired; the enrollment in, and effectiveness of, financial relief programs and the performance of accounts as they exit from such programs; the impact of the usage of debt settlement companies; and collections capabilities and recoveries of previously written-off loans and receivables;
- the actual amount to be spent on Card Member rewards and services and business development, and the relationship of these variable customer engagement costs to revenues, which could be impacted by continued changes in macroeconomic conditions and Card Member behavior as it relates to their spending patterns (including the level of spend in bonus categories), the redemption of rewards and offers (including travel redemptions) and usage of travel-related benefits; the costs related to reward point redemptions; further enhancements to the company's rewards programs and product benefits, including to make them attractive to Card Members and prospective customers, potentially in a manner that is not cost effective; new and renegotiated contractual obligations with business partners, which may be affected by business partners with greater scale and leverage; the company's ability to identify and negotiate partner-funded value for Card Members; and the pace and cost of the expansion of the company's global lounge collection;

- the actual amount the company spends on marketing in 2025 and beyond and the effectiveness and efficiency of its marketing spending, which will be based in part on continued changes in the macroeconomic and competitive environment and business performance, including the levels of demand for the company's products; management's decisions regarding the timing of spending on marketing and the effectiveness of management's investment optimization process; management's identification and assessment of attractive investment opportunities; management's ability to develop premium value propositions and drive customer demand, including continued customer spend growth and retention; the receptivity of Card Members and prospective customers to advertising and customer acquisition initiatives; and the company's ability to realize marketing efficiencies and balance expense control and investments in the business;
- the company's ability to control operating expenses, including relative to revenue growth, and the actual amount spent on operating expenses in 2025 and beyond, which could be impacted by, among other things, salary and benefit expenses to attract and retain talent; the company's ability to realize operational efficiencies, including through increased scale and automation; management's decisions regarding spending in such areas as technology, business and product development, sales force, premium servicing and digital capabilities; the company's ability to innovate efficient channels of customer interactions and the willingness of Card Members to self-service and address issues through digital channels; restructuring activity; fraud costs; inflation; supply chain issues; expenses related to control management and compliance and consulting, legal and other professional services fees, including as a result of litigation or internal and regulatory reviews; regulatory assessments; the level of M&A activity and related expenses; information security or cybersecurity incidents; the payment of fines, penalties, disgorgement, restitution, non-income tax assessments and litigation-related settlements; the performance of Amex Ventures and other of the company's investments; impairments of goodwill or other assets; and the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on costs;
- the company's tax rate not remaining consistent with expectations, including the effects of the global minimum tax guidelines, which could be impacted by, among other things, further changes in tax laws and regulation (or the expiration of provisions of tax laws or regulations), the implementation of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's global minimum tax guidelines by jurisdictions, the company's geographic mix of income, unfavorable tax audits, assessments and tax litigation outcomes;
- changes affecting the company's plans regarding the return of capital to shareholders, including increasing the level of the dividend, which will depend on
 factors such as the company's capital levels and regulatory capital ratios; changes in the stress testing and capital planning process and new rulemakings
 and guidance from the Federal Reserve and other banking regulators, including changes to regulatory capital requirements, such as from Basel III
 rulemaking; results of operations and financial condition; credit ratings and rating agency considerations; required company approvals; and the economic
 environment and market conditions in any given period;

- changes in the substantial and increasing worldwide competition in the payments industry, including competitive pressure and competitor settlements and
 mergers that may materially impact the prices charged to merchants that accept American Express cards; surcharging, steering and suppression by
 merchants and merchant acceptance; the desirability of the company's premium card products; competition for new and existing cobrand relationships;
 competition from new and non-traditional competitors, and with respect to new products, services and technologies, such as the emergence or increase in
 popularity of alternative payment mechanisms; and the success of marketing, promotion and rewards programs;
- the company's ability to expand its leadership in the premium consumer space, including with Millennial and Gen-Z consumers, which will be impacted in part by competition, brand perceptions (including perceptions related to merchant coverage) and reputation, and the company's ability to develop and market new benefits and value propositions that appeal to Card Members and new customers, grow spending with new and younger age cohort Card Members, offer attractive services and rewards programs and build greater customer loyalty, which will depend in part on identifying and funding investment opportunities, addressing changing customer behaviors, new product innovation and development, Card Member acquisition efforts and enrollment processes, including through digital channels, continuing to realize the benefits from strategic partnerships, successfully implementing the company's dining strategy, and evolving the company's infrastructure to support new products, services and benefits;
- the company's ability to build on its leadership in commercial payments, which will depend in part on competition, the willingness and ability of companies to use credit and charge cards for procurement and other business expenditures as well as use the company's other products and services for financing needs, perceived or actual difficulties and costs related to setting up B2B payment platforms, the company's ability to offer attractive value propositions and new products to current and potential customers, the company's ability to enhance and expand its payment, lending and cash flow management solutions, increase customer engagement, and build out a multi-product digital ecosystem to integrate its broad product set, which is dependent on the company's continued investment in capabilities, features, functionalities, platforms and technologies;
- the company's ability to expand merchant coverage globally and its success, as well as the success of third-party merchant acquirers, aggregators and processors, in signing merchants to accept American Express, which will depend on, among other factors, the value propositions offered to merchants and merchant acquirers for card acceptance, the awareness and willingness of Card Members to use American Express cards at merchants, scaling marketing and expanding programs to increase card usage, identifying and growing acceptance in low- and new-to-plastic industries and businesses as they form, working with commercial buyers and suppliers to establish B2B acceptance, executing on the company's plans to increase coverage in priority international cities, destinations, countries and industry verticals, and continued network investments, including in capabilities that allow for greater digital integration and modernization of its authorization platform;

- the company's ability to grow internationally, which could be impacted by regulation and business practices, such as those capping interchange or other fees, mandating network access or data localization, favoring local competitors or prohibiting or limiting foreign ownership of certain businesses; the company's inability to successfully replicate aspects of its business model internationally and tailor products and services to make them attractive to local customers; competitors with more scale, local experience and established relationships with relevant customers, regulators and industry participants; the success of the company and its network partners in acquiring Card Members and/or merchants; and political or economic instability or regional hostilities;
- a failure in or breach of the company's operational or security systems, processes or infrastructure, or those of third parties, including as a result of cyberattacks or outages, which could compromise the confidentiality, integrity, privacy and/or security of data, disrupt the company's operations, reduce the use and acceptance of American Express cards and lead to regulatory scrutiny, litigation, remediation and response costs, and reputational harm;
- legal and regulatory developments, which could affect the profitability of the company's business activities; limit the company's ability to pursue business opportunities or conduct business in certain jurisdictions; require changes to business practices or governance, or alter the company's relationships with Card Members, partners, merchants and other third parties, including affecting its network operations and practices governing merchant acceptance, as well as its ability to continue certain cobrand relationships in the EU; impact card fees and rewards programs; exert further pressure on merchant discount rates and the company's GNS business, as well as result in an increase in surcharging or steering; alter the competitive landscape; subject the company to heightened regulatory scrutiny and result in increased costs related to regulatory oversight and compliance, litigation-related settlements, judgments or expenses, restitution to Card Members or the imposition of fines or monetary penalties; materially affect capital or liquidity requirements, results of operations or ability to pay dividends; or result in harm to the American Express brand; and
- factors beyond the company's control such as global economic and business conditions, consumer and business spending generally, unemployment rates, geopolitical conditions, including further escalations or widening of ongoing military conflicts and regional hostilities, adverse developments affecting third parties, including other financial institutions, merchants or vendors, as well as severe weather conditions and natural disasters (e.g., hurricanes and wildfires), power loss, disruptions in telecommunications, pandemics, terrorism and other catastrophic events, any of which could significantly affect demand for and spending on American Express cards, delinquency rates, loan and receivable balances, deposit levels, foreign exchange rates and other aspects of the company's business and results of operations or disrupt its global network systems and ability to process transactions.

A further description of these uncertainties and other risks can be found in American Express Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, June 30 and September 30, 2024 and the company's other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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