



# Q3 Fiscal Year 2025 Conference Call

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# Business Momentum & Key Trends

# Q3 FY 2025 Summary

- **Strong demand for our technologies, demonstrating the valuable outcomes we are delivering for customers**
  - Product orders up 20% y/y; up 9% y/y excluding Splunk, with growth across all geographies and customer markets
  - Booked largest ever deal for Splunk in a competitive take-out, demonstrating the power of our combined sales force
- **Outstanding momentum and leadership in AI**
  - >\$600M in AI infrastructure orders taken from webscale customers, bringing YTD total to well over \$1B, surpassing our FY25 target a full quarter early
  - Expanded partnership with NVIDIA to create a cross-portfolio unified architecture, prioritizing customers' needs for simplified, full-stack solutions
  - New investments for AI infrastructure buildouts in the Middle East, and partnerships to scale AI innovation across public and private sectors
- **Accelerating innovation pipeline: tightly integrating our products to deliver differentiated solutions for customers**
  - Continued momentum for Hypershield, with most customers bundling it with our N9300 Smart Switch, embedding security into the fabric of the network
  - Agentic AI advancements for Cisco XDR and Splunk, simplifying threat detection and response
- **Revenue and Non-GAAP EPS results above the high end of our guidance**
  - \$14.1B in revenue; Non-GAAP EPS of \$0.96
- **Strong profitability driven by productivity improvements and Splunk**
  - On a non-GAAP basis, gross margin was 68.6%, product gross margin was 67.6%, and operating margin was 34.5%
- **Significant growth in software and recurring metrics with 56% of total revenue from subscriptions**
  - Total software revenue up 25% y/y to \$5.6B, Total ARR up 5% y/y to \$30.6B, Total RPO up 7% y/y to \$41.7B
- **Returned \$3.1B to shareholders, bringing YTD total to \$9.6B, demonstrating our commitment to capital returns**

# New Strategic AI Initiatives

## Cisco and HUMAIN

Cisco will join a groundbreaking initiative with HUMAIN, Saudi Arabia's new AI enterprise, as the founding networking and security partner to help build the world's most open, scalable, and cost-efficient AI infrastructure.

This landmark collaboration will set a new standard for how AI infrastructure is designed, secured and delivered – combining Cisco's global expertise with the Kingdom's bold AI ambitions.

The multi-year initiative is the cornerstone to a wider set of investments in research, talent and innovation to accelerate the country's AI future.

## AI Infrastructure Partnership (AIP)

The AIP which is a partnership of BlackRock, Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP) – a part of BlackRock, MGX, Microsoft, NVIDIA, xAI and others, will initially seek to unlock \$30 billion in capital from investors, asset owners, and corporations.

Cisco's addition as a technology partner to AIP, further strengthens the AIP platform as it seeks to invest in secure, efficient and scalable infrastructure to support AI workloads.

## Cisco and G42

Cisco will extend the strategic partnership with G42 to further advance AI innovation and infrastructure development in the UAE.

The collaboration focuses on Cisco's comprehensive secure AI portfolio and AI-native solutions and services and G42's deep regional roots, AI infrastructure expertise, and expanding global footprint including a potential joint Go-To-Market initiative.

# Cisco accelerating AI adoption

## AI Training Infrastructure

Continued hyperscale AI network design wins in Q3 FY25 with results demonstrating accelerated momentum in hyperscale back-end networks.

**Orders:** Over \$600M of AI orders taken in Q3 FY25, bringing the total YTD to well over our \$1B target. Q3 FY25 marks the third consecutive quarter of triple-digit order growth with webscalars, with three of the top six growing triple-digits. As expected, the product mix of these orders was more than two-thirds in systems with the remainder in optics.

**Platforms:** Series 8K, Silicon One, and Optics & Optical

**Outlook:** Continued momentum with webscale customers building AI LLM training clusters

## AI Inference

Q3 FY25 saw several enterprise AI system deals, seeing adoption of our new technology platforms geared for private AI clouds.

**Orders:** Fifth consecutive quarter of Data Center Switching order growth in Q3 FY25, lapping double-digit compares versus prior year. YTD Q3 FY25 Data Center Switching orders are up double-digits Y/Y.

**Platforms:** Hyperfabric, Nexus Switching with Intersight, AI PODs, Cisco UCS, and Silicon One

**Outlook:** Significant opportunity expected as Cisco-NVIDIA product development progresses as enterprises complete PoCs

## AI Connectivity

Q3 FY25 saw more deals with customer applications and use cases requiring network upgrades for incoming AI applications.

**Orders:** Networking product order growth up double-digits for third consecutive quarter in Q3 FY25, indicating customers are bolstering network resiliency ahead of incoming AI workloads.

**Platforms:** Switching, Routing, Wireless, and Security

**Outlook:** Continued momentum with customers readying their network for the deployment of AI agents and applications which in turn will increase capacity requirements

### Software Platforms: Fusing AI Into our Products

AI Assistants are in production across Security and Collaboration platforms; Agentic capabilities are being rolled out across Cisco

### Services: Leveraging AI to Maximize Customer Value and Boost Productivity

Multiple AI Agents being deployed across Adoption, Renewals and Customer Support, enabling our teams and creating more value for customers



# Financial Overview

# Q3 FY 2025 Revenue and Total Gross Margin

\$M (except percentages)

	Revenue			Total Gross Margin %		
	Q3 FY'24	Q2 FY'25	Q3 FY'25	Q3 FY'24	Q2 FY'25	Q3 FY'25
Americas	\$7,372	\$8,202	\$8,380	67.9%	67.6%	67.7%
EMEA	3,458	3,855	3,736	69.6%	71.3%	71.2%
APJC	1,873	1,934	2,034	67.4%	68.3%	67.2%
Geographic Total	\$12,702	\$13,991	\$14,149	68.3%	68.7%	68.6%

Amounts may not sum and percentages may not recalculate due to rounding.

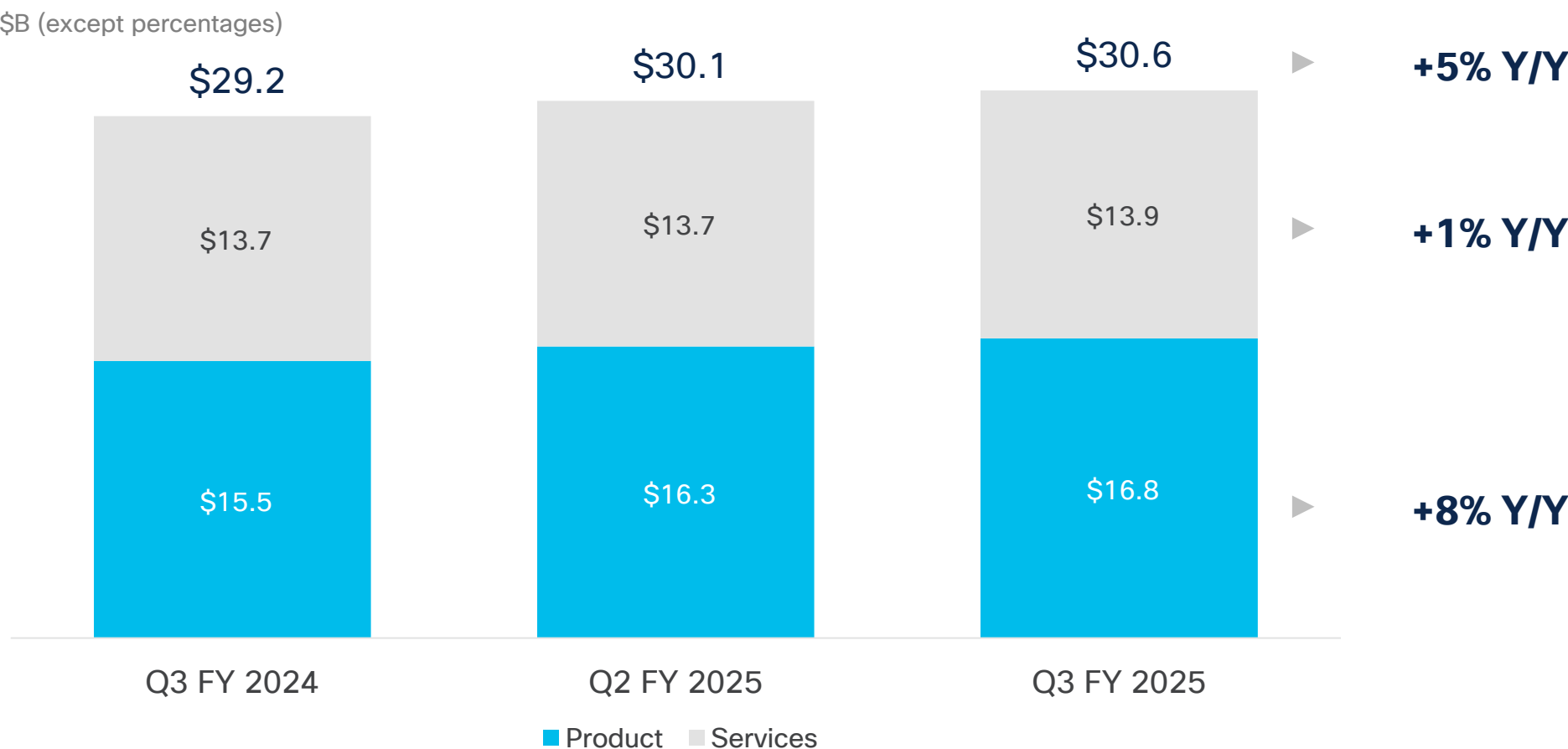
# Q3 FY 2025 Revenue Highlights

Category	\$M	Y/Y
Networking	\$7,068	8%
Security	2,013	54%
Collaboration	1,031	4%
Observability	261	24%
Services	3,775	3%
Total Cisco	\$14,149	11%

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# Q3 FY 2025 Annualized Recurring Revenue (ARR)



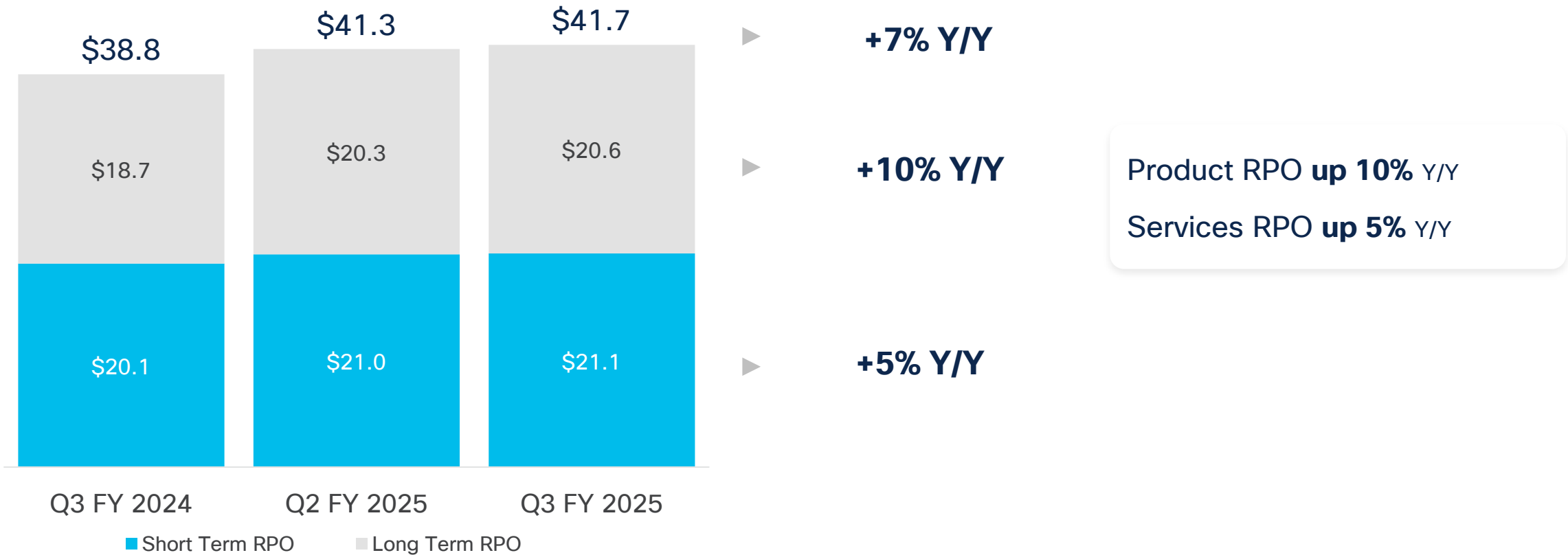
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Annualized Recurring Revenue (“ARR”) represents the annualized revenue run-rate of active subscriptions, term licenses, operating leases and maintenance contracts at the end of a reporting period, net of rebates to customers and partners as well as certain other revenue adjustments. Includes both revenue recognized ratably as well as upfront on an annualized basis.

ARR should be viewed independently of revenue, deferred revenue and remaining performance obligation as ARR is a management operational performance metric and is not intended as a substitute for any of these items.

# Q3 FY 2025 Remaining Performance Obligations

\$B (except percentages)



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# Q3 FY 2025 Product Orders

	Y/Y <sup>(1)</sup>	Y/Y without Splunk
Total Product Orders	20%	9%
Geographic Segment		
Americas	27%	12%
EMEA	4%	1%
APJC	21%	10%
Customer Market		
Enterprise	22%	6%
Public Sector	8%	3%
Service Provider & Cloud	32%	27%

<sup>(1)</sup> Q3FY24 includes 6 weeks of Splunk contribution

# Q3 FY 2025 GAAP Income Statement Highlights

\$M (except per-share amounts and percentages)

	Q3 FY 2024	Q2 FY 2025	Q3 FY 2025
Revenue	\$12,702	\$13,991	\$14,149
<i>Year/Year Change</i>	(13%)	9%	11%
Product	\$9,024	\$10,234	\$10,374
Services	\$3,678	\$3,757	\$3,775
Gross Margin	65.1%	65.1%	65.6%
Product Gross Margin	63.5%	63.7%	64.4%
Services Gross Margin	69.2%	68.9%	68.7%
Operating Expenses	\$6,080	\$5,998	\$6,076
OPEX (% of revenue)	47.9%	42.9%	42.9%
Operating Income (% of revenue)	17.2%	22.3%	22.6%
Net Income	\$1,886	\$2,428	\$2,491
<i>Year/Year Change</i>	(41%)	(8%)	32%
Earnings per Share (diluted)	\$0.46	\$0.61	\$0.62
<i>Year/Year Change</i>	(41%)	(6%)	35%

# Q3 FY 2025 Non-GAAP Income Statement Highlights

\$M (except per-share amounts and percentages)

	Q3 FY 2024	Q2 FY 2025	Q3 FY 2025
Revenue	\$12,702	\$13,991	\$14,149
<i>Year/Year Change</i>	(13%)	9%	11%
Product	\$9,024	\$10,234	\$10,374
Services	\$3,678	\$3,757	\$3,775
Gross Margin	68.3%	68.7%	68.6%
Product Gross Margin	66.9%	67.7%	67.6%
Services Gross Margin	71.6%	71.6%	71.3%
Operating Expenses	\$4,324	\$4,753	\$4,823
OPEX (% of revenue)	34.0%	34.0%	34.1%
Operating Income (% of revenue)	34.2%	34.7%	34.5%
Net Income	\$3,553	\$3,760	\$3,831
<i>Year/Year Change</i>	(14%)	6%	8%
Earnings per Share (diluted)	\$0.88	\$0.94	\$0.96
<i>Year/Year Change</i>	(12%)	8%	9%

# Q3 FY 2025 Key Financial Measures

\$M	Q3 FY 2024	Q2 FY 2025	Q3 FY 2025
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	\$18,770	\$16,853	\$15,642
Operating Cash Flow	\$3,971	\$2,241	\$4,057
Inventory	\$3,118	\$2,927	\$2,832
Deferred Revenue:	\$27,475	\$27,795	\$27,991
Product Deferred Revenue	\$12,856	\$13,033	\$13,170
Services Deferred Revenue	\$14,619	\$14,762	\$14,821
Software Revenue	\$4,514	\$5,543	\$5,622
Subscription Revenue:	\$6,854	\$7,862	\$7,916
Product Subscription Revenue	\$3,510	\$4,432	\$4,483
Services Subscription Revenue	\$3,344	\$3,430	\$3,433

# Q3 FY 2025 Capital Allocation

Total Capital Allocation	
Share Repurchases (\$M)	\$1,504
Dividends Paid (\$M)	1,627
Total (\$M)	\$3,131
Quarterly Dividend per Share	\$0.41
Share Repurchases	
Amount Purchased (\$M)	\$1,504
Number of Shares (M)	25
Avg. Price per Share	\$59.78

Approximately \$15.4B remaining authorized funds in repurchase program as of the end of Q3 FY 2025.

# Guidance

# Key Q4 FY25 Guidance Assumptions

## **Tariffs – current tariffs and exemptions remain in place through Q4**

- China at 30%, partially offset by an exemption for semiconductors and certain electronic components
- Mexico and Canada at 25% for the components and products that are not eligible for the current USMCA exemptions
- Other countries at base rate of 10% until the end of the 90 day pause on July 9th and then reverting to country specific reciprocal rates, largely offset by an exemption for semiconductors and certain electronic components
- Tariffs on steel and aluminum and retaliatory tariffs

## **Tax**

- An effective tax provision rate of approximately 17% for GAAP and approximately 18% for non-GAAP results for Q4 FY2025

# Guidance for Q4 FY 2025

Cisco expects to achieve the following results for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2025:

Q4 FY 2025	Guidance
Revenue	\$14.5B – \$14.7B
Non-GAAP Gross Margin	67.5% – 68.5%
Non-GAAP Operating Margin	33.5% – 34.5%
Non-GAAP EPS	\$0.96 – \$0.98

- Margin and EPS guidance includes the estimated impact of tariffs based on current trade policy.
- Cisco estimates that GAAP EPS will be \$0.62 to \$0.67 for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2025.
- Q4 FY 2025 guidance assumes an effective tax provision rate of approximately 17% for GAAP and approximately 18% for non-GAAP results.
- A reconciliation between the Guidance for Q4 FY 2025 on a GAAP and non-GAAP basis is provided in the slide entitled "GAAP to Non-GAAP Guidance for Q4 FY 2025" under the Supplemental Materials.

# Guidance for FY 2025

Cisco expects to achieve the following results for fiscal 2025:

FY 2025	Guidance
Revenue	\$56.5B – \$56.7B
Non-GAAP EPS	\$3.77 – \$3.79

- Margin and EPS guidance includes the estimated impact of tariffs based on current trade policy.
- Cisco estimates that GAAP EPS will be \$2.53 to \$2.58 for fiscal 2025.
- FY 2025 guidance assumes an effective tax provision rate of approximately 9% for GAAP and approximately 18.5% for non-GAAP results.
- A reconciliation between the Guidance for FY 2025 on a GAAP and non-GAAP basis is provided in the slide entitled "GAAP to Non-GAAP Guidance for FY 2025" under the Supplemental Materials.

# Q&A

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# Supplemental Materials

# GAAP to Non-GAAP Guidance for Q4 FY 2025

Q4 FY 2025	Gross margin	Operating margin	Earnings per share <sup>(1)</sup>
GAAP	64.5% - 65.5%	22% - 23%	\$0.62 - \$0.67
Estimated adjustments for:			
Share-based compensation expense	1.0%	6.5%	\$0.18 - \$0.19
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets and other acquisition/divestiture-related costs	2.0%	4.5%	\$0.12 - \$0.13
Restructuring and other charges <sup>(2)</sup>	—	0.5%	\$0.01 - \$0.02
Non-GAAP	67.5% - 68.5%	33.5% - 34.5%	\$0.96 - \$0.98

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# GAAP to Non-GAAP Guidance for FY 2025

FY 2025	Earnings per share <sup>(1)</sup>
GAAP	\$2.53 - \$2.58
Estimated adjustments for:	
Share-based compensation expense	\$0.69 - \$0.70
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets and other acquisition/divestiture-related costs	\$0.60 - \$0.61
Restructuring and other charges <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0.14 - \$0.15
(Gains) and losses on investments	(\$0.01)
Significant tax matters	(\$0.21)
Non-GAAP	\$3.77 - \$3.79

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