
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2022

OR

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

Commission file number 1-39361

Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State of
incorporation)

83-2008699

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

5335 Gate Parkway, Jacksonville, FL

(Address of principal executive offices)

32256

(Zip Code)

(904) 648-6350

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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

Title of Each Class

Trading Symbol

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value

DNB

New York Stock Exchange

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 and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark 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

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Accelerated filer

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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 ☒
There were 435,731,379 shares outstanding of the Registrant's common stock as of October 28, 2022.

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QUARTERLY REPORT
Quarter Ended September 30, 2022
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Part I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss)
(In millions, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Revenue	\$ 556.3	\$ 541.9	\$ 1,629.6	\$ 1,567.3
Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	175.0	159.4	533.3	487.6
Selling and administrative expenses	184.1	171.5	548.9	515.6
Depreciation and amortization	145.1	156.7	441.5	458.7
Restructuring charges	6.6	4.8	14.3	20.7
Operating costs	510.8	492.4	1,538.0	1,482.6
Operating income (loss)	45.5	49.5	91.6	84.7
Interest income	0.5	0.2	1.1	0.5
Interest expense	(49.1)	(48.3)	(138.2)	(145.2)
Other income (expense) - net	8.8	13.3	10.7	32.5
Non-operating income (expense) - net	(39.8)	(34.8)	(126.4)	(112.2)
Income (loss) before provision (benefit) for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates	5.7	14.7	(34.8)	(27.5)
Less: provision (benefit) for income taxes	(4.2)	(2.8)	(13.6)	30.4
Equity in net income of affiliates	0.5	0.7	1.8	2.0
Net income (loss)	10.4	18.2	(19.4)	(55.9)
Less: net (income) loss attributable to the non-controlling interest	(2.4)	(1.6)	(5.7)	(4.2)
Net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ 8.0	\$ 16.6	\$ (25.1)	\$ (60.1)
Basic earnings (loss) per share of common stock attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.14)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share of common stock attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.14)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding-basic	429.2	428.6	429.0	428.7
Weighted average number of shares outstanding-diluted	429.4	428.7	429.0	428.7
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes:				
Net income (loss)	\$ 10.4	\$ 18.2	\$ (19.4)	\$ (55.9)
Foreign currency adjustments:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax ⁽¹⁾	\$ (93.1)	\$ (30.3)	\$ (220.0)	\$ (63.2)
Net investment hedge derivative, net of tax ⁽²⁾	16.4	—	21.9	—
Cash flow hedge derivative, net of tax expense (benefit) ⁽³⁾	12.5	(0.1)	43.4	0.7
Defined benefit pension plans:				
Prior service credit (cost), net of tax expense (benefit) ⁽⁴⁾	—	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Net actuarial gain (loss), net of tax expense (benefit) ⁽⁵⁾	—	0.6	—	1.5
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	\$ (64.2)	\$ (30.0)	\$ (154.9)	\$ (61.3)
Comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	\$ (53.8)	\$ (11.8)	\$ (174.3)	\$ (117.2)
Less: comprehensive (income) loss attributable to the non-controlling interest	1.3	(1.6)	1.5	(5.8)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ (52.5)	\$ (13.4)	\$ (172.8)	\$ (123.0)

- (1) Tax Expense (Benefit) of \$(4.0) million and \$(1.3) million for the three months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Tax Expense (Benefit) of \$(6.9) million and \$1.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.
- (2) Tax Expense (Benefit) of \$6.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022. Tax Expense (Benefit) of \$8.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022.
- (3) Tax Expense (Benefit) of \$4.5 million and \$(0.1) million for the three months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Tax Expense (Benefit) of \$15.9 million and \$0.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.
- (4) Tax Expense (Benefit) of less than \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021. Tax Expense (Benefit) of \$(0.1) million and \$(0.1) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.
- (5) Tax Expense (Benefit) of \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021. Tax Expense (Benefit) of \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In millions, except share data and per share data)
(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 203.9	\$ 177.1
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$13.4 at September 30, 2022 and \$16.5 at December 31, 2021 (Notes 3 and 6)	200.4	401.7
Prepaid taxes	69.0	52.2
Other prepaids	88.5	63.9
Swap derivative assets (Note 13)	79.2	10.1
Other current assets	25.6	13.0
Total current assets	666.6	718.0
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$34.5 at September 30, 2022 and \$27.5 at December 31, 2021	93.3	96.8
Computer software, net of accumulated amortization of \$306.6 at September 30, 2022 and \$234.2 at December 31, 2021 (Note 16)	588.7	557.4
Goodwill (Notes 15 and 16)	3,400.8	3,493.3
Deferred income tax	13.7	18.5
Other intangibles (Notes 15 and 16)	4,395.9	4,824.5
Deferred costs (Note 3)	126.3	116.1
Other non-current assets (Note 7)	144.4	172.6
Total non-current assets	8,763.1	9,279.2
Total assets	\$ 9,429.7	\$ 9,997.2
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 89.7	\$ 83.5
Accrued payroll	80.2	125.6
Short-term debt (Note 5)	32.7	28.1
Deferred revenue (Note 3)	536.6	568.4
Other accrued and current liabilities (Note 7)	197.2	198.3
Total current liabilities	936.4	1,004.9
Long-term pension and postretirement benefits (Note 10)	138.3	178.4
Long-term debt (Note 5)	3,552.1	3,716.7
Deferred income tax	1,090.7	1,207.2
Other non-current liabilities (Note 7)	124.6	144.7
Total liabilities	5,842.1	6,251.9
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)		
Equity		
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, authorized—2,000,000,000 shares; 436,619,291 shares issued and 435,732,371 shares outstanding at September 30, 2022 and 432,070,999 shares issued and 431,197,782 shares outstanding at December 31, 2021	—	—
Capital surplus	4,517.3	4,500.4
Accumulated deficit	(786.9)	(761.8)
Treasury Stock, 886,920 shares at September 30, 2022 and 873,217 shares at December 31, 2021	(0.3)	(0.3)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(204.8)	(57.1)
Total stockholder equity	3,525.3	3,681.2
Non-controlling interest	62.3	64.1
Total equity	3,587.6	3,745.3
Total liabilities and stockholder equity	\$ 9,429.7	\$ 9,997.2

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(In millions)
(Unaudited)

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021
Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (19.4)	\$ (55.9)
Reconciliation of net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	441.5	458.7
Amortization of unrecognized pension loss (gain)	(0.3)	1.4
Debt early redemption premium expense	16.3	—
Amortization and write off of deferred debt issuance costs	19.6	14.2
Equity-based compensation expense	43.9	23.7
Restructuring charge	14.3	20.7
Restructuring payments	(12.3)	(13.5)
Changes in deferred income taxes	(98.1)	(48.7)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities: ⁽¹⁾		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	183.9	88.9
(Increase) decrease in prepaid taxes, other prepaids and other current assets	(48.3)	62.9
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	(3.8)	2.5
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	7.0	(12.8)
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll	(28.1)	(13.8)
Increase (decrease) in other accrued and current liabilities	(24.9)	(57.1)
(Increase) decrease in other long-term assets	(2.4)	(10.3)
Increase (decrease) in long-term liabilities	(51.4)	(63.7)
Net, other non-cash adjustments	2.3	4.0
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	439.8	401.2
Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities:		
Acquisitions of businesses, net of cash acquired	(0.5)	(617.0)
Cash settlements of foreign currency contracts and net investment hedge	(11.5)	22.8
Payments for real estate purchase	—	(76.6)
Capital expenditures	(10.2)	(8.2)
Additions to computer software and other intangibles	(143.0)	(112.3)
Other investing activities, net	(0.7)	0.6
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(165.9)	(790.7)
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities:		
Payment for debt early redemption premiums	(16.3)	—
Payments of dividends	(21.5)	—
Payment of long term debt	(420.0)	—
Proceeds from borrowings on Credit Facility	242.5	64.1
Proceeds from borrowings on Term Loan Facility	460.0	300.0
Payments of borrowings on Credit Facility	(356.3)	(64.1)
Payments of borrowing on Term Loan Facility	(98.4)	(21.1)
Payment of debt issuance costs	(7.4)	(2.6)
Other financing activities, net	(0.8)	(2.2)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(218.2)	274.1
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(23.3)	(2.5)
Increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	32.4	(117.9)
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash, Beginning of Period	177.1	352.3
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash, End of Period	\$ 209.5	\$ 234.4
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:		
Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash to the condensed consolidated balance sheets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 203.9	\$ 234.4
Restricted cash included within other current assets ⁽²⁾	5.6	—
Total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash shown in the statements of cash flows	\$ 209.5	\$ 234.4
Cash Paid for:		
Income taxes payment (refund), net	\$ 111.8	\$ (2.4)
Interest	\$ 122.8	\$ 149.7
Noncash Investing and Financing activities:		
Fair value of acquired assets, including measurement period adjustments	\$ 0.5	\$ 1,181.8
Cash paid for acquired businesses	(0.5)	(646.9)
6,237,087 shares of common stock issued for the acquisition	—	(158.9)
Assumed liabilities from acquired businesses including non-controlling interest and measurement period adjustments	\$ —	\$ 376.0
Noncash additions to computer software	\$ 20.1	\$ 10.4

(1) Net of the effect of acquisitions, see further details in Note 15.

(2) Restricted cash represents funds set aside associated with the Federal Trade Commission Consent Order to provide refunds to certain former and current customers.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholder Equity
(In millions)
(Unaudited)

	Common stock	Capital surplus	(Accumulated deficit) Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Cumulative translation adjustment	Defined benefit postretirement plans	Cash flow hedging derivative	Total stockholder equity	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
Nine months ended September 30, 2021										
Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ —	\$ 4,310.2	\$ (690.1)	\$ —	\$ 26.2	\$ (120.3)	\$ (0.4)	\$ 3,525.6	\$ 58.3	\$ 3,583.9
Net income (loss)	—	—	(60.1)	—	—	—	—	(60.1)	4.2	(55.9)
Shares issued for Bisnode acquisition	—	158.9	—	—	—	—	—	158.9	—	158.9
Equity-based compensation plans	—	22.0	—	(0.3)	—	—	—	21.7	—	21.7
Pension adjustments, net of tax expense of \$0.2	—	—	—	—	—	1.2	—	1.2	—	1.2
Change in cumulative translation adjustment, net of tax expense of \$1.7	—	—	—	—	(64.8)	—	—	(64.8)	1.6	(63.2)
Cash flow hedge derivative financial instruments, net of tax expense of \$0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.7	0.7	—	0.7
Payment to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2.0)	(2.0)
Balance, September 30, 2021	\$ —	\$ 4,491.1	\$ (750.2)	\$ (0.3)	\$ (38.6)	\$ (119.1)	\$ 0.3	\$ 3,583.2	\$ 62.1	\$ 3,645.3
Three months ended September 30, 2021										
Balance, June 30, 2021	\$ —	\$ 4,482.4	\$ (766.8)	\$ (0.3)	\$ (8.3)	\$ (119.5)	\$ 0.4	\$ 3,587.9	\$ 60.7	\$ 3,648.6
Net income (loss)	—	—	16.6	—	—	—	—	16.6	1.6	18.2
Equity-based compensation plans	—	8.7	—	—	—	—	—	8.7	—	8.7
Pension adjustments, net of tax expense \$0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.4	—	0.4	—	0.4
Change in cumulative translation adjustment, net of tax benefit of \$1.3	—	—	—	—	(30.3)	—	—	(30.3)	—	(30.3)
Cash flow hedge derivative, net of tax benefit of \$0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	(0.1)	(0.1)	—	(0.1)
Payment to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(0.2)	(0.2)
Balance, September 30, 2021	\$ —	\$ 4,491.1	\$ (750.2)	\$ (0.3)	\$ (38.6)	\$ (119.1)	\$ 0.3	\$ 3,583.2	\$ 62.1	\$ 3,645.3

	Common stock	Capital surplus	(Accumulated deficit) retained earnings	Treasury stock	Cumulative translation adjustment	Defined benefit postretirement plans	Cash flow hedging derivative	Total stockholder equity	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
Nine months ended September 30, 2022										
Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ —	\$ 4,500.4	\$ (761.8)	\$ (0.3)	\$ (52.6)	\$ (11.9)	\$ 7.4	\$ 3,681.2	\$ 64.1	\$ 3,745.3
Net income (loss)	—	—	(25.1)	—	—	—	—	(25.1)	5.7	(19.4)
Equity-based compensation plans	—	38.7	—	—	—	—	—	38.7	—	38.7
Dividends declared ⁽¹⁾	—	(21.8)	—	—	—	—	—	(21.8)	—	(21.8)
Pension adjustments, net of tax benefit of \$0.1	—	—	—	—	—	(0.2)	—	(0.2)	—	(0.2)
Change in cumulative translation adjustment, net of tax benefit of \$6.9	—	—	—	—	(212.8)	—	—	(212.8)	(7.2)	(220.0)
Net investment hedge derivative, net of tax expense of \$8.0	—	—	—	—	21.9	—	—	21.9	—	21.9
Cash flow hedge derivative, net of tax expense of \$15.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	43.4	43.4	—	43.4
Payment to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(0.3)	(0.3)
Balance, September 30, 2022	\$ —	\$ 4,517.3	\$ (786.9)	\$ (0.3)	\$ (243.5)	\$ (12.1)	\$ 50.8	\$ 3,525.3	\$ 62.3	\$ 3,587.6
Three months ended September 30, 2022										
Balance, June 30, 2022	\$ —	\$ 4,521.6	\$ (794.9)	\$ (0.3)	\$ (170.5)	\$ (12.1)	\$ 38.3	\$ 3,582.1	\$ 63.6	\$ 3,645.7
Net income (loss)	—	—	8.0	—	—	—	—	8.0	2.4	10.4
Equity-based compensation plans	—	17.5	—	—	—	—	—	17.5	—	17.5
Dividends declared ⁽¹⁾	—	(21.8)	—	—	—	—	—	(21.8)	—	(21.8)
Change in cumulative translation adjustment, net of tax benefit of \$4.0	—	—	—	—	(89.4)	—	—	(89.4)	(3.7)	(93.1)
Net investment hedge derivative, net of tax expense of \$6.0	—	—	—	—	16.4	—	—	16.4	—	16.4
Cash flow hedge derivative, net of tax expense of \$4.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.5	12.5	—	12.5
Balance, September 30, 2022	\$ —	\$ 4,517.3	\$ (786.9)	\$ (0.3)	\$ (243.5)	\$ (12.1)	\$ 50.8	\$ 3,525.3	\$ 62.3	\$ 3,587.6

(1) See Note 12 "Earnings (Loss) Per Share" for further discussion.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

DUN & BRADSTREET HOLDINGS, INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)
(Tabular dollar amounts, except share data and per share data, in millions)

Note 1 -- Basis of Presentation

The accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("we" or "us" or "our" or the "Company") were prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). They should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes, which appear in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 24, 2022. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for interim periods do not include all disclosures required by GAAP for annual financial statements and are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year or any subsequent period. In the opinion of our management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair statement of the unaudited consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows at the dates and for the periods presented have been included.

We manage our business and report our financial results through the following two segments:

- North America offers Finance & Risk and Sales & Marketing data, analytics and business insights in the United States and Canada; and
- International offers Finance & Risk and Sales & Marketing data, analytics and business insights directly in the United Kingdom and Ireland ("U.K."), Nordics (Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland), DACH (Germany, Austria and Switzerland) and CEE (Central and Eastern Europe) countries ("Europe"), Greater China, India and indirectly through our Worldwide Network alliances ("WWN alliances").

All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements presented herein reflect the latest estimates and assumptions made by management that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and related disclosures as of the date of the unaudited consolidated financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods presented. We continue to closely monitor the ongoing impact of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") and its variants on our business and geographic locations. While we continue to expect the impact of COVID-19 to global businesses to moderate, there still remains uncertainty regarding its duration and the speed and nature of recovery. In addition, the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, which started in February 2022, has further exacerbated uncertainty in the global economy resulting from disruptions in supply chains and government sanctions. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 and the current Russia/Ukraine conflict on our operations and financial performance will depend on, among many factors, the duration of the pandemic, the continuation of the Russia/Ukraine conflict, the government mandates or guidance regarding COVID-19 restrictions and their effects on global market conditions and on our clients and vendors, which continue to be uncertain at this time and cannot be predicted. The ongoing uncertainty may affect management's estimates and assumptions of variable consideration in contracts with clients as well as other estimates and assumptions, in particular those that require a projection of our financial results, our cash flows or broader economic conditions.

Note 2 -- Recent Accounting Pronouncements

We consider the applicability and impact of all Accounting Standards Updates ("ASUs") and applicable authoritative guidance. The ASUs not listed below were assessed and determined to be either not applicable or are expected to have an immaterial impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations and/or cash flows.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In October 2021, the FASB issued ASU No. 2021-08, "Business Combinations (Topic 805) Accounting for Contract Assets and Contract Liabilities from Contracts with Customers." The amendments require an acquirer to recognize and measure contract assets and contract liabilities in a business combination based on the guidance of ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" rather than fair value. For public business entities, the amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2022. Early adoption of this ASU is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. If early adopted, the amendments are applied retrospectively to all business combinations for which the acquisition date occurred during the fiscal year of adoption. We early adopted this

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update during the fourth quarter of 2021. As a result of the adoption of this update, no fair value adjustments were made to the acquired deferred revenue balances for acquisitions completed in 2021. See Note 15 for further detail.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASU No. 2020-04 "Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting" to provide temporary optional expedients and exceptions to the U.S. GAAP guidance on contract modifications and hedge accounting to ease the financial reporting burdens related to the expected market transition from the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") to alternative reference rates. In January 2021, the FASB issued ASU 2021-01, "Reference Rate Reform - Scope," which clarified the scope and application of the original guidance in ASU No. 2020-04. Both ASUs were effective upon issuance, and the Company may elect to apply the amendments prospectively through December 31, 2022 as the transition from LIBOR is completed. On April 20, 2022, the FASB issued a proposed ASU that would extend the transition date to December 31, 2024.

Note 3 -- Revenue

The total amount of the transaction price for our revenue contracts allocated to performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) as of September 30, 2022 is as follows:

	Remainder of 2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Thereafter	Total
Future revenue	\$ 441.4	\$ 958.6	\$ 507.8	\$ 250.1	\$ 154.6	\$ 409.7	\$ 2,722.2

The table of future revenue does not include any amount of variable consideration that is a sales or usage-based royalty in exchange for distinct data licenses or that is allocated to a distinct service period within a single performance obligation that is a series of distinct service periods.

Timing of Revenue Recognition

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Revenue recognized at a point in time	\$ 232.2	\$ 232.1	\$ 655.3	\$ 651.7
Revenue recognized over time	324.1	309.8	974.3	915.6
Total revenue recognized	\$ 556.3	\$ 541.9	\$ 1,629.6	\$ 1,567.3

Contract Balances

	At September 30, 2022	At December 31, 2021
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 200.4	\$ 401.7
Short-term contract assets ⁽¹⁾	\$ 7.5	\$ 3.4
Long-term contract assets ⁽²⁾	\$ 4.6	\$ 9.1
Short-term deferred revenue	\$ 536.6	\$ 569.4
Long-term deferred revenue ⁽³⁾	\$ 16.3	\$ 13.7

(1) Included within "Other current assets" in the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

(2) Included within "Other non-current assets" in the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

(3) Included within "Other non-current liabilities" in the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

The decrease in accounts receivable of \$201.3 million from December 31, 2021 to September 30, 2022 was primarily due to the accounts receivable securitization facility agreement the Company entered in September 2022. See Note 6 for more detailed discussion.

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The decrease in deferred revenue of \$30.2 million from December 31, 2021 to September 30, 2022 was primarily due to \$469.0 million of revenue recognized that was included in the deferred revenue balance at December 31, 2021, largely offset by cash payments received or due in advance of satisfying our performance obligations.

The decrease in contract assets of \$0.4 million was primarily due to \$9.4 million of contract assets included in the balance at January 1, 2022 that were reclassified to receivables when they became unconditional, partially offset by new contract assets recognized, net of new amounts reclassified to receivables during 2022.

See Note 17 for a schedule of disaggregation of revenue.

Assets Recognized for the Costs to Obtain a Contract

Commission assets, net of accumulated amortization included in deferred costs, were \$126.3 million and \$116.1 million as of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.

The amortization of commission assets was \$9.5 million and \$27.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively, and \$7.0 million and \$19.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021, respectively.

Note 4 -- Restructuring Charges

We incurred restructuring charges (which generally consist of employee severance and termination costs, and contract terminations). These charges were incurred as a result of eliminating, consolidating, standardizing and/or automating our business functions.

Three months ended September 30, 2022 vs. Three months ended September 30, 2021

We recorded total restructuring charges of \$6.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, consisting of:

- Severance costs of \$5.5 million under ongoing benefit arrangements. Approximately 170 employees were impacted. Most of the employees impacted exited the Company by the end of the third quarter of 2022. The cash payments for these employees will be substantially completed by the end of the fourth quarter of 2022; and
- Contract termination, write down of right of use assets and other exit costs, including those to consolidate or close facilities of \$1.1 million.

We recorded total restructuring charges of \$4.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021, consisting of:

- Severance costs of \$4.0 million under ongoing benefit arrangements. Approximately 20 employees were impacted. Most of the employees impacted exited the Company by the end of the third quarter of 2021. The cash payments for these employees were substantially completed by the end of the third quarter of 2022; and
- Contract termination, write down of right of use assets and other exit costs, including those to consolidate or close facilities of \$0.8 million.

Nine months ended September 30, 2022 vs. Nine months ended September 30, 2021

We recorded total restructuring charges of \$14.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, consisting of:

- Severance costs of \$9.9 million under ongoing benefit arrangements. Approximately 210 employees were impacted. Most of the employees impacted exited the Company by the end of the third quarter of 2022. The cash payments for these employees will be substantially completed by the end of the fourth quarter of 2022; and
- Contract termination, write down of right of use assets and other exit costs, including those to consolidate or close facilities of \$4.4 million.

We recorded total restructuring charges of \$20.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, consisting of:

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- Severance costs of \$16.7 million under ongoing benefit arrangements. Approximately 175 employees were impacted. Most of the employees impacted exited the Company by the end of the third quarter of 2021. The cash payments for these employees were substantially completed by the end of the third quarter of 2022; and
- Contract termination, write down of right of use assets and other exit costs, including those to consolidate or close facilities of \$4.0 million.

The following table sets forth the restructuring reserves and utilization for the three months ended March 31, 2022, June 30, 2022, September 30, 2022, March 31, 2021, June 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021:

	Severance and termination	Contract termination and other exit costs	Total
2022:			
Balance remaining as of December 31, 2021	\$ 4.7	\$ 3.3	\$ 8.0
Charge taken during first quarter 2022 ⁽¹⁾	2.5	0.6	3.1
Payments made during first quarter 2022	(3.4)	(0.6)	(4.0)
Balance remaining as of March 31, 2022	\$ 3.8	\$ 3.3	\$ 7.1
Charge taken during second quarter 2022 ⁽¹⁾	1.9	—	1.9
Payments made during second quarter 2022	(2.7)	(0.6)	(3.3)
Balance remaining as of June 30, 2022	\$ 3.0	\$ 2.7	\$ 5.7
Charge taken during third quarter 2022 ⁽¹⁾	5.5	0.4	5.9
Payments made during third quarter 2022	(4.3)	(0.6)	(4.9)
Balance remaining as of September 30, 2022	\$ 4.2	\$ 2.5	\$ 6.7
2021:			
Balance remaining as of December 31, 2020	\$ 2.6	\$ 7.1	\$ 9.7
Charge taken during first quarter 2021 ⁽¹⁾	4.7	(0.3)	4.4
Payments made during first quarter 2021	(2.4)	(0.9)	(3.3)
Balance remaining as of March 31, 2021	\$ 4.9	\$ 5.9	\$ 10.8
Charge taken during second quarter 2021 ⁽¹⁾	8.0	0.3	8.3
Payments made during second quarter 2021	(3.9)	(1.0)	(4.9)
Balance remaining as of June 30, 2021	\$ 9.0	\$ 5.2	\$ 14.2
Charge taken during third quarter 2021 ⁽¹⁾	4.0	—	4.0
Payments made during third quarter 2021	(4.7)	(0.6)	(5.3)
Balance remaining as of September 30, 2021	\$ 8.3	\$ 4.6	\$ 12.9

(1) Balance excludes charges accounted for under ASU No. 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)."

Note 5 -- Notes Payable and Indebtedness

Our borrowings are summarized in the following table:

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		September 30, 2022			December 31, 2021		
		Principal amount	Debt issuance costs and discount*	Carrying value	Principal amount	Debt issuance costs and discount*	Carrying value
Debt maturing within one year:							
2026 Term loan ⁽¹⁾	February 8, 2026	\$ 28.1	\$ —	\$ 28.1	\$ 28.1	\$ —	\$ 28.1
2029 Term loan ⁽¹⁾	January 18, 2029	4.6	—	4.6	—	—	—
Total short-term debt		<u>\$ 32.7</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 32.7</u>	<u>\$ 28.1</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 28.1</u>
Debt maturing after one year:							
2026 Term loan ⁽¹⁾	February 8, 2026	\$ 2,658.7	\$ 53.0	\$ 2,605.7	\$ 2,754.8	\$ 64.5	\$ 2,690.3
2029 Term loan ⁽¹⁾	January 18, 2029	453.1	6.7	446.4	—	—	—
Revolving facility ^{(1) (2)}	September 11, 2025	46.2	—	46.2	160.0	—	160.0
5.000% Senior unsecured notes ⁽¹⁾	December 15, 2029	460.0	6.2	453.8	460.0	6.8	453.2
6.875% Senior secured notes ⁽¹⁾	Fully paid off in January 2022	—	—	—	420.0	6.8	413.2
Total long-term debt		<u>\$ 3,618.0</u>	<u>\$ 65.9</u>	<u>\$ 3,552.1</u>	<u>\$ 3,794.8</u>	<u>\$ 78.1</u>	<u>\$ 3,716.7</u>
Total debt		<u>\$ 3,650.7</u>	<u>\$ 65.9</u>	<u>\$ 3,584.8</u>	<u>\$ 3,822.9</u>	<u>\$ 78.1</u>	<u>\$ 3,744.8</u>

*Initial debt issuance costs were recorded as a reduction of the carrying amount of the debt and amortized over the contractual term of the debt. Balances represent the unamortized portion of debt issuance costs and discounts.

- (1) The 5.000% Senior Unsecured Notes, the 6.875% Senior Secured Notes and the Senior Secured Credit Facilities contain certain covenants that limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness and guarantee indebtedness, create liens, engage in mergers or acquisitions, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of assets, pay dividends and distributions or repurchase capital stock, prepay certain indebtedness and make investments, loans and advances. We were in compliance with these non-financial covenants at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021.
- (2) The Revolving Facility contains a springing financial covenant requiring compliance with a maximum ratio of first lien net indebtedness to consolidated EBITDA of 6.75. The financial covenant applies only if the aggregate principal amount of borrowings under the Revolving Facility and certain outstanding letters of credit exceed 35% of the total amount of commitments under the Revolving Facility on the last day of any fiscal quarter. The financial covenant did not apply at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

On January 18, 2022, we amended our credit agreement dated February 8, 2019, specifically related to the Term Loan Facility, to establish Incremental Term Loans in an aggregate principal amount of \$460 million with a maturity date of January 18, 2029 ("2029 Term Loan"). We used the proceeds from the 2029 Term Loans to redeem our then-outstanding \$420 million in aggregate principal amount of the 6.875% Senior Secured Notes due 2026, inclusive of early redemption premium of \$16.3 million, accrued interest and fees and expenses. As a result of the redemption, we recorded a loss on debt extinguishment of \$23.0 million as the difference between the settlement payments of \$436.3 million and the carrying amount of the debt of \$413.3 million, including unamortized debt issuance costs of \$6.7 million. The loss was recorded within "Non-operating income (expense)-net" for the nine months ended September 30, 2022. Initial debt issuance costs of \$7.4 million related to the 2029 Term Loan were recorded as a reduction of the carrying amount of the term loan and will be amortized over its contractual term.

Senior Secured Credit Facilities

Borrowings under the Senior Secured Credit Facilities bear interest at a rate per annum equal to an applicable margin over a LIBOR or Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") for the interest period relevant to such borrowing, subject to interest rate floors, and they are secured by substantially all of the Company's assets. Initial debt issuance costs related to the Term Loan facility were recorded as a reduction of the carrying amount of the Term Loan Facility and are being amortized over the term of the facility. Initial debt issuance costs related to the Revolving Facility were included in "Other non-current assets" on the consolidated balance sheet and amortized over the term of the Revolving Facility.

Other details of the Senior Secured Credit Facilities:

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- For the 2029 Term Loan, beginning June 30, 2022, the principal amount is required to be paid down in equal quarterly installments in an aggregate annual amount equal to 1.00% of the original principal amount, with the balance being payable on January 18, 2029. The 2029 Incremental Term Loan bears interest at a rate per annum equal to 325 basis points over a SOFR rate for the interest period. The interest rate associated with the outstanding balance of the 2029 Term Loan at September 30, 2022 was 6.282%.

- For the term loans issued prior to January 18, 2022, beginning June 30, 2020, the principal amount is required to be paid down in equal quarterly installments in an aggregate annual amount equal to 1.00% of the original principal amount, with the balance being payable on February 8, 2026 ("2026 Term Loan"). On September 15, 2022, we paid down an additional \$75 million to reduce the borrowing of the 2026 Term Loan. The margin to LIBOR was 500 basis points initially. Several amendments were made subsequently to reduce the margin to LIBOR. As of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the spread was 325 basis points. The interest rates associated with the outstanding balances of the 2026 Term Loan at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 were 6.330% and 3.352%, respectively.

- For borrowings under the Revolving Facility, the margin to LIBOR was 350 basis points initially. Subsequent to the IPO transaction, the spread was reduced by 25 basis points to 325 basis points, subject to a ratio-based pricing grid. The aggregate amount available under the Revolving Facility is \$850 million. The available borrowings under the Revolving Facility at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 were \$803.8 million and \$690.0 million, respectively. The interest rates associated with the outstanding balances of the Revolving Facility at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 were 6.128% and 3.104%, respectively.

Other

We were contingently liable under open standby letters of credit and bank guarantees issued by our banks in favor of third parties totaling \$11.1 million at September 30, 2022 and \$13.5 million at December 31, 2021.

We entered into interest rate swaps and cross currency interest rate swaps, with various maturity dates, in order to manage the impact of interest rate changes. As of September 30, 2022, we had interest rate swap contracts and cross-currency interest rate contracts with an aggregate notional amount of \$1.25 billion and \$375 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2021, we had interest rate swap contracts with an aggregate notional amount of \$1.0 billion. See Note 13 for more detailed discussion.

Note 6 -- Accounts Receivable Securitization Facility

In September 2022, the Company entered into a three-year revolving securitization facility agreement to transfer customer receivables of one of our U.S. subsidiaries ("Originator") through our bankruptcy-remote subsidiary ("SPE") to a third-party financial institution ("Purchaser") on a recurring basis in exchange for cash equal to the gross receivables transferred. The facility has monthly drawing limits ranging from \$160 million to \$215 million. Transfers of our U.S. accounts receivable from the SPE to the Purchaser are accounted for as a sale of financial assets, and the accounts receivable are derecognized from the consolidated financial statements, as the SPE transfers effective control and risk associated with the transferred accounts receivable. Other than collection and administrative responsibilities, the Company and related subsidiaries have no continuing involvement in the transferred accounts receivable. The accounts receivable, once sold, are no longer available to satisfy creditors of the Company or the related subsidiaries in the event of bankruptcy. These sales are transacted at the face value of the relevant accounts receivable. The future outstanding balance of trade receivables that will be sold is expected to vary based on the level of activity and other factors. The receivables sold are fully guaranteed by the SPE that also pledges further accounts receivable as collateral under this agreement. The Company controls and therefore consolidates the SPE in its consolidated financial statements.

The Company derecognized accounts receivable of \$252.5 million and collected \$252.5 million of accounts receivable sold under this agreement during the three months ended September 30, 2022. Unsold accounts receivable of \$90.6 million were pledged by the SPE as collateral to the Purchaser as of September 30, 2022. As of September 30, 2022, a recourse liability of \$1.9 million was recognized related to the receivables sold that have not been collected.

Fees incurred for the facility, including fees for administrative responsibilities, during the three months ended September 30, 2022 were immaterial and have been reflected within "Non-operating income (expense) – net" in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

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Cash activity related to the Facility is reflected in "Net cash provided by operating activities" in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

Note 7 -- Other Assets and Liabilities

Other Non-Current Assets:

	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
Right of use assets	\$ 51.8	\$ 71.9
Prepaid pension assets	36.2	36.6
Investments	26.2	27.2
Other various	30.2	36.9
Total	\$ 144.4	\$ 172.6

Other Accrued and Current Liabilities:

	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
Accrued operating costs	\$ 112.7	\$ 113.5
Accrued interest expense	9.2	12.6
Short-term lease liability	18.5	26.0
Accrued income tax	11.8	16.4
Other various	45.0	29.8
Total	\$ 197.2	\$ 198.3

Other Non-Current Liabilities:

	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
Deferred revenue - long term	\$ 16.3	\$ 13.7
U.S. tax liability associated with the 2017 Act	39.3	44.6
Long-term lease liability	42.6	59.4
Liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits	17.8	19.2
Other various	8.6	7.8
Total	\$ 124.6	\$ 144.7

Note 8 -- Contingencies

In the ordinary course of business, we are involved in various pending and threatened litigation and regulatory matters related to our operations, such as claims brought by our clients in connection with commercial disputes, defamation claims by subjects of our reporting, and employment claims made by our current or former employees, some of which include claims for punitive or exemplary damages. Our ordinary course litigation may also include class action lawsuits, which make allegations related to various aspects of our business. From time to time, we are also subject to regulatory investigations or other proceedings by state and federal regulatory authorities as well as authorities outside of the U.S., some of which take the form of civil investigative demands or subpoenas. Some of these regulatory inquiries may result in the assessment of fines for violations of regulations or settlements with such authorities requiring a variety of remedies. We believe that none of these actions depart from customary litigation or regulatory inquiries incidental to our business.

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We review lawsuits and other legal and regulatory matters (collectively "legal proceedings") on an ongoing basis when making accrual and disclosure decisions. When assessing reasonably possible and probable outcomes, management bases its decision on its assessment of the ultimate outcome assuming all appeals have been exhausted. For legal proceedings where it has been determined that a loss is both probable and reasonably estimable, a liability based on known facts and which represents our best estimate has been recorded. Actual losses may materially differ from the amounts recorded and the ultimate outcome of our pending cases is generally not yet determinable.

While some of these matters could be material to our operating results or cash flows for any particular period if an unfavorable outcome results, at present we do not believe the ultimate resolution of currently pending legal proceedings, either individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

In addition, in the normal course of business, and including without limitation, our merger and acquisition activities, strategic relationships and financing transactions, the Company indemnifies other parties, including clients, lessors and parties to other transactions with the Company, with respect to certain matters. We have agreed to hold the other parties harmless against losses arising from a breach of representations or covenants, or arising out of other claims made against certain parties. These agreements may limit the time within which an indemnification claim can be made and the amount of the claim. The Company has also entered into indemnity obligations with its officers and directors.

Federal Trade Commission Consent Agreement

On April 10, 2018, the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC" or the "Commission") issued a Civil Investigative Demand ("CID") to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. ("D&B Inc.," a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) related to an investigation by the FTC into potential violations of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (the "FTC Act"), primarily concerning our credit managing and monitoring products such as CreditBuilder. D&B Inc. completed its response to the CID in November 2018. On May 28, 2019, the FTC staff informed D&B Inc. that it believes that certain of D&B's practices violated Section 5 of the FTC Act, and informed D&B Inc. that it had been given authority by the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection to engage in consent negotiations. Following discussions between the Company and the FTC staff, on September 9, 2019, the FTC issued a second CID seeking additional information, data and documents. The Company completed its response to the second CID in April 2020. In a letter dated March 2, 2020, the FTC staff identified areas of interest related to the CIDs and we completed our responses to the letter on April 7, 2020. On April 20, 2020, the FTC and D&B Inc. entered a tolling agreement with respect to potential claims related to the subject matter of the investigation. On February 23, 2021, the FTC staff provided D&B Inc. with a draft complaint and consent order outlining its allegations and the forms of relief sought, and advised that it had been given authority to engage in consent negotiations. Following consent negotiations, on September 21, 2021, D&B Inc. agreed to enter into an Agreement Containing Consent Order ("Consent Agreement"). On January 13, 2022, the FTC informed the Company that the Commission had voted to accept the Consent Agreement. On January 19, 2022, the Consent Agreement was published in the Federal Register, triggering a 30-day public comment period that ended on February 18, 2022. On April 6, 2022, the Commission finalized approval of the Consent Agreement. On May 27, 2022, the Company completed sending notices and refund checks required by the Consent Agreement. Current refund-eligible customers had 30 days from the date of their notice (or, in the event of returned mail, the date of the remailed notice) to elect a refund, and the Company can void any uncashed checks after 187 days.

In accordance with ASC 450, an accrual in respect to this matter was included in the consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021. The amount of any loss has not been fully determined.

Right of Publicity Class Actions

DeBose v. Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc., No. 2:22-cv-00209-ES-CLW (D.N.J.)

On January 17, 2022, Plaintiff Rashad DeBose filed a Class Action Complaint against the Company, alleging that the Company used the purported class members' names and personas to promote paid subscriptions to the Company's Hoovers product website without consent, in violation of the Ohio right of publicity statute and Ohio common law prohibiting misappropriation of a name or likeness. On March 30, 2022, the Company filed a motion to dismiss the Complaint. The motion has been fully briefed, but the Court has not yet set a date for oral argument. Discovery has commenced, but it is in its early stages.

In accordance with ASC 450 Contingencies, as the Company is in the very early stage of investigating the claims and is still evaluating the claims and its defenses, we therefore have no basis to determine that a loss in connection with this matter is probable, reasonably possible or estimable, and thus no reserve has been established nor has a range of loss been disclosed.

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While this matter is in a very early stage, as it is a potential class action, in an abundance of caution, we have included it in our public filings.

Batis v. Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc., No. 4:22-cv-01924-AGT (N.D.Cal.)

On March 25, 2022, Plaintiff Odette R. Batis filed a Class Action Complaint against the Company, alleging that the Company used the purported class members' names and personas to promote paid subscriptions to the Company's Hoovers product website without consent, in violation of the California right of publicity statute, California common law prohibiting misappropriation of a name or likeness and California's Unfair Competition Law. On June 30, 2022, the Company filed a motion to dismiss the Complaint pursuant to California's anti-SLAPP statute.

In accordance with ASC 450 Contingencies, as the Company is in the very early stage of investigating the claims and is still evaluating the claims and its defenses, we therefore have no basis to determine that a loss in connection with this matter is probable, reasonably possible or estimable, and thus no reserve has been established nor has a range of loss been disclosed. While this matter is in a very early stage, as it is a potential class action, in an abundance of caution, we have included it in our public filings.

Note 9 -- Income Taxes

The effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2022 was (70.9)%, reflecting a tax benefit of \$4.2 million on pre-tax income of \$5.7 million, compared to (18.9)% for the three months ended September 30, 2021, reflecting a tax benefit of \$2.8 million on pre-tax income of \$14.7 million. The change in the effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2022 compared to the prior year period was primarily due to a decrease in our net deferred tax liabilities as a result of an enacted state tax rate change.

The effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 was 39.0%, reflecting a tax benefit of \$13.6 million on pre-tax loss of \$34.8 million, compared to (110.9)% for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, reflecting a tax expense of \$30.4 million on a pre-tax loss of \$27.5 million. The change in the effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 compared to the prior year period was primarily due to an increase in our net deferred tax liabilities as a result of a state tax apportionment change relating to the purchase of a building in Florida for the relocation of our corporate headquarters and an enacted tax rate change in the U.K., both occurring in the prior year period.

Note 10 -- Pension and Postretirement Benefits

Net Periodic Pension Cost

The following table sets forth the components of the net periodic cost (income) associated with our pension plans and our postretirement benefit obligations:

	Pension plans				Postretirement benefit obligations			
	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,		Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Components of net periodic cost (income):								
Service cost	\$ 0.7	\$ 1.3	\$ 2.3	\$ 3.9	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Interest cost	8.8	7.0	26.4	20.7	—	—	—	—
Expected return on plan assets	(19.6)	(20.8)	(59.4)	(62.5)	—	—	—	—
Amortization of prior service cost (credit)	—	—	—	—	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Amortization of actuarial loss (gain)	—	0.6	—	1.7	—	—	—	—
Net periodic cost (income)	\$ (10.1)	\$ (11.9)	\$ (30.7)	\$ (36.2)	\$ (0.1)	\$ (0.1)	\$ (0.3)	\$ (0.3)

Note 11 -- Stock Based Compensation

The following table sets forth the components of our stock-based compensation and expected tax benefit for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 related to the plans in effect during the respective period:

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	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Stock-based compensation expense:				
Restricted stock and restricted stock units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 14.6	\$ 5.3	\$ 36.6	\$ 12.9
Stock options	3.3	1.0	4.9	2.1
Incentive units ⁽²⁾	—	2.7	2.4	8.7
Total compensation expense	\$ 17.9	\$ 9.0	\$ 43.9	\$ 23.7
Expected tax benefit:				
Restricted stock and restricted stock units	\$ 1.6	\$ (0.9)	\$ 4.7	\$ 2.2
Stock options	0.3	0.1	0.4	(0.2)
Total expected tax benefit	\$ 1.9	\$ (0.8)	\$ 5.1	\$ 2.0

(1) Higher expense for restricted stock and restricted stock units was primarily due to the addition of our 2022 grants and the expense recognition associated with accelerated shares.

(2) Expense for incentive units was less than \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022.

The following table summarizes the restricted stock, restricted stock units and stock options granted in 2022:

Date	Number of shares granted	Weighted average grant date fair value per share	Vesting period (in years)	Vesting criteria
Restricted Stock & RSU's: ⁽¹⁾				
March 10, 2022	96,509	\$16.58	1.0	Service
March 10, 2022 ⁽²⁾	3,254,916	\$16.58	3.0	Service & Performance
March 31, 2022	89,334	\$17.52	3.0	Service
June 30, 2022	143,052	\$15.03	3.0	Service
August 5, 2022 ⁽²⁾	1,998,118	\$15.89	3.0	Service & Performance
September 30, 2022	176,361	\$12.39	3.0	Service
Stock Options:				
August 5, 2022 ⁽³⁾	4,914,868	\$5.42	3.0	Service & Market

(1) Employee awards generally vest ratably over three years and director awards vest 100% after one year.

(2) These awards are also subject to a one-year performance target. Vesting of these awards is dependent on the satisfaction of the one-year performance target.

(3) Awards vest ratably over three years and become exercisable when D&B's share price exceeds and remains above a target price for a period of time as defined in the grant agreements. These are market condition options. See below for further discussion.

We accounted for stock-based compensation based on grant date fair value. For restricted stock, grant date fair value was based on the closing price of our stock on the date of grant. Service condition options were valued using the Black-Scholes valuation model. Market condition options were valued using a Monte Carlo valuation model.

On August 5, 2022, we granted to certain executives 4,914,868 stock options that contained both a service condition and a market condition. The stock options have a ten-year term and will vest ratably over three years, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date. The executives must remain continuously employed through the latter of (1) the vesting periods or (2) the time when the market condition is met. The market condition, which impacts the exercisability of the stock options, requires that D&B's share price must exceed the grant date share price by 20% for 20 trading days in any 30-day trading window during the 10-year term of the award. As these awards contain a market condition, the fair value on the date of grant was calculated using a Monte Carlo simulation model with the following weighted average assumptions:

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Weighted average assumptions

Weighted average expected stock price volatility	33.46 %
Weighted average expected dividend yield	1.29 %
Weighted average expected life of option (in years)	4.5
Weighted average risk-free interest rate	2.77 %
Weighted average grant date fair value	\$5.42
Weighted average exercise price	\$15.89

Expected stock price volatility was calculated based 50% on D&B's historical volatility and 50% on the leverage-adjusted volatility of our peer companies. The expected dividend yield is based on our quarterly dividend divided by the three-month average stock price as of the grant date, annualized and continuously compounded. The expected term is based on the midpoint between the time of hurdle achievement and the expiration date. Risk free interest rate is based on the term-matched, zero-coupon risk-free rate from the Treasury Constant Maturity yield curve, continuously compounded.

The following tables summarize the restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock options and incentive units activity in 2022:

	Restricted stock and Restricted stock units			
	Number of shares	Weighted-average grant date fair value	Weighted-average remaining contractual term (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value
Balances, January 1, 2022	2,757,839	\$21.61	1.2	\$56.5
Granted	5,581,929	\$16.34		
Forfeited	(554,590)	\$18.62		
Vested	(943,690)	\$21.77		
Balances, September 30, 2022	6,841,488	\$17.51	1.4	\$84.8

	Stock options			
	Number of options	Weighted-average exercise price	Weighted-average remaining contractual term (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value
Balances, January 1, 2022	6,380,000	\$22.00	5.5	\$—
Granted	4,914,868	\$15.89		
Forfeited	(200,000)	\$22.00		
Vested	—	\$—		
Balances, September 30, 2022	11,094,868	\$19.29	7.0	\$—

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	Incentive units (1)			
	Number of incentive units	Weighted-average grant date fair value	Weighted-average remaining contractual term (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value
Balances, January 1, 2022	3,826,569	\$2.95	0.2	\$78.4
Distributed	(3,786,486)	\$2.96		
Forfeited	(13,703)	\$2.59		
Balances, September 30, 2022	26,380	\$2.59	0.1	\$0.3

(1) Incentive units were granted prior to the IPO under the Incentive Units Program.

The following table sets forth the unrecognized equity-based compensation cost as of September 30, 2022:

Equity-based compensation:	Unrecognized compensation	Weighted-average amortization period (in years)
Restricted stock & Restricted stock units	\$ 90.2	2.3
Stock options	26.8	2.6
Incentive units ⁽¹⁾	—	0.1
Total unrecognized compensation expense	\$ 117.0	2.5

(1) Less than \$0.1 million of unrecognized compensation as of September 30, 2022.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP")

Under the Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, eligible employees are allowed to voluntarily make after-tax contributions ranging from 3% to 15% of eligible earnings. The Company contributes varying matching amounts to employees, as specified in the plan document, after a one year holding period. We recorded the associated expense of approximately \$1 million and \$3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively, and approximately \$1 million and \$4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021, respectively.

Note 12 -- Earnings (Loss) Per Share

Basic earnings (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) for the period by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period.

In periods when we report net income, diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period plus the dilutive effect of our outstanding stock incentive awards. For periods when we report a net loss, diluted earnings per share is equal to basic earnings per share, as the impact of our outstanding stock incentive awards is considered to be antidilutive.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ 8.0	\$ 16.6	\$ (25.1)	\$ (60.1)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding-basic	429,209,862	428,634,355	429,043,929	428,674,777
Weighted average number of shares outstanding-diluted ⁽¹⁾	429,426,048	428,726,126	429,043,929	428,674,777
Earnings (loss) per share of common stock:				
Basic	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.14)
Diluted	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.14)

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- (1) The weighted average number of shares outstanding used in the computation of diluted earnings per share for the three months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, excludes the effect of 7.6 million and 6.8 million potentially issuable common shares, that are anti-dilutive to the diluted earnings per share computation, respectively.

Below is a reconciliation of our common stock issued and outstanding:

	Common Shares	Treasury Shares ⁽¹⁾	Common Shares Outstanding
Shares as of December 31, 2021	432,070,999	(873,217)	431,197,782
Shares issued for the three months ended March 31, 2022	3,172,434	N/A	3,172,434
Shares forfeited for the three months ended March 31, 2022	(255,153)	N/A	(255,153)
Shares as of March 31, 2022	434,988,280	(873,217)	434,115,063
Shares issued for the three months ended June 30, 2022	136,398	N/A	136,398
Shares forfeited for the three months ended June 30, 2022	(314,864)	N/A	(314,864)
Shares as of June 30, 2022	434,809,814	(873,217)	433,936,597
Shares issued for the three months ended September 30, 2022	2,012,537	N/A	2,012,537
Shares forfeited for the three months ended September 30, 2022	(203,060)	(13,703)	(216,763)
Shares as of September 30, 2022	436,619,291	(886,920)	435,732,371

- (1) Primarily related to the forfeiture of unvested incentive units granted prior to the IPO under the Incentive Units Program of Star Parent, L.P.

On July 28, 2022, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of common stock. The dividends were paid on September 22, 2022, to shareholders of record as of September 1, 2022. Dividends accrued for restricted shares are contingent and payable upon vesting of the underlying restricted shares.

Note 13 -- Financial Instruments

We employ established policies and procedures to manage our exposure to changes in interest rates and foreign currencies. We use foreign exchange forward and option contracts to hedge certain short-term foreign currency denominated loans and third-party and intercompany transactions. We also use cross-currency swaps to hedge our net investments in our foreign subsidiaries. In addition, we use interest rate derivatives to hedge a portion of the interest rate exposure on our outstanding debt or in anticipation of a future debt issuance.

We do not use derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. If a hedging instrument is not designated as a hedge or ceases to qualify as a hedge in accordance with hedge accounting guidelines, any subsequent gains and losses are recognized currently in income. Collateral is generally not required for these types of instruments.

By their nature, all such instruments involve risk, including the credit risk of non-performance by counterparties. However, at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, there was no significant risk of loss in the event of non-performance of the counterparties to these financial instruments. We control our exposure to credit risk through monitoring procedures and by selection of reputable counterparties.

Our trade receivables do not represent a significant concentration of credit risk at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, because we sell to a large number of clients in different geographical locations and industries.

Interest Rate Risk Management

Our objective in managing our exposure to interest rates is to limit the impact of interest rate changes on our earnings, cash flows and financial position, and to lower our overall borrowing costs. To achieve these objectives, we maintain a practice that floating-rate debt be managed within a minimum and maximum range of our total debt exposure. To manage our exposure and limit volatility, we may use fixed-rate debt, floating-rate debt and/or interest rate swaps. We recognize all derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities at fair value in the consolidated balance sheet.

We use interest rate swaps to manage the impact of interest rate changes on our earnings. Under the swap agreements, we make monthly payments based on the fixed interest rate and receive monthly payments based on the floating rate. The objective of the swaps is to mitigate the variation of future cash flows from changes in the floating interest rates on our existing debt. The swaps are designated and accounted for as cash flow hedges. Changes in the fair value of the hedging instruments are recorded

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in other comprehensive income (loss) ("OCI"), net of tax, and reclassified to earnings in the same line item associated with the hedged item when the hedged item impacts earnings.

The notional amount of the interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedging instruments was \$1.25 billion and \$1.00 billion at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.

On March 2, 2022, the Company entered into three-year interest rate swaps with an aggregate notional amount of \$250 million, effective February 28, 2022 through February 27, 2025. For these swaps, the Company pays a fixed rate of 1.629% and receives the one-month Term SOFR rate.

On March 30, 2021, the Company entered into three-year interest rate swaps with an aggregate notional amount of \$1 billion, effective March 29, 2021 through March 27, 2024. For these swaps, the Company pays a fixed rate of 0.467% and receives the one-month LIBOR rate.

Foreign Exchange Risk Management

Our objective in managing exposure to foreign currency fluctuations is to reduce the volatility caused by foreign exchange rate changes on the earnings, cash flows and financial position of our international operations. From time to time, we follow a practice of hedging certain balance sheet positions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency applicable to each of our various subsidiaries. In addition, we are subject to foreign exchange risk associated with our international earnings and net investments in our foreign subsidiaries. We may use short-term, foreign exchange forward and, from time to time, option contracts or cross currency swaps, to execute our hedging strategies. Certain derivatives are designated as accounting hedges.

Foreign exchange forward contracts

These contracts are denominated primarily in the British pound sterling, the Euro, the Swedish Krona, and the Norwegian Krone. Our foreign exchange forward contracts are not designated as hedging instruments under authoritative guidance and typically have maturities of 12 months or less.

To decrease earnings volatility, we currently hedge substantially all our intercompany balance positions denominated in a currency other than the functional currency applicable to each of our various subsidiaries with short-term, foreign exchange forward contracts. The underlying transactions and the corresponding foreign exchange forward contracts are marked to market at the end of each quarter and the fair value impacts are reflected within "Non-operating income (expense) – net" in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). In addition, in connection with the acquisition of Bisnode, we entered into a zero-cost foreign currency collar in October 2020, with a notional amount of SEK 4.8 billion to reduce our foreign currency exposure. Unrealized gain associated with the instrument was \$23.5 million at December 31, 2020. We settled the collar on January 8, 2021 with a total realized gain of \$21.0 million upon the close of the Bisnode transaction, resulting in a loss of \$2.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 reflected within "Non-operating income (expense) – net" in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

As of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the notional amounts of our foreign exchange contracts were \$325.9 million and \$448.5 million, respectively.

Cross-currency interest rate swaps

To protect the value of our investments in our foreign operations against adverse changes in foreign currency exchange rates, we hedge a portion of our net investment in one or more of our foreign subsidiaries by using cross-currency interest rate swaps. Cross currency swaps are designated as net investment hedges of a portion of our foreign investments denominated in the non-U.S. dollar currency. The component of the gains and losses on our net investment in these designated foreign operations driven by changes in foreign exchange rates, are partly offset by movements in the fair value of our cross-currency swap contracts. The change in the fair value of the swaps in each period is reported in OCI, net of tax. Such amounts will remain in accumulated OCI until the liquidation or substantial liquidation of our investment in the underlying foreign operations. Through the respective maturity dates of each of the swap contracts, we receive monthly fixed-rate interest payments, which are recorded as contra expense within "Interest expense" in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). During 2022, we entered into various cross currency swaps as discussed below. They are all designated as net investment hedges of a portion of our foreign investments denominated in the Euro currency.

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On April 13, 2022, the Company entered into three tranches of cross currency interest rate swaps, each with a notional amount of \$125 million (€116 million) at two, three, and four year terms, where we receive USD coupons at fixed rates of 1.920%, 1.730%, and 1.550%, respectively, and pay EUR coupons of 0%. These swaps were terminated on April 28, 2022. Upon the termination of the swaps, we received \$5.8 million, which was reported in OCI for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, and will remain within accumulated OCI until the period in which a disposal or substantial liquidation of the entities being hedged occurs.

On April 28, 2022, we executed three tranches of cross currency swaps, each with a notional amount of \$125 million (€119 million) at two, three and four year terms, where we receive USD coupons at fixed rates of 2.187%, 1.997%, and 1.855%, respectively, and pay EUR coupons of 0%. These swaps were terminated on July 15, 2022 and replaced with new swaps with similar notional amounts (see discussion below). Upon the termination of the swaps, we received cash of \$14.2 million, which was reported in OCI for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, and will remain within accumulated OCI until the period in which a disposal or substantial liquidation of the entities being hedged occurs. We also recorded payments of \$0.3 million and \$1.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively, as contra expense within "Interest expense" in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

On July 15, 2022, we executed three tranches of cross currency swaps, each with a notional amount of \$125 million (€124 million) at two, three and four year terms, where we receive USD coupons at fixed rates of 2.205%, 1.883%, and 1.723%, respectively, and pay EUR coupons of 0%. On the maturity date of each tranche, we will receive the notional amount of \$125 million, and pay the counterparty €124 million. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, aggregate payments of \$1.5 million were recorded as contra expense within "Interest expense" in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

Fair Values of Derivative Instruments in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets:

	Asset derivatives				Liability derivatives			
	September 30, 2022		December 31, 2021		September 30, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Balance sheet location	Fair value	Balance sheet location	Fair value	Balance sheet location	Fair value	Balance sheet location	Fair value
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:								
Cash flow hedge derivative:								
Interest rate Swaps	Swap derivative assets	\$ 69.4	Swap derivative assets	\$ 10.1	Other accrued & current liabilities	\$ —	Other accrued & current liabilities	\$ —
Net investment hedge derivative:								
Cross-currency swaps	Swap derivative assets	9.8		—		—		—
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments:		\$ 79.2		\$ 10.1		\$ —		\$ —
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:								
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Other current assets	\$ 5.6	Other current assets	\$ 1.9	Other accrued & current liabilities	\$ 2.1	Other accrued & current liabilities	\$ 0.7
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:		\$ 5.6		\$ 1.9		\$ 2.1		\$ 0.7
Total derivatives		\$ 84.8		\$ 12.0		\$ 2.1		\$ 0.7

The Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss):

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Derivatives designated as hedging instruments	Amount of pre-tax gain or (loss) recognized in OCI on derivative		Location of gain or (loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into income	Amount of gain or (loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into income		Location of gain or (loss) recognized in income on derivative	Amount of gain or (loss) recognized in income on derivative	
	Three months ended September 30,			Three months ended September 30,			Three months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021		2022	2021		2022	2021
Cash flow hedge derivative:								
Interest rate swaps	\$ 17.0	\$ (0.2)	Interest expense	\$ 4.8	\$ (0.9)	Interest expense	\$ 4.8	\$ (0.9)
Net investment hedge derivative:								
Cross-currency swaps	\$ 22.4	\$ —		\$ —	\$ —		\$ —	\$ —
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments	Amount of pre-tax gain or (loss) recognized in OCI on derivative		Location of gain or (loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into income	Amount of gain or (loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into income		Location of gain or (loss) recognized in income on derivative	Amount of gain or (loss) recognized in income on derivative	
	Nine months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021		2022	2021		2022	2021
Cash flow hedge derivative								
Interest rate swaps	\$ 59.3	\$ 1.4	Interest expense	\$ 3.9	\$ (2.4)	Interest expense	\$ 3.9	\$ (2.4)
Net investment hedge derivative								
Cross-currency swaps	\$ 29.9	\$ —		\$ —	\$ —		\$ —	\$ —

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		Location of gain or (loss) recognized in income on derivatives		Amount of gain (loss) recognized in income on derivatives			
				Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
				2022	2021	2022	2021
Foreign exchange collar	Non-operating income (expense) – net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (2.5)		
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Non-operating income (expense) – net	\$ (14.4)	\$ (3.6)	\$ (29.3)	\$ (2.1)		

The net amount related to the interest rate swaps expected to be reclassified into earnings over the next 12 months is approximately \$49 million.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Our financial assets and liabilities that are reflected in the condensed consolidated financial statements include derivative financial instruments, cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other receivables, accounts payable, short-term borrowings and long-term borrowings.

The following table summarizes fair value measurements by level at September 30, 2022 for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

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	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (level I)	Significant other observable inputs (level II)	Significant unobservable inputs (level III)	Balance at September 30, 2022
Assets:				
Cash equivalents ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.8	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 0.8
Other current assets:				
Foreign exchange forwards ⁽²⁾	\$ —	\$ 5.6	\$ —	\$ 5.6
Swap arrangements ⁽³⁾	\$ —	\$ 79.2	\$ —	\$ 79.2
Liabilities:				
Other accrued and current liabilities:				
Foreign exchange forwards ⁽²⁾	\$ —	\$ 2.1	\$ —	\$ 2.1

The following table summarizes fair value measurements by level at December 31, 2021 for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (level I)	Significant other observable inputs (level II)	Significant unobservable inputs (level III)	Balance at December 31, 2021
Assets:				
Cash equivalents ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1.7	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1.7
Other current assets:				
Foreign exchange forwards ⁽²⁾	\$ —	\$ 1.9	\$ —	\$ 1.9
Swap arrangements ⁽³⁾	\$ —	\$ 10.1	\$ —	\$ 10.1
Liabilities:				
Other accrued and current liabilities:				
Foreign exchange forwards ⁽²⁾	\$ —	\$ 0.7	\$ —	\$ 0.7

(1) The carrying value of cash equivalents represents fair value as they consist of highly liquid investments with an initial term from the date of purchase by the Company to maturity of three months or less.

(2) Primarily represents foreign currency forward contracts. Fair value is determined based on observable market data and considers a factor for nonperformance in the valuation.

(3) Represents interest rate swap and cross currency swap agreements of \$69.4 million and \$9.8 million, respectively. Fair value is determined based on observable market data.

There were no transfers between Levels I and II or transfers in or transfers out of Level III in the fair value hierarchy for both the nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021.

At September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the fair value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other receivables and accounts payable approximated carrying value are due to the short-term nature of these instruments. The estimated fair values of other financial instruments subject to fair value disclosures, determined based on valuation models using discounted cash flow methodologies with market data inputs from globally recognized data providers and third-party quotes from major financial institutions (categorized as Level II in the fair value hierarchy), are as follows:

	Balance at			
	September 30, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 453.8	\$ 375.2	\$ 866.4	\$ 924.5
Revolving facility	\$ 46.2	\$ 47.1	\$ 160.0	\$ 162.7
Term loans ⁽²⁾	\$ 3,084.8	\$ 3,204.8	\$ 2,718.4	\$ 2,840.7

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- (1) Includes the 5.000% Senior Unsecured Notes at September 30, 2022, and the 5.000% Senior Unsecured Notes and 6.875% Senior Secured Notes at December 31, 2021.
(2) Includes short-term and long-term portions of the term loans.

Items Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

In addition to assets and liabilities that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis, we record assets and liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as required by GAAP. Generally, assets are recorded at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as a result of impairment charges and for acquisition accounting in accordance with the guidance in ASC 805 "Business Combinations."

Note 14 -- Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table summarizes the changes in the accumulated balances for each component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) ("AOCI"):

	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Net investment hedge derivative	Defined benefit pension plans	Cash flow hedge derivative	Total
Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ 26.2	\$ —	\$ (120.3)	\$ (0.4)	\$ (94.5)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	(64.8)	—	0.1	(1.1)	(65.8)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	—	—	1.1	1.8	2.9
Balance, September 30, 2021	<u>\$ (38.6)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (119.1)</u>	<u>\$ 0.3</u>	<u>\$ (157.4)</u>
Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ (52.6)	\$ —	\$ (11.9)	\$ 7.4	\$ (57.1)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	(212.8)	21.9	—	46.2	(144.7)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	—	—	(0.2)	(2.8)	(3.0)
Balance, September 30, 2022	<u>\$ (265.4)</u>	<u>\$ 21.9</u>	<u>\$ (12.1)</u>	<u>\$ 50.8</u>	<u>\$ (204.8)</u>

The following table summarizes the reclassifications out of AOCI:

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Details about accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) components	Affected line item in the statement where net income (loss) is presented	Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)			
		Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
		2022	2021	2022	2021
Defined benefit pension plans:					
Amortization of prior service costs	Other income (expense) - net	\$ (0.1)	\$ (0.1)	\$ (0.3)	\$ (0.3)
Amortization of actuarial gain/loss	Other income (expense) - net	—	0.6	—	1.7
Cash flow hedge derivative:					
Interest rate swaps	Interest expense	(4.8)	0.9	(3.9)	2.4
Total before tax		(4.9)	1.4	(4.2)	3.8
Tax benefit (expense)		1.4	(0.4)	1.2	(0.9)
Total reclassifications for the period, net of tax		\$ (3.5)	\$ 1.0	\$ (3.0)	\$ 2.9

Note 15 -- Acquisitions

2021 Acquisitions

Eyeota Holdings Pte Ltd ("Eyeota")

On November 5, 2021, we acquired 100% of the outstanding ownership interests in Eyeota, a global online and offline data onboarding and transformation company, for a purchase price of \$172.4 million in cash, inclusive of \$0.1 million of net working capital adjustment. The acquisition was funded by borrowing from our revolving facility.

The acquisition was accounted for in accordance with ASC 805, as a purchase transaction, and accordingly, the assets and liabilities of the entity were recorded at their estimated fair values at the date of the acquisition. We have included the financial results of Eyeota in our consolidated financial statements since the acquisition date. Transaction costs of \$3.0 million were included in selling and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2021. We allocated goodwill and intangible assets to our North America segment.

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The table below reflects the aggregate purchase price related to the acquisition and the resulting purchase allocation:

	Weighted average amortization period (years)	Initial purchase price allocation at December 31, 2021	Measurement Period Adjustments	Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation at September 30, 2022
Cash		\$ 7.1	\$ —	\$ 7.1
Accounts receivable		9.3	—	9.3
Other		0.5	—	0.5
Total current assets		16.9	—	16.9
Intangible assets:				
Customer relationships	14	20.0	—	20.0
Technology	5	14.0	—	14.0
Trademark	2	1.0		1.0
Goodwill	Indefinite	138.3	(0.1)	138.2
Total assets acquired		\$ 190.2	\$ (0.1)	\$ 190.1
Deferred tax liability		\$ 5.9	\$ —	\$ 5.9
Other liabilities		12.0	(0.2)	11.8
Total liabilities assumed		\$ 17.9	\$ (0.2)	\$ 17.7
Total purchase price		\$ 172.3	\$ 0.1	\$ 172.4

The fair value of the customer relationships intangible asset was determined by applying the income approach through a discounted cash flow analysis, specifically a multi-period excess earnings method. The valuation was based on the present value of the net earnings attributable to the measured assets.

The technology intangible asset represents Eyeota's data supply and service platform to deliver customer services and solutions. We applied the income approach to value technology intangible assets, specifically, a relief from royalty method. The valuation was based on the present value of the net earnings attributable to the measured assets.

The intangible assets, with useful lives from two years to 14 years, are being amortized over a weighted-average useful life of 10.1 years. Intangible assets are amortized using a straight-line method. The amortization methods reflect the timing of the benefits derived from each of the intangible assets.

The value of the goodwill is primarily related to the expected growth opportunity in the target marketing business from the combined business. We do not expect goodwill to be deductible for tax purposes.

Although we believe that the information gathered to date provides a reasonable basis for estimating the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, the initial purchase price allocations for Eyeota are preliminary and are subject to revision as permitted by ASC 805. The primary areas of the purchase price allocation that are not yet finalized are related to certain liabilities, contingencies and deferred taxes. We will adjust the associated fair values if facts and circumstances arise that necessitate change. We expect to complete the purchase accounting process as soon as practicable but no later than one year from the acquisition date.

NetWise Data, LLC ("NetWise")

On November 15, 2021, we acquired 100% of the outstanding ownership interests in NetWise, a provider of business to business and business to consumer identity graph and audience targeting data, for a purchase price of \$69.8 million of which \$62.9 million was paid upon the close of the transaction and the remaining \$6.9 million will be paid no later than 19 months after the transaction closing date, subject to net working capital adjustment. The transaction was funded by cash on hand. During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, we made a net working capital adjustment of \$0.4 million.

The acquisition was accounted for in accordance with ASC 805, as a purchase transaction, and accordingly, the assets and liabilities of the entity were recorded at their estimated fair values at the date of the acquisition. We have included the financial results of NetWise in our consolidated financial statements since the acquisition date. Transaction costs of \$0.4 million were included in selling and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2021. We allocated goodwill and intangible assets to our North America segment.

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The table below reflects the aggregate purchase price related to the acquisition and the resulting purchase allocation:

	Weighted average amortization period (years)	Initial purchase price allocation at December 31, 2021	Measurement Period Adjustments	Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation at September 30, 2022
Cash		\$ 2.6	\$ —	\$ 2.6
Accounts receivable		2.6	—	2.6
Other		0.4	—	0.4
Total current assets		5.6	—	5.6
Intangible assets:				
Customer relationships	15	19.8	—	19.8
Technology	5	1.3	—	1.3
Trademark	2	0.2	—	0.2
Database	3	2.2	—	2.2
Goodwill	Indefinite	41.9	3.6	45.5
Total assets acquired		\$ 71.0	\$ 3.6	\$ 74.6
Total liabilities assumed		1.2	3.2	4.4
Total purchase price		\$ 69.8	\$ 0.4	\$ 70.2

The fair value of the customer relationships intangible asset was determined by applying the income approach through a discounted cash flow analysis, specifically a multi-period excess earnings method. The valuation was based on the present value of the net earnings attributable to the measured assets.

The database intangible asset represents business and consumer data collected and managed by NetWise. The technology intangible asset represents NetWise's data supply and service platform to deliver customer services and solutions. We applied the income approach to value database and technology intangible assets, specifically, a relief from royalty method. The valuation was based on the present value of the net earnings attributable to the measured assets.

The intangible assets, with useful lives from two years to 15 years, are being amortized over a weighted-average useful life of 13.2 years. Intangible assets are amortized using a straight-line method. The amortization methods reflect the timing of the benefits derived from each of the intangible assets.

The value of goodwill is primarily related to the expected growth opportunity to expand our products and service offerings in our marketing business. The goodwill recognized is deductible for tax purposes.

Although we believe that the information gathered to date provides a reasonable basis for estimating the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, the initial purchase price allocations for NetWise are preliminary and are subject to revision as permitted by ASC 805. Adjustments made during the measurement period were primarily to recognize liabilities on the acquisition date. The primary areas of the purchase price allocation that are not yet finalized are related to certain liabilities and contingencies. We will adjust the associated fair values if facts and circumstances arise that necessitate change. We expect to complete the purchase accounting process as soon as practicable but no later than one year from the acquisition date.

Bisnode Business Information Group AB ("Bisnode")

On January 8, 2021, we acquired 100% ownership of Bisnode, a leading European data and analytics firm and long-standing member of the Dun & Bradstreet WWN alliances, for a total purchase price of \$805.8 million. The transaction closed with a combination of cash of \$646.9 million and 6,237,087 newly issued shares of common stock of the Company in a private placement valued at \$158.9 million based on the stock closing price on January 8, 2021. The transaction was partially funded by the proceeds from the \$300 million borrowing from the Incremental Term Loan.

The acquisition was accounted for in accordance with ASC 805 "Business Combinations," as a purchase transaction, and accordingly, the assets and liabilities of the entity were recorded at their estimated fair values at the date of the acquisition. We have included the financial results of Bisnode in our consolidated financial statements since the acquisition date. We had

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finalized purchase accounting as of December 31, 2021. See detailed discussion in Note 16 to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information

The following pro forma statements of operations data presents the combined results of the Company and the acquired businesses, assuming that the acquisition had occurred on January 1, 2020.

	Three months ended September 30,	Nine months ended September 30,
	2021	2021
Reported revenue	\$ 541.9	\$ 1,567.3
Pro forma adjustments:		
Pre-acquisition revenue:		
Bisnode	—	4.6
Eyeota	10.8	27.3
NetWise	2.6	7.1
Total pro forma revenue	<u>\$ 555.3</u>	<u>\$ 1,606.3</u>
Reported net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ 16.6	\$ (60.1)
Pro forma adjustments - net of tax effect:		
Pre-acquisition net income:		
Bisnode	—	0.8
Eyeota	0.5	(0.7)
NetWise	0.3	1.1
Intangible amortization - net of tax benefits	(2.2)	(5.7)
Write off related to pre-existing relationship - net of tax benefits	—	2.3
Transaction costs - net of tax benefits	—	0.3
Pro forma net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	<u>\$ 15.2</u>	<u>\$ (62.0)</u>

Note 16 -- Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Computer Software and Goodwill:

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	Computer software		Goodwill	
January 1, 2021	\$	437.0	\$	2,857.9
Acquisition ⁽¹⁾		65.0		488.4
Additions at cost ⁽²⁾		42.2		—
Amortization		(24.5)		—
Write-off		(3.1)		—
Other ⁽³⁾		(8.5)		(28.1)
March 31, 2021	\$	508.1	\$	3,318.2
Acquisition ⁽³⁾		(1.0)		2.6
Additions at cost ⁽²⁾		33.9		—
Amortization		(26.6)		—
Write-off		(0.7)		—
Other ⁽³⁾		2.8		10.3
June 30, 2021	\$	516.5	\$	3,331.1
Additions at cost ⁽²⁾		46.0		—
Amortization		(30.7)		—
Write-off		(0.4)		—
Other ⁽³⁾		(5.8)		(12.4)
September 30, 2021	\$	525.6	\$	3,318.7
January 1, 2022	\$	557.4	\$	3,493.3
Additions at cost ⁽²⁾		43.4		—
Amortization		(30.3)		—
Other ⁽³⁾		(7.1)		(17.9)
March 31, 2022	\$	563.4	\$	3,475.4
Additions at cost ⁽²⁾		61.9		—
Amortization		(31.8)		—
Other ⁽³⁾		(14.6)		(38.3)
June 30, 2022	\$	578.9	\$	3,437.1
Additions at cost ⁽²⁾		57.3		—
Amortization		(30.7)		—
Write-off		(1.1)		—
Other ⁽³⁾		(15.7)		(36.3)
September 30, 2022	\$	588.7	\$	3,400.8

Other Intangibles:

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	Customer relationships	Reacquired rights	Database	Other indefinite-lived intangibles	Other intangibles	Total
January 1, 2021	\$ 1,912.9	\$ —	\$ 1,369.4	\$ 1,275.8	\$ 256.7	\$ 4,814.8
Acquisition ⁽¹⁾	106.0	271.0	116.0	—	—	493.0
Additions at cost	—	—	—	—	0.2	0.2
Amortization	(65.6)	(5.0)	(47.8)	—	(4.0)	(122.4)
WWN relationship transfer ⁽⁴⁾	—	64.7	—	—	(64.7)	—
Other ⁽³⁾	(5.4)	(14.3)	(6.3)	—	(1.9)	(27.9)
March 31, 2021	\$ 1,947.9	\$ 316.4	\$ 1,431.3	\$ 1,275.8	\$ 186.3	\$ 5,157.7
Acquisitions ⁽¹⁾	2.0	(1.0)	(5.0)	—	—	(4.0)
Additions at cost	—	—	—	—	7.3	7.3
Amortization	(64.5)	(7.4)	(47.0)	—	(4.0)	(122.9)
Other ⁽³⁾	2.5	4.1	2.4	—	0.2	9.2
June 30, 2021	\$ 1,887.9	\$ 312.1	\$ 1,381.7	\$ 1,275.8	\$ 189.8	\$ 5,047.3
Additions at cost	—	—	—	—	0.2	0.2
Amortization	(64.3)	(7.2)	(46.9)	—	(4.2)	(122.6)
Other ⁽³⁾	(3.4)	(7.3)	(2.4)	—	(1.9)	(15.0)
September 30, 2021	\$ 1,820.2	\$ 297.6	\$ 1,332.4	\$ 1,275.8	\$ 183.9	\$ 4,909.9
January 1, 2022	\$ 1,793.3	\$ 284.7	\$ 1,285.1	\$ 1,280.0	\$ 181.4	\$ 4,824.5
Additions at cost	—	—	—	—	0.2	0.2
Amortization	(61.9)	(5.1)	(44.6)	—	(4.2)	(115.8)
Other ⁽³⁾	(4.7)	(7.9)	(4.6)	—	(2.0)	(19.2)
March 31, 2022	\$ 1,726.7	\$ 271.7	\$ 1,235.9	\$ 1,280.0	\$ 175.4	\$ 4,689.7
Additions at cost	—	—	—	—	0.2	0.2
Amortization	(59.7)	(4.7)	(43.2)	—	(4.4)	(112.0)
Other ⁽³⁾	(9.6)	(15.7)	(5.9)	—	(5.0)	(36.2)
June 30, 2022	\$ 1,657.4	\$ 251.3	\$ 1,186.8	\$ 1,280.0	\$ 166.2	\$ 4,541.7
Additions at cost	—	—	—	—	0.2	0.2
Amortization	(59.4)	(4.5)	(43.0)	—	(4.2)	(111.1)
Other ⁽³⁾	(8.5)	(16.6)	(4.9)	—	(4.9)	(34.9)
September 30, 2022	\$ 1,589.5	\$ 230.2	\$ 1,138.9	\$ 1,280.0	\$ 157.3	\$ 4,395.9

(1) Related to the acquisition of Bisnode.

(2) Primarily related to software-related enhancements on products and purchased software.

(3) Primarily due to the impact of foreign currency fluctuations.

(4) Reclassification of the net book value of previously recognized WWN relationships intangible asset related to the Bisnode relationship to reacquired rights as a result of the Bisnode acquisition.

Note 17 -- Segment Information

Our segment disclosure is intended to provide the users of our condensed consolidated financial statements with a view of the business that is consistent with management of the Company.

We manage our business and report our financial results through the following two segments:

- North America offers Finance & Risk and Sales & Marketing data, analytics and business insights in the United States and Canada; and
- International offers Finance & Risk and Sales & Marketing data, analytics and business insights directly in the U.K., Europe, Greater China and India and indirectly through our WWN alliances.

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On January 8, 2021, we acquired 100% ownership of Bisnode and in November 2021, we acquired 100% ownership of both Eyeota and NetWise. See Note 15 for further discussion. Financial results of Bisnode, Eyeota and NetWise have been included in our International segment and North America segment, respectively, since the respective acquisition dates.

We use adjusted EBITDA as the primary profitability measure for making decisions regarding ongoing operations. We define adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. excluding the following items: (i) depreciation and amortization; (ii) interest expense and income; (iii) income tax benefit or provision; (iv) other non-operating expenses or income; (v) equity in net income of affiliates; (vi) net income attributable to non-controlling interests; (vii) other incremental or reduced expenses and revenue from the application of purchase accounting (e.g. commission asset amortization and acquisitions); (viii) equity-based compensation; (ix) restructuring charges; (x) merger, acquisition and divestiture-related operating costs; (xi) transition costs primarily consisting of non-recurring expenses associated with transformational and integration activities, as well as incentive expenses associated with our synergy program; (xii) legal expense associated with significant legal and regulatory matters; and (xiii) asset impairment. Our client solution sets are Finance & Risk and Sales & Marketing. Inter-segment sales are immaterial, and no single client accounted for 10% or more of our total revenue.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Revenue:				
North America	\$ 403.6	\$ 374.1	\$ 1,152.2	\$ 1,070.7
International	152.7	167.8	477.4	501.4
Corporate and other ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	(4.8)
Consolidated total	\$ 556.3	\$ 541.9	\$ 1,629.6	\$ 1,567.3

(1) Revenue for Corporate and other for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 primarily represents adjustments recorded in accordance with GAAP to the International segment due to the timing of the completion of the Bisnode acquisition.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Adjusted EBITDA:				
North America	\$ 188.4	\$ 185.5	\$ 503.1	\$ 504.0
International	51.6	54.0	153.2	148.1
Corporate and other	(17.0)	(19.1)	(43.2)	(47.7)
Consolidated total	\$ 223.0	\$ 220.4	\$ 613.1	\$ 604.4
Depreciation and amortization	(145.1)	(156.7)	(441.5)	(458.7)
Interest expense - net	(48.6)	(48.1)	(137.1)	(144.7)
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	4.2	2.8	13.6	(30.4)
Other income (expense) - net	8.8	13.3	10.7	32.5
Equity in net income of affiliates	0.5	0.7	1.8	2.0
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest	(2.4)	(1.6)	(5.7)	(4.2)
Other incremental or reduced expenses and revenue from the application of purchase accounting	3.6	4.0	11.4	8.9
Equity-based compensation	(17.9)	(9.0)	(43.9)	(23.7)
Restructuring charges	(6.6)	(4.8)	(14.3)	(20.7)
Merger, acquisition and divestiture-related operating costs	(5.3)	(2.1)	(17.3)	(7.2)
Transition costs	(4.8)	(1.7)	(13.7)	(5.6)
Legal expense associated with significant legal and regulatory matters	(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.9)	(11.1)
Asset impairment	(1.1)	(0.1)	(1.3)	(1.6)
Net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ 8.0	\$ 16.6	\$ (25.1)	\$ (60.1)

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	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Depreciation and amortization:				
North America	\$ 16.9	\$ 16.6	\$ 53.5	\$ 43.8
International	3.8	3.2	10.8	8.8
Total segments	20.7	19.8	64.3	52.6
Corporate and other ⁽¹⁾	124.4	136.9	377.2	406.1
Consolidated total	\$ 145.1	\$ 156.7	\$ 441.5	\$ 458.7
Capital expenditures:				
North America ⁽²⁾	\$ 1.5	\$ 2.8	\$ 7.3	\$ 81.1
International	1.1	1.4	2.8	3.6
Total segments	2.6	4.2	10.1	84.7
Corporate and other	0.1	—	0.1	0.1
Consolidated total	\$ 2.7	\$ 4.2	\$ 10.2	\$ 84.8
Additions to computer software and other intangibles:				
North America ⁽³⁾	\$ 39.4	\$ 30.3	\$ 112.5	\$ 92.7
International	9.2	5.2	23.5	18.9
Total segments	48.6	35.5	136.0	111.6
Corporate and other	2.7	0.3	7.0	0.7
Consolidated total	\$ 51.3	\$ 35.8	\$ 143.0	\$ 112.3

(1) Depreciation and amortization for Corporate and other includes incremental amortization resulting from the Take-Private Transaction and recent acquisitions.

(2) Higher capital expenditures for North America during prior year periods was primarily due to the \$76.6 million purchase of an office building for our new global headquarters office in June 2021.

(3) In-place lease intangibles of \$7.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 related to the building purchase for our new global headquarters office are included in capital expenditures. See Note (2) above.

Supplemental Geographic and Customer Solution Set Information:

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	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
Assets:		
North America	\$ 7,938.0	\$ 8,232.2
International	1,491.7	1,765.0
Consolidated total	<u>\$ 9,429.7</u>	<u>\$ 9,997.2</u>
Goodwill:		
North America	\$ 2,929.1	\$ 2,928.4
International	471.7	564.9
Consolidated total	<u>\$ 3,400.8</u>	<u>\$ 3,493.3</u>
Other intangibles:		
North America	\$ 3,900.1	\$ 4,186.2
International	495.8	638.3
Consolidated total	<u>\$ 4,395.9</u>	<u>\$ 4,824.5</u>
Other long-lived assets (excluding deferred income tax):		
North America	\$ 745.1	\$ 713.4
International	207.6	229.5
Consolidated total	<u>\$ 952.7</u>	<u>\$ 942.9</u>
Total long-lived assets	<u>\$ 8,749.4</u>	<u>\$ 9,260.7</u>

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Customer Solution Set Revenue:				
North America ⁽¹⁾ :				
Finance & Risk	\$ 224.1	\$ 214.0	\$ 635.8	\$ 604.2
Sales & Marketing	179.5	160.1	516.4	466.5
Total North America	<u>\$ 403.6</u>	<u>\$ 374.1</u>	<u>\$ 1,152.2</u>	<u>\$ 1,070.7</u>
International:				
Finance & Risk	\$ 102.2	\$ 108.7	\$ 313.1	\$ 320.1
Sales & Marketing	50.5	59.1	164.3	181.3
Total International	<u>\$ 152.7</u>	<u>\$ 167.8</u>	<u>\$ 477.4</u>	<u>\$ 501.4</u>
Corporate and other:				
Finance & Risk	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (2.3)
Sales & Marketing	—	—	—	(2.5)
Total Corporate and other	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (4.8)</u>
Total Revenue:				
Finance & Risk	\$ 326.3	\$ 322.7	\$ 948.9	\$ 922.0
Sales & Marketing	230.0	219.2	680.7	645.3
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 556.3</u>	<u>\$ 541.9</u>	<u>\$ 1,629.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,567.3</u>

(1) Substantially all of the North America revenue is attributable to the United States.

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Note 18 -- Related Parties

The following describes certain transactions and agreements in which the Company and our affiliates, executive officers and certain directors are involved.

After the completion of the Take-Private Transaction on February 8, 2019, our parent entity was collectively controlled by entities affiliated with Bilcar, LLC ("Bilcar"), Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P. ("THL"), Cannae Holdings, Inc. ("Cannae Holdings"), Black Knight, Inc. ("Black Knight") and CC Capital Partners LLC ("CC Capital"), collectively the "Investor Consortium." Subsequent to the close of the IPO and the concurrent private placement on July 6, 2020, the Investor Consortium continues to be able to exercise significant voting influence over fundamental and significant corporate matters and transactions by their agreement to vote in favor of the election of five members of our board of directors.

Our Chief Executive Officer Anthony Jabbour also served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Black Knight until May 16, 2022, at which time he transitioned to the role of Executive Chairman of the board of directors of Black Knight. Mr. Jabbour is also a member of the board of directors of Paysafe Limited ("Paysafe"). Additionally, William P. Foley II, our Chairman of the board, also serves as Chairman of Cannae Holdings and formerly served as Chairman of Black Knight. Richard N. Massey, a member of the Company's board of directors, serves as Chief Executive Officer and as a director of Cannae Holdings. Certain of our key employees have dual responsibilities among the Investor Consortium.

In June 2021, we entered into a five-year agreement with Black Knight. Pursuant to the agreement, D&B will receive total data license fees of approximately \$24 million over a five-year period. Also over the five-year period, Black Knight is engaged to provide certain products and data, as well as professional services for an aggregate fee of approximately \$34 million. In addition, D&B and Black Knight will jointly market certain solutions and data. The agreement was approved by our Audit Committee. We incurred operating expenses of \$0.5 million and \$1.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively, and \$0.5 million for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021. We recorded revenue of \$3.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 and \$3.2 million for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021. We included payments to Black Knight of \$3.9 million and \$2.6 million within "Other prepaid" at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively. As of September 30, 2022, we included a liability to Black Knight of \$2.6 million, of which \$0.9 million was within "Other accrued and current liabilities" and \$1.7 million was within "Other non-current liabilities." As of December 31, 2021, we included a receivable from Black Knight of \$4.1 million within "Accounts receivable" and a liability to Black Knight of \$3.4 million, of which \$0.9 million was within "Other accrued and current liabilities" and \$2.5 million was within "Other non-current liabilities."

In September 2021, we entered into a 10-year agreement with Paysafe. Pursuant to the agreement, D&B provides data license and risk management solution services to Paysafe. The agreement is cancellable by either party without penalty at each annual anniversary of the contract effective date by providing written notice not less than 90 days prior to the anniversary date. The agreement was approved by our Audit Committee. In connection with the agreements associated with Paysafe, we recognized revenue of \$5.9 million and \$8.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively. As of September 30, 2022, we included a receivable from Paysafe of \$3.9 million within "Accounts receivable." As of December 31, 2021, we included a receivable from Paysafe of \$4.1 million within "Accounts receivable" and a liability to Paysafe of \$1.2 million within "Other accrued and current liabilities."

In the normal course of business, we reimburse affiliates for certain travel costs incurred by Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. executives and board members.

Note 19 -- Subsequent Event

On October 27, 2022, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of common stock. The dividend will be payable on December 15, 2022, to shareholders of record as of December 1, 2022.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The statements contained in this report that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding expectations, hopes, intentions or strategies regarding the future. Forward-looking statements are based on Dun & Bradstreet's management's beliefs, as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, them. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "seeks," "believes," "estimates," "expects" and similar references to future periods, or by the inclusion of forecasts or projections. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements we make regarding the outlook for our future business and financial performance, such as those contained in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" ("MD&A"). Because such statements are based on expectations as to future financial and operating results and are not statements of fact, actual results may differ materially from those projected. It is not possible to predict or identify all risk factors. Consequently, the risks and uncertainties listed below should not be considered a complete discussion of all of our potential trends, risks and uncertainties. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

The risks and uncertainties that forward-looking statements are subject to include, but are not limited to: (i) our ability to implement and execute our strategic plans to transform the business; (ii) our ability to develop or sell solutions in a timely manner or maintain client relationships; (iii) competition for our solutions; (iv) harm to our brand and reputation; (v) unfavorable global economic conditions including, but not limited to, volatility in foreign currency markets and supply chain disruptions; (vi) risks associated with operating and expanding internationally; (vii) failure to prevent cybersecurity incidents or the perception that confidential information is not secure; (viii) failure in the integrity of our data or systems; (ix) system failures and personnel disruptions, which could delay the delivery of our solutions to our clients; (x) loss of access to data sources or ability to transfer data across the data sources in markets we operate; (xi) failure of our software vendors and network and cloud providers to perform as expected or if our relationship is terminated; (xii) loss or diminution of one or more of our key clients, business partners or government contracts; (xiii) dependence on strategic alliances, joint ventures and acquisitions to grow our business; (xiv) our ability to protect our intellectual property adequately or cost-effectively; (xv) claims for intellectual property infringement; (xvi) interruptions, delays or outages to subscription or payment processing platforms; (xvii) risks related to acquiring and integrating businesses and divestitures of existing businesses; (xviii) our ability to retain members of the senior leadership team and attract and retain skilled employees; (xix) compliance with governmental laws and regulations; (xx) risks related to the voting letter agreement among and registration and other rights held by certain of our largest shareholders; (xxi) an outbreak of disease, global or localized health pandemic or epidemic, or the fear of such an event (such as the COVID-19 global pandemic), including the global economic uncertainty and measures taken in response; (xxii) the short- and long-term effects of the COVID-19 global pandemic, including the pace of recovery or any future resurgence; (xxiii) increased economic uncertainty related to the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine and associated trends in macroeconomic conditions, and (xxiv) the other factors described under the headings "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and elsewhere in our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 24, 2022, our other Quarterly Reports and the Company's other reports or documents filed with the SEC.

The following discussion and analysis of Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.'s financial condition and results of operations is provided as a supplement to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, and should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, our "Risk Factors," and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 24, 2022. References in this discussion and analysis to "the Company," "Dun & Bradstreet," "D&B," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

Business Overview

Dun & Bradstreet is a leading global provider of business decisioning data and analytics. Our mission is to deliver a global network of trust, enabling clients to transform uncertainty into confidence, risk into opportunity and potential into prosperity. Clients embed our trusted, end-to-end solutions into their daily workflows to inform commercial credit decisions, confirm suppliers are financially viable and compliant with laws and regulations, enhance salesforce productivity and gain visibility into key markets. Our solutions support our clients' mission critical business operations by providing proprietary and curated data and analytics to help drive informed decisions and improved outcomes.

Leveraging our category-defining commercial credit data and analytics, our Finance & Risk solutions are used in the critical decisioning processes of finance, risk, compliance and procurement departments worldwide. We are a market leader in

commercial credit decisioning, with many of the top businesses in the world utilizing our solutions to make informed decisions when considering extending business loans and trade credit. We are also a leading provider of data and analytics to businesses looking to analyze supplier relationships and more effectively collect outstanding receivables. We believe our proprietary Paydex score, a numerical indicator based on promptness of a business's payments to its suppliers and vendors, is widely relied upon as an important measure of credit health for businesses. We are well positioned to provide accessible and actionable insights and analytics that mitigate risk and uncertainty, and ultimately protect and drive increased profitability for our clients.

Our Sales & Marketing solutions combine firmographic, personal contact, intent and non-traditional, or “alternative,” data to assist clients in optimizing their sales and marketing strategy by cleansing customer relationship management (“CRM”) data and narrowing their focus and efforts on the highest probability prospects. As global competition continues to intensify, businesses need assistance with focusing their sales pipelines into a condensed list so that they can have their best sellers target the highest probability return accounts. We provide invaluable insights into businesses that can help our clients grow their businesses in a more efficient and effective manner.

We leverage these differentiated capabilities to serve a broad set of clients across multiple industries and geographies. As of December 31, 2021, we had a global client base of more than 200,000, including some of the largest companies in the world. Covering nearly all industry verticals, including financial services, technology, communications, government, retail, transportation and manufacturing, our data and analytics support a wide range of use cases. In terms of our geographic footprint, we have an industry-leading presence in North America, a growing presence in the United Kingdom and Ireland (“U.K.”), Nordics (Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland), DACH (Germany, Austria and Switzerland) and CEE (Central and Eastern Europe) regions (“Europe”). Greater China and India through our majority or wholly-owned subsidiaries and a broader global presence through our Worldwide Network alliances (“WWN alliances”). On January 8, 2021, we acquired Bisnode Business Information Group AB (“Bisnode”) which expanded our presence in Northern and Central Europe. The acquisition increases our client base, and expands and enhances our constantly expanding business database, known as our “Data Cloud”.

We believe that we have an attractive business model that is underpinned by highly recurring, diversified revenue, significant operating leverage, low capital requirements and strong free cash flow. The proprietary and embedded nature of our data and analytics solutions and the integral role that we play in our clients’ decision-making processes have historically translated into high client retention and revenue visibility. We also benefit from strong operating leverage given our centralized database and solutions, which allow us to generate strong contribution margins and free cash flow.

Segments

Our segment disclosure is intended to provide the users of our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements with a view of the business that is consistent with management of the Company.

We manage our business and report our financial results through the following two segments:

- North America offers Finance & Risk and Sales & Marketing data, analytics and business insights in the United States and Canada; and
- International offers Finance & Risk and Sales & Marketing data, analytics and business insights directly in the U.K., Europe, Greater China, India and indirectly through our WWN alliances.

Recent Developments

Accounts Receivable Facility

In September 2022, the Company entered into a three-year revolving securitization facility agreement to transfer trade receivables of one of our U.S. subsidiaries through our bankruptcy-remote subsidiary to a third party financial institution on a recurring basis in exchange for cash equal to the gross receivables transferred. The facility has monthly drawing limits ranging from \$160 million to \$215 million. During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company received a net cash benefit of \$135.4 million related to the facility. See Note 6 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

Impacts from Macroeconomic Conditions, Russia/Ukraine Conflict and COVID-19

We are exposed to global market volatility and uncertainties, such as inflation, rising interest rates and foreign currency fluctuation. Since the start of 2022, the U.S. dollar has gained significantly due to macro drivers. Approximately 30% of our

revenues are generated from non-U.S. markets. A strengthening U.S. dollar against certain currencies of markets where we operate, in particular Euro, British Pound and SEK, has negatively impacted our reported revenue in the U.S. dollar. See further discussion within the revenue section of the MD&A.

We are exposed to macroeconomic pressure as a result of the lingering COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical conflicts. In response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine since February 2022, the United States and certain other countries have imposed sanctions on Russia that could continue to disrupt international commerce and the global economy. This has further exacerbated global economic uncertainty caused by COVID-19. We do not have operations or a material customer base in either country. Our exposure is primarily limited to our relationship with the WWN alliance in the region, which is immaterial. However, an escalation of the conflict or expansion of sanctions could further disrupt global supply chains, broaden inflationary costs, and have a material adverse effect on our customers, vendors and financial markets. The ongoing geopolitical conflict could further escalate volatility in foreign currency markets.

We continue to carefully monitor the evolving situation related to current economic conditions, COVID-19 and the ongoing Russia/Ukraine conflict, and their impact on our business. While our productivity and financial performance have not been impacted materially by the events, the ultimate impact will be difficult to predict and depends on, among many factors, the duration of the pandemic and the current Russia/Ukraine conflict, the government mandates or guidance regarding COVID-19 restrictions, and their ultimate impact to our customers, vendors, and the financial markets. We will remain flexible so that we can adjust to events and uncertainties while we continue to move forward.

Debt Refinancing

On January 18, 2022, we amended our credit agreement dated February 8, 2019, specifically related to the Term Loan Facility, to establish Incremental Term Loans in an aggregate principal amount of \$460 million. We used the proceeds of such Incremental Term Loans to redeem our outstanding \$420 million in aggregate principal amount of our 6.875% Senior Secured Notes due 2026 and pay related fees, costs, premiums and expenses. See Note 5 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for disclosure of the impact that recent accounting pronouncements may have on the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Key Components of Results of Operations

Revenue

We generate our North America and International segment revenue primarily through subscription-based contractual arrangements that we enter into with clients to provide data, analytics and analytics-related services either individually, or as part of an integrated offering of multiple services. These arrangements occasionally include offerings from more than one business unit to the same client.

- We provide Finance & Risk solutions that offer clients access to our most complete and up-to-date global information, comprehensive monitoring and portfolio analysis. We also provide various business information reports that are consumed in a transactional manner across multiple platforms. Clients also use our services to manage supply chain risks and comply with anti-money laundering and global anti-bribery and corruption regulations.

- We generate our Sales & Marketing revenue by providing sophisticated analytics and solutions to help our clients increase revenue from new and existing businesses, enabling B2B sales and marketing professionals to accelerate sales, enhance go-to-market activity, engage clients in a meaningful way, close business faster and improve efficiency in advertising campaigns.

Expenses

Cost of Services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)

Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization). We define cost of services as those expenses that are directly related to producing our products, services and solutions. These expenses primarily include data acquisition and royalty

fees, costs related to our databases, service fulfillment costs, call center and technology support costs, hardware and software maintenance costs, telecommunication expenses, personnel-related costs associated with these functions and occupancy costs associated with the facilities where these functions are performed.

Selling and Administrative Expenses

Selling and administrative expenses primarily include personnel-related costs for sales, administrative and corporate management employees, costs for professional and consulting services, advertising and occupancy and facilities expense of these functions.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expenses consist of depreciation related to investments in property, plant and equipment, as well as amortization of purchased and developed software and other intangible assets, principally database and client relationships recognized in connection with the Take-Private Transaction and acquisitions, primarily the Bisnode acquisition completed on January 8, 2021.

Non-Operating Income and (Expense) - Net

Non-operating income and (expense) - net includes interest expense, interest income, costs associated with early debt repayments, dividends from cost-method investments, gains and losses from divestitures, mark-to-market expense related to certain derivatives, and other non-operating income and expenses.

Provision for Income Tax Expense (Benefit)

Provision for income tax expense (benefit) represents international, U.S. federal, state and local income taxes based on income in multiple jurisdictions for our corporate subsidiaries.

Key Metrics

In addition to reporting GAAP results, we evaluate performance and report our results on the non-GAAP financial measures discussed below. We believe that the presentation of these non-GAAP measures provides useful information to investors and rating agencies regarding our results, operating trends and performance between periods. These non-GAAP financial measures include adjusted revenue, organic revenue, adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("adjusted EBITDA"), adjusted EBITDA margin, adjusted net income and adjusted net earnings per diluted share. Adjusted results are non-GAAP measures that adjust for the impact due to certain acquisition and divestiture related revenue and expenses, such as costs for banker fees, legal fees, due diligence, retention payments and contingent consideration adjustments, restructuring charges, equity-based compensation, and other non-core gains and charges that are not in the normal course of our business such as costs associated with early debt redemptions, gains and losses on sales of businesses, impairment charges, the effect of significant changes in tax laws and material tax and legal settlements. We exclude amortization of recognized intangible assets resulting from the application of purchase accounting because it is non-cash and not indicative of our ongoing and underlying operating performance. Recognized intangible assets arise from acquisitions, primarily the Take-Private Transaction. See Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements included in our Form 10K for the year ended December 31, 2021. We believe that recognized intangible assets by their nature are fundamentally different from other depreciating assets that are replaced on a predictable operating cycle. Unlike other depreciating assets, such as developed and purchased software licenses or property and equipment, there is no replacement cost once these recognized intangible assets expire and the assets are not replaced. Additionally, our costs to operate, maintain and extend the life of acquired intangible assets and purchased intellectual property are reflected in our operating costs as personnel, data fee, facilities, overhead and similar items. Management believes it is important for investors to understand that such intangible assets were recorded as part of purchase accounting and contribute to revenue generation. Amortization of recognized intangible assets will recur in future periods until such assets have been fully amortized. In addition, we isolate the effects of changes in foreign exchange rates on our revenue growth because we believe it is useful for investors to be able to compare revenue from one period to another, both after and before the effects of foreign exchange rate changes. The change in revenue performance attributable to foreign currency rates is determined by converting both our prior and current periods' foreign currency revenue by a constant rate. As a result, we monitor our adjusted revenue growth both after and before the effects of foreign exchange rate changes. We believe that these supplemental non-GAAP financial measures provide management and other users with additional meaningful financial information that should be considered when assessing our ongoing performance and comparability of our operating results from period to period. Our management regularly uses our supplemental non-GAAP financial measures internally to understand, manage and evaluate our business and make operating decisions. These non-GAAP measures are among the factors management uses in planning for and forecasting future periods. Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative to our reported results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Our non-GAAP or adjusted financial measures reflect adjustments based on the following items, as well as the related income tax.

Adjusted Revenue

We define adjusted revenue as revenue to include a revenue adjustment due to the timing of the completion of the Bisnode acquisition. Management uses this measure to evaluate ongoing performance of the business period over period. In addition, we isolate the effects of changes in foreign exchange rates on our revenue growth because we believe it is useful for investors to be able to compare revenue from one period to another, both after and before the effects of foreign exchange rate changes. The change in revenue performance attributable to foreign currency rates is determined by converting both our prior and current periods' foreign currency revenue by a constant rate.

Organic Revenue

We define organic revenue as adjusted revenue before the effect of foreign exchange excluding revenue from acquired businesses for the first twelve months. In addition, organic revenue excludes current and prior year revenue associated with divested businesses. We believe the organic measure provides investors and analysts with useful supplemental information regarding the Company's underlying revenue trends by excluding the impact of acquisitions and divestitures. Revenue from acquired businesses is primarily related to the acquisitions of Eyeota Holdings Pte Ltd ("Eyeota") and NetWise Data, LLC ("NetWise") in the fourth quarter of 2021. See Note 15 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included within this Form 10-Q for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022. Revenue from divested businesses is related to the business-to-consumer business in Germany that was sold during the second quarter of 2022.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin

We define adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. excluding the following items:

- depreciation and amortization;
- interest expense and income;
- income tax benefit or provision;
- other non-operating expenses or income;
- equity in net income of affiliates;
- net income attributable to non-controlling interests;
- other incremental or reduced expenses and revenue from the application of purchase accounting (e.g. commission asset amortization);
- equity-based compensation;
- restructuring charges;
- merger, acquisition and divestiture-related operating costs;
- transition costs primarily consisting of non-recurring expenses associated with transformational and integration activities, as well as incentive expenses associated with our synergy program;
- legal expense associated with significant legal and regulatory matters; and
- asset impairment.

We calculate adjusted EBITDA margin by dividing adjusted EBITDA by adjusted revenue.

Adjusted Net Income

We define adjusted net income as net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. adjusted for the following items:

- incremental amortization resulting from the application of purchase accounting. We exclude amortization of recognized intangible assets resulting from the application of purchase accounting because it is non-cash and is not indicative of our ongoing and underlying operating performance. The Company believes that recognized intangible assets by their nature are fundamentally different from other depreciating assets that are replaced on a predictable operating cycle. Unlike other depreciating assets, such as developed and purchased software licenses or property and equipment, there is no replacement cost once these recognized intangible assets expire and the assets are not replaced. Additionally, the Company's costs to operate, maintain and extend the life of acquired intangible assets and purchased intellectual property are reflected in the Company's operating costs as personnel, data fee, facilities, overhead and similar items;
- other incremental or reduced expenses and revenue from the application of purchase accounting (e.g. commission asset amortization);
- equity-based compensation;
- restructuring charges;
- merger, acquisition and divestiture-related operating costs;
- transition costs primarily consisting of non-recurring expenses associated with transformational and integration activities, as well as incentive expenses associated with our synergy program;
- legal expense associated with significant legal and regulatory matters;
- asset impairment;
- merger, acquisition and divestiture-related non-operating costs;
- debt refinancing and extinguishment costs;
- tax effect of the non-GAAP adjustments; and
- other tax effect adjustments related to the tax impact of statutory tax rate changes on deferred taxes, the enactment of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") and other discrete items.

Adjusted Net Earnings Per Diluted Share

We calculate adjusted net earnings per diluted share by dividing adjusted net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period plus the dilutive effect of common shares potentially issuable in connection with awards outstanding under our stock incentive plan.

Results of Operations

GAAP Results (In millions except per share data):

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Revenue	\$ 556.3	\$ 541.9	\$ 1,629.6	\$ 1,567.3
Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	175.0	159.4	533.3	487.6
Selling and administrative expenses	184.1	171.5	548.9	515.6
Depreciation and amortization	145.1	156.7	441.5	458.7
Restructuring charges	6.6	4.8	14.3	20.7
Operating costs	510.8	492.4	1,538.0	1,482.6
Operating income (loss)	45.5	49.5	91.6	84.7
Interest income	0.5	0.2	1.1	0.5
Interest expense	(49.1)	(48.3)	(138.2)	(145.2)
Other income (expense) - net	8.8	13.3	10.7	32.5
Non-operating income (expense) - net	(39.8)	(34.8)	(126.4)	(112.2)
Income (loss) before provision (benefit) for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates	5.7	14.7	(34.8)	(27.5)
Less: provision (benefit) for income taxes	(4.2)	(2.8)	(13.6)	30.4
Equity in net income of affiliates	0.5	0.7	1.8	2.0
Net income (loss)	10.4	18.2	(19.4)	(55.9)
Less: net (income) loss attributable to the non-controlling interest	(2.4)	(1.6)	(5.7)	(4.2)
Net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ 8.0	\$ 16.6	\$ (25.1)	\$ (60.1)
Basic earnings (loss) per share of common stock attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.14)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share of common stock attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.14)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding-basic	429.2	428.6	429.0	428.7
Weighted average number of shares outstanding-diluted	429.4	428.7	429.0	428.7
Net income (loss) margin ⁽¹⁾	1.4 %	3.1 %	(1.5)%	(3.8)%

(1) Net income (loss) margin is defined as Net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. divided by Revenue.

The table below sets forth our key performance measures for the periods indicated (In millions, except per share data):

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Non - GAAP Financial Measures				
Adjusted revenue (a)	\$ 556.3	\$ 541.9	\$ 1,629.6	\$ 1,571.9
Organic revenue (a)	\$ 562.9	\$ 541.6	\$ 1,628.4	\$ 1,565.3
Adjusted EBITDA (a)	\$ 223.0	\$ 220.4	\$ 613.1	\$ 604.4
Adjusted EBITDA margin (a)	40.1 %	40.7 %	37.6 %	38.5 %
Adjusted net income (a)	\$ 123.4	\$ 123.4	\$ 333.2	\$ 329.2
Adjusted earnings per share (a)	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.77
(a) Including impact of deferred revenue purchase accounting adjustments:				
Impact to adjusted revenue, organic revenue and adjusted EBITDA	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (0.2)
Impact to adjusted EBITDA margin	— %	— %	— %	— %
Net impact to adjusted net income	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (0.2)
Net impact to adjusted earnings per share	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

Reconciliations of the above non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures are presented in the tables below (In millions, except per share amounts):

	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,			
	2022		2021		2022		2021	
GAAP revenue	\$	556.3	\$	541.9	\$	1,629.6	\$	1,567.3
Revenue adjustment due to the Bisnode acquisition close timing		—		—		—		4.6
Adjusted revenue (a)	\$	556.3	\$	541.9	\$	1,629.6	\$	1,571.9
Foreign currency impact		22.4		1.1		44.4		(1.5)
Adjusted revenue before the effect of foreign currency (a)	\$	578.7	\$	543.0	\$	1,674.0	\$	1,570.4
Revenue from acquisition and divestiture - before the effect of foreign currency		(15.8)		(1.4)		(45.6)		(5.1)
Organic revenue - before the effect of foreign currency (a)	\$	562.9	\$	541.6	\$	1,628.4	\$	1,565.3
North America	\$	403.6	\$	374.1	\$	1,152.2	\$	1,070.7
International		152.7		167.8		477.4		501.4
Segment revenue	\$	556.3	\$	541.9	\$	1,629.6	\$	1,572.1
Corporate and other (a)		—		—		—		(0.2)
Foreign currency impact		22.4		1.1		44.4		(1.5)
Adjusted revenue before the effect of foreign currency (a)	\$	578.7	\$	543.0	\$	1,674.0	\$	1,570.4
Revenue from acquisition and divestiture - before the effect of foreign currency		(15.8)		(1.4)		(45.6)		(5.1)
Organic revenue - before the effect of foreign currency (a)	\$	562.9	\$	541.6	\$	1,628.4	\$	1,565.3
(a) Including impact of deferred revenue purchase accounting adjustments	\$	—	\$	—	\$	—	\$	(0.2)
	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,			
	2022		2021		2022		2021	
Net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$	8.0	\$	16.6	\$	(25.1)	\$	(60.1)
Depreciation and amortization		145.1		156.7		441.5		458.7
Interest expense - net		48.6		48.1		137.1		144.7
(Benefit) provision for income tax - net		(4.2)		(2.8)		(13.6)		30.4
EBITDA		197.5		218.6		539.9		573.7
Other income (expense) - net		(8.8)		(13.3)		(10.7)		(32.5)
Equity in net income of affiliates		(0.5)		(0.7)		(1.8)		(2.0)
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest		2.4		1.6		5.7		4.2
Other incremental or reduced expenses and revenue from the application of purchase accounting		(3.6)		(4.0)		(11.4)		(8.9)
Equity-based compensation		17.9		9.0		43.9		23.7
Restructuring charges		6.6		4.8		14.3		20.7
Merger, acquisition and divestiture-related operating costs		5.3		2.1		17.3		7.2
Transition costs		4.8		1.7		13.7		5.6
Legal expense associated with significant legal and regulatory matters		0.3		0.5		0.9		11.1
Asset impairment		1.1		0.1		1.3		1.6
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	223.0	\$	220.4	\$	613.1	\$	604.4
North America	\$	188.4	\$	185.5	\$	503.1	\$	504.0
International		51.6		54.0		153.2		148.1
Corporate and other (a)		(17.0)		(19.1)		(43.2)		(47.7)
Adjusted EBITDA (a)	\$	223.0	\$	220.4	\$	613.1	\$	604.4
(a) Including impact of deferred revenue purchase accounting adjustments:								
Impact to adjusted EBITDA	\$	—	\$	—	\$	—	\$	(0.2)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ 8.0	\$ 16.6	\$ (25.1)	\$ (60.1)
Incremental amortization of intangible assets resulting from the application of purchase accounting	122.8	135.0	372.0	400.1
Other incremental or reduced expenses and revenue from the application of purchase accounting	(3.6)	(4.0)	(11.4)	(8.9)
Equity-based compensation	17.9	9.0	43.9	23.7
Restructuring charges	6.6	4.8	14.3	20.7
Merger, acquisition and divestiture-related operating costs	5.3	2.1	17.3	7.2
Transition costs	4.8	1.7	13.7	5.6
Legal expense associated with significant legal and regulatory matters	0.3	0.5	0.9	11.1
Asset impairment	1.1	0.1	1.3	1.6
Merger, acquisition and divestiture-related non-operating costs	—	—	2.0	2.3
Debt refinancing and extinguishment costs	1.3	—	24.3	1.1
Tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments	(36.0)	(42.3)	(115.6)	(112.0)
Other tax effect adjustments	(5.1)	(0.1)	(4.4)	36.8
Adjusted net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. (a)	\$ 123.4	\$ 123.4	\$ 333.2	\$ 329.2
Adjusted diluted earnings (loss) per share of common stock	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.77
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - diluted	429.4	428.7	429.4	428.8
(a) Including impact of deferred revenue purchase accounting adjustments:				
Pre and post tax impact to adjusted net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (0.2)

Revenue

Three months ended September 30, 2022 versus Three months ended September 30, 2021

Total and adjusted revenue were both \$556.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to \$541.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021, an increase of \$14.4 million, or 2.7% (6.6% before the effect of foreign exchange). The increase was attributable to growth in the underlying business and the impact of the acquisitions and the divestiture, partially offset by the negative impact of foreign exchange. In the fourth quarter of 2021, we completed the acquisitions of Eyeota and NetWise. During the second quarter of 2022, we divested our business-to-consumer business in Germany.

Excluding the impact of acquisitions and divestiture of \$14.4 million and the negative impact of foreign exchange of \$21.3 million, total organic revenue increased \$21.3 million, or 3.9%, primarily reflecting growth across both of our segments. The changes in revenue are discussed further in the segment level discussion below.

Nine months ended September 30, 2022 versus Nine months ended September 30, 2021

Total revenue was \$1,629.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to \$1,567.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, an increase of \$62.3 million, or 4.0% (6.9% before the effect of foreign exchange). Adjusted revenue increased \$57.8 million, or 3.7% (6.6% before the effect of foreign exchange) for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the prior year period, attributable to growth in the underlying business and the impact of the acquisitions and the divestiture of our business-to-consumer business in Germany, partially offset by the negative impact of foreign exchange.

Excluding the impact of the acquisitions and the divestiture of \$40.5 million and the negative impact of foreign exchange of \$45.9 million, total organic revenue increased \$63.1 million, or 4.0%, primarily reflecting growth across both of our segments. The changes in revenue are discussed further in the segment level discussion below.

Revenue by segment was as follows (In millions):

	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,			
	2022	2021	\$ Increase (decrease)	% Increase (decrease)	2022	2021	\$ Increase (decrease)	% Increase (decrease)
North America:								
Finance & Risk	\$ 224.1	\$ 214.0	\$ 10.1	4.7 %	\$ 635.8	\$ 604.2	\$ 31.6	5.2 %
Sales & Marketing	179.5	160.1	19.4	12.1 %	516.4	466.5	49.9	10.7 %
Total North America	\$ 403.6	\$ 374.1	\$ 29.5	7.9 %	\$ 1,152.2	\$ 1,070.7	\$ 81.5	7.6 %
International:								
Finance & Risk	\$ 102.2	\$ 108.7	\$ (6.5)	(6.0)%	\$ 313.1	\$ 320.1	\$ (7.0)	(2.2)%
Sales & Marketing	50.5	59.1	(8.6)	(14.4)%	164.3	181.3	(17.0)	(9.3)%
Total International	\$ 152.7	\$ 167.8	\$ (15.1)	(9.0)%	\$ 477.4	\$ 501.4	\$ (24.0)	(4.8)%
Corporate and other:								
Finance & Risk	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	**	\$ —	\$ (2.3)	\$ 2.3	**
Sales & Marketing	—	—	—	**	—	(2.5)	2.5	**
Total Corporate and other ⁽¹⁾	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	**	\$ —	\$ (4.8)	\$ 4.8	**
Total Revenue:								
Finance & Risk	\$ 326.3	\$ 322.7	\$ 3.6	1.1 %	\$ 948.9	\$ 922.0	\$ 26.9	2.9 %
Sales & Marketing	230.0	219.2	10.8	5.0 %	680.7	645.3	35.4	5.5 %
Total Revenue	\$ 556.3	\$ 541.9	\$ 14.4	2.7 %	\$ 1,629.6	\$ 1,567.3	\$ 62.3	4.0 %

** Not meaningful

(1) Revenue for Corporate and other for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 primarily represents adjustments recorded in accordance with GAAP to the International segment due to the timing of the completion of the Bisnode acquisition.

North America Segment

For the three months ended September 30, 2022, North America revenue increased \$29.5 million, or 7.9% (8.0% before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions of Eyeota and NetWise of \$15.8 million and the negative impact of foreign exchange of \$0.4 million, North America organic revenue increased \$14.1 million, or 3.8%. See further discussion below on revenue by solutions.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2022, North America revenue increased \$81.5 million, or 7.6% (7.7% before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions of Eyeota and NetWise of \$43.4 million and the negative impact of foreign exchange of \$0.8 million, North America organic revenue increased \$38.9 million, or 3.6%. See further discussion below on revenue by solutions.

Finance & Risk

For the three months ended September 30, 2022, North America Finance & Risk revenue increased \$10.1 million, or 4.7% (4.8% before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021, primarily due to a net increase in revenue across our Finance solutions and Risk solutions of approximately \$25 million, principally attributable to new business and higher customer spend in our Third Party Risk and Supply Chain Risk Management solutions, partially offset by lower revenue from the government sector of approximately \$13 million.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2022, North America Finance & Risk revenue increased \$31.6 million, or 5.2% (5.3% before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021, primarily due to a net increase in revenue across our Finance solutions and Risk solutions of approximately \$53 million, principally attributable to new business and higher customer spend in our Third Party Risk and Supply Chain Risk Management solutions, partially offset by lower revenue from the government sector of approximately \$19 million.

Sales & Marketing

For the three months ended September 30, 2022, North America Sales & Marketing revenue increased \$19.4 million, or 12.1% (12.2% before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021, primarily

driven by the impact of the acquisitions of Eyeota and NetWise, which contributed revenue of approximately \$15 million and growth in our data management solutions.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2022, North America Sales & Marketing revenue increased \$49.9 million, or 10.7% (10.8% before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021, primarily driven by the impact of the acquisitions of Eyeota and NetWise, which contributed revenue of approximately \$41 million, and growth in our data management solutions.

International Segment

For the three months ended September 30, 2022, International revenue decreased \$15.1 million, or 9.0% (3.5% increase before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021. Excluding the negative impact of foreign exchange of \$20.9 million and the impact of the divestiture of our business-to-consumer business in Germany of \$1.4 million, International organic revenue increased \$7.2 million, or 4.3%. See further discussion below on revenue by solutions.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2022, International revenue decreased \$24.0 million, or 4.8% (4.2% increase before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021. Excluding the negative impact of foreign exchange of \$45.1 million and the impact of the divestiture of \$2.9 million, International organic revenue increased \$24.0 million, or 4.8%. See further discussion below on revenue by solutions.

Finance & Risk

For the three months ended September 30, 2022, International Finance & Risk revenue decreased \$6.5 million, or 6.0% (5.6% increase before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021. Excluding the negative impact of foreign exchange of \$12.6 million, revenue increased \$6.1 million, or 5.6%, attributable to higher revenue of approximately \$3 million from Europe driven by higher global sales and growth in Finance Analytics, as well as higher revenue of approximately \$2 million from our China market mainly due to growth from our Finance solutions products.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2022, International Finance & Risk revenue decreased \$7.0 million, or 2.2% (6.0% increase before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021. Excluding the negative impact of foreign exchange of \$26.2 million, revenue increased \$19.2 million, or 6.0%, attributable to growth across all markets, including higher revenue of approximately \$8 million from Europe driven by greater API solution sales, higher revenue of approximately \$4 million from WWN alliances due to higher cross border data fees and product royalties, higher revenue of approximately \$3 million from our U.K. market, mainly attributable to growth from D&B Credit, and higher revenue of approximately \$3 million from our China market primarily attributable to our Finance solutions products.

Sales & Marketing

For the three months ended September 30, 2022, International Sales & Marketing revenue decreased \$8.6 million, or 14.4% (0.5% decrease before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021. Excluding the negative impact of foreign exchange of \$8.3 million, revenue decreased \$0.3 million, or 0.5%. The decrease in revenue compared to the prior year period is due to the divested business-to-consumer business in Germany.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2022, International Sales & Marketing revenue decreased \$17.0 million, or 9.3% (1.0% increase before the effect of foreign exchange) compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021. Excluding the negative impact of foreign exchange of \$18.9 million, revenue increased \$1.9 million, or 1.0%, primarily as a result of growth of approximately \$4 million from our U.K. market driven by higher data sales as well as increased revenue of approximately \$3 million from WWN product royalties, partially offset by a revenue decrease of approximately \$3 million from Europe primarily related to the divested business-to-consumer business in Germany.

Consolidated operating costs were as follows (In millions):

	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,			
	2022	2021	\$ Increase (decrease)	% Increase (decrease)	2022	2021	\$ Increase (decrease)	% Increase (decrease)
Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	\$ 175.0	\$ 159.4	\$ 15.6	9.8 %	\$ 533.3	\$ 487.6	\$ 45.7	9.4 %
Selling and administrative expenses	184.1	171.5	12.6	7.4 %	548.9	515.6	33.3	6.5 %
Depreciation and amortization	145.1	156.7	(11.6)	(7.4)%	441.5	458.7	(17.2)	(3.7)%
Restructuring charges	6.6	4.8	1.8	39.2 %	14.3	20.7	(6.4)	(30.8)%
Operating costs	\$ 510.8	\$ 492.4	\$ 18.4	3.8 %	\$ 1,538.0	\$ 1,482.6	\$ 55.4	3.7 %
Operating income (loss)	\$ 45.5	\$ 49.5	\$ (4.0)	(8.2)%	\$ 91.6	\$ 84.7	\$ 6.9	8.0 %

Cost of Services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)

Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) was \$175.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, an increase of \$15.6 million, or 9.8%, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021, primarily due to increased costs of \$10.7 million from the acquisitions of Eyeota and NetWise which closed in the fourth quarter of 2021. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions, cost of services increased \$4.9 million, or 3.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the prior year period, primarily due to higher data and data processing costs of approximately \$10 million, partially offset by lower net personnel costs of approximately \$7 million. Total cost of services was favorably impacted by foreign exchange of approximately \$9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the prior year period.

Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) was \$533.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, an increase of \$45.7 million, or 9.4%, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021, primarily due to increased costs of \$29.1 million from the acquisitions of Eyeota and NetWise which closed in the fourth quarter of 2021. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions, cost of services increased \$16.6 million, or 3.4% for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the prior year period, primarily due to higher data and data processing costs of approximately \$39 million, partially offset by lower net personnel costs of approximately \$22 million. Total cost of services was favorably impacted by foreign exchange of approximately \$21 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the prior year period.

Selling and Administrative Expenses

Selling and administrative expenses were \$184.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, an increase of \$12.6 million, or 7.4%, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions of Eyeota and NetWise of \$2.1 million, selling and administrative expenses increased \$10.5 million, or 6.2%, primarily due to higher net personnel costs of approximately \$12 million driven by equity-based compensation and retention costs, partially offset by lower costs of approximately \$2 million primarily attributable to lower office and occupancy costs as a result of our real estate management efforts. Total selling and administrative expenses were favorably impacted by foreign exchange of approximately \$8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the prior year period.

Selling and administrative expenses were \$548.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, an increase of \$33.3 million, or 6.5%, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021, partially due to increased costs of \$10.6 million from the acquisitions of Eyeota and NetWise. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions, selling and administrative expenses increased \$22.7 million, or 4.4% due to higher net personnel costs of approximately \$33 million driven by retention costs and equity-based compensation, as well as additional costs of approximately \$5 million related to back-office technology infrastructure transformation, partially offset by lower costs of approximately \$14 million primarily attributable to lower legal costs related to an accrual for a legal matter in the prior year. Total selling and administrative expenses were favorably impacted by foreign exchange of approximately \$18 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the prior year period.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expenses were \$145.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, a decrease of \$11.6 million, or 7.4%, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021, primarily due to the impact of

foreign exchange and lower amortization related to intangible assets recognized associated with the Take-Private Transaction and the Bisnode acquisition, partially offset by additional expense associated with the acquisitions of Eyeota and NetWise.

Depreciation and amortization expenses were \$441.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, a decrease of \$17.2 million, or 3.7%, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021, primarily due to the same factors discussed in the preceding paragraph.

Restructuring Charges

Restructuring charges were \$6.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, an increase of \$1.8 million, or 39.2%, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021. Higher restructuring charges in the three months ended September 30, 2022 were primarily driven by initiatives in our North America business to improve operational performance and profitability.

Restructuring charges were \$14.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, a decrease of \$6.4 million, or 30.8%, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021, primarily due to higher exit costs in the prior year period related to initiatives in our International businesses to improve operational performance and profitability, partially offset by charges associated with our North America initiatives in the current year period.

Operating Income (Loss)

Consolidated operating income was \$45.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, a decrease of \$4.0 million, or 8.2%, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions, operating income was \$45.0 million, a decrease of \$4.5 million, or 9.1%. The decrease in operating income was driven by higher business costs of approximately \$16 million largely attributable to data and data processing costs as well as personnel costs, partially offset by lower depreciation and amortization expenses.

Consolidated operating income was \$91.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, an improvement of \$6.9 million, or 8.0%, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions, operating income was \$95.0 million, an improvement of \$10.2 million, or 12.1%. The increase in operating income was driven by lower depreciation and amortization expense of \$22.6 million, higher revenue of \$21.8 million excluding the acquisitions and lower restructuring charges of \$6.4 million, partially offset by higher business costs largely attributable to data and data processing costs.

Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin by segment was as follows (In millions):

	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,			
	2022	2021	\$ Increase (decrease)	% Increase (decrease)	2022	2021	\$ Increase (decrease)	% Increase (decrease)
North America:								
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 188.4	\$ 185.5	\$ 2.9	1.5 %	\$ 503.1	\$ 504.0	\$ (0.9)	(0.2) %
Adjusted EBITDA margin	46.7 %	49.6 %	N/A	(290)bps	43.7 %	47.1 %	N/A	(340)bps
International:								
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 51.6	\$ 54.0	\$ (2.4)	(4.4) %	\$ 153.2	\$ 148.1	\$ 5.1	3.4 %
Adjusted EBITDA margin	33.8 %	32.2 %	N/A	160 bps	32.1 %	29.5 %	N/A	260 bps
Corporate and other:								
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (17.0)	\$ (19.1)	\$ 2.1	10.9 %	\$ (43.2)	\$ (47.7)	\$ 4.5	9.6 %
Consolidated total:								
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 223.0	\$ 220.4	\$ 2.6	1.2 %	\$ 613.1	\$ 604.4	\$ 8.7	1.4 %
Adjusted EBITDA margin	40.1 %	40.7 %	N/A	(60)bps	37.6 %	38.5 %	N/A	(90)bps

Consolidated

Consolidated net income margin on a GAAP basis was 1.4% for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to a net income margin of 3.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2021, a decrease of 170 basis points. Consolidated adjusted EBITDA was \$223.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to \$220.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021, an improvement of \$2.6 million, or 1.2%, primarily due to revenue growth from the underlying business and the impact of the acquisitions, partially offset by investments leading to higher data and data processing costs and the impact of foreign exchange resulting from a strengthening U.S. dollar. Consolidated adjusted EBITDA margin was 40.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to 40.7% for the prior year period, a decrease of 60 basis points. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions, consolidated adjusted EBITDA margin was 40.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2022.

Consolidated net loss margin on a GAAP basis was 1.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to a net loss margin of 3.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, an improvement of 230 basis points. Consolidated adjusted EBITDA was \$613.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to \$604.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, an improvement of \$8.7 million, or 1.4%, primarily due to revenue growth from the underlying business and the impact of the acquisitions, partially offset by investments leading to higher data and data processing costs and the impact of foreign exchange resulting from a strengthening U.S. dollar. Consolidated adjusted EBITDA margin was 37.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to 38.5% for the prior year period, a decrease of 90 basis points. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions, consolidated adjusted EBITDA margin was 38.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2022.

North America Segment

North America adjusted EBITDA was \$188.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, an increase of \$2.9 million, or 1.5% compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021. The improvement in adjusted EBITDA was primarily due to higher revenue driven by growth from the underlying business and the impact of the acquisitions, partially offset by investments leading to higher data and data processing costs. Adjusted EBITDA margin was 46.7% for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to 49.6% for the prior year period, a decrease of 290 basis points. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions, adjusted EBITDA margin was 47.9% for the three months ended September 30, 2022.

North America adjusted EBITDA was \$503.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, a decrease of \$0.9 million, or 0.2% compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021. The decline in adjusted EBITDA was primarily due to investments leading to higher data and data processing costs, partially offset by higher revenue driven by growth from the underlying business and the impact of the acquisitions. Adjusted EBITDA margin was 43.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to 47.1% for the prior year period, a decrease of 340 basis points. Excluding the impact of the acquisitions, adjusted EBITDA margin was 45.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2022.

International Segment

International adjusted EBITDA was \$51.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, a decrease of \$2.4 million, or 4.4%, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021. The decline in adjusted EBITDA was primarily due to higher foreign exchange losses resulting from a strengthening U.S. dollar, partially offset by revenue growth from the underlying business. Adjusted EBITDA margin was 33.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to 32.2% for the prior year period, an improvement of 160 basis points.

International adjusted EBITDA was \$153.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, an improvement of \$5.1 million, or 3.4%, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021. The improvement in adjusted EBITDA was primarily due to revenue growth from the underlying business, partially offset by foreign exchange loss resulting from a strengthening U.S. dollar. Adjusted EBITDA margin was 32.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to 29.5% for the prior year period, an improvement of 260 basis points.

Corporate and Other

Corporate adjusted EBITDA was a loss of \$17.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, an improvement of \$2.1 million, or 10.9%, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021. The improvement in adjusted EBITDA was primarily attributable to lower personnel costs.

Corporate adjusted EBITDA was a loss of \$43.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, a decrease of loss of \$4.5 million, or 9.6%, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021. Lower loss was primarily attributable to lower personnel costs.

Interest Income (Expense) — Net

Interest income (expense) – net was as follows (In millions):

	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,			
	2022	2021	\$ Change	% Change	2022	2021	\$ Change	% Change
Interest income	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.2	\$ 0.3	150.0 %	\$ 1.1	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.6	120.0 %
Interest expense	(49.1)	(48.3)	(0.8)	(1.7)%	(138.2)	(145.2)	7.0	4.8 %
Interest income (expense) – net	<u>\$ (48.6)</u>	<u>\$ (48.1)</u>	<u>\$ (0.5)</u>	(1.0)%	<u>\$ (137.1)</u>	<u>\$ (144.7)</u>	<u>\$ 7.6</u>	5.3 %

Interest expense increased \$0.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021, primarily due to higher average debt outstanding.

Interest expense decreased \$7.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021, primarily due to lower interest rates as a result of debt refinancing, partially offset by the write off of debt issuance costs and discount in the nine months ended September 30, 2022 in connection with the early redemption of the 6.875% Senior Secured Notes. See Note 5 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

Other Income (Expense) — Net

Other income (expense) - net was as follows (In millions):

	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,			
	2022	2021	\$ Change	% Change	2022	2021	\$ Change	% Change
Non-operating pension income (expense)	\$ 10.9	\$ 13.3	\$ (2.4)	(18)%	\$ 33.3	\$ 40.4	\$ (7.1)	(18)%
Early debt redemption premium	—	—	—	NA	(16.3)	—	\$ (16.3)	NA
Miscellaneous other income (expense) – net	(2.1)	—	(2.1)	NA	(6.3)	(7.9)	1.6	20 %
Other income (expense) – net	<u>\$ 8.8</u>	<u>\$ 13.3</u>	<u>\$ (4.5)</u>	(34)%	<u>\$ 10.7</u>	<u>\$ 32.5</u>	<u>\$ (21.8)</u>	(67)%

Non-operating pension income decreased \$2.4 million and \$7.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021, respectively, primarily due to higher interest costs in the current year periods.

Early debt redemption premium of \$16.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 was related to the early redemption of the 6.875% Senior Secured Notes in January 2022. See Note 5 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

The change in miscellaneous other income (expense) - net of \$2.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2021, was primarily driven by higher bank and facility related fees and lower dividend income, partially offset by higher foreign exchange gains.

The change in miscellaneous other income (expense) - net of \$1.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021, was primarily driven by higher foreign exchange gains.

Provision for Income Taxes

The effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2022 was (70.9)%, reflecting a tax benefit of \$4.2 million on pre-tax income of \$5.7 million, compared to (18.9)% for the three months ended September 30, 2021, reflecting a tax benefit

of \$2.8 million on a pre-tax income of \$14.7 million. The change in the effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2022 compared to the prior year period was primarily due to a decrease in our net deferred tax liabilities as a result of an enacted state tax rate change.

The effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 was 39.0%, reflecting a tax benefit of \$13.6 million on pre-tax loss of \$34.8 million, compared to (110.9)% for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, reflecting a tax expense of \$30.4 million on a pre-tax loss of \$27.5 million. The change in the effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 compared to the prior year period was primarily due to an increase in our net deferred tax liabilities as a result of a state tax apportionment change relating to the purchase of a building in Florida for the relocation of our corporate headquarters and an enacted tax rate change in the U.K., both occurring in the prior year period.

Net Income (Loss)

Net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. was a net income of \$8.0 million, or a diluted earnings per share of \$0.02, for the three months ended September 30, 2022, compared to a net income of \$16.6 million, or a diluted earnings per share of \$0.04, for the three months ended September 30, 2021. The \$8.6 million reduction in net income for the three months ended September 30, 2022 compared to the prior year period was primarily due to a decrease in operating income (loss) of \$4.0 million as discussed above, lower pension income of \$2.4 million in the current year period and an increase of \$2.1 million in miscellaneous other expense as discussed in "Other income (expense) - net" above.

Net income (loss) attributable to Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. was a net loss of \$25.1 million, or a loss per share of \$0.06, for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to a net loss of \$60.1 million, or a loss per share of \$0.14, for the nine months ended September 30, 2021. The \$35.0 million reduction in net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 compared to the prior year period was primarily due to the lower tax provision of \$44.0 million, reduced interest expense of \$7.0 million in the current year period, and improvement in operating income (loss) of \$6.9 million, partially offset by the debt early redemption premium of \$16.3 million related to the early redemption of the 6.875% Senior Secured Notes in January 2022 (see Note 5 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion) and lower pension income of \$7.1 million in the current year period.

Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share

Adjusted net income was \$123.4 million and adjusted diluted earnings per share was \$0.29 for the three months ended September 30, 2022, flat compared to the prior year period. This was driven by higher EBITDA, offset by higher non-operating expenses primarily attributable to lower pension income.

Adjusted net income was \$333.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 compared to \$329.2 million for the prior year period, an increase of \$4.0 million, or 1.2%. Adjusted diluted earnings per share was \$0.78 for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 compared to \$0.77 for the prior year period, an increase of \$0.01 per share, or 1.1%. The increase of adjusted net income and adjusted diluted earnings per share was primarily driven by revenue growth from the underlying business and lower interest expense, partially offset by investments leading to higher data and data processing costs and higher depreciation and amortization expense.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Overview

Our primary sources of liquidity consist of cash flows provided by operating activities, cash and cash equivalents on hand and our short-term borrowings under our senior secured credit facility. Our principal uses of liquidity are working capital, capital investments (including computer software), debt service, business acquisitions and other general corporate purposes.

We believe that cash provided by operating activities, supplemented as needed with available financing arrangements, is sufficient to meet our short-term needs for at least the next twelve months, including interest payments, contractual obligations, capital expenditures, tax liabilities and restructuring charges. We continue to generate substantial cash from ongoing operating activities and manage our capital structure to meet short- and long-term objectives including investing in existing businesses and strategic acquisitions. In addition, we have the ability to use the short-term borrowings from the Revolving Facility to supplement the seasonality in the timing of receipts in order to fund our working capital needs.

Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors that are difficult to predict, including the size, timing and structure of any future acquisitions, future capital investments and future results of operations. Our access to the capital markets can be impacted by factors outside of our control, including rising inflation and interest rates and the impact of COVID-19, each of which is exacerbated by the ongoing Russia/Ukraine conflict. Currently, while we do not expect the impact of rising inflation and interest rates, COVID-19 and the Russia/Ukraine conflict to affect our ability to fund our operating needs for the foreseeable future, the ultimate impact will be difficult to predict, and depends on, among many factors, the duration of inflation, the pandemic and the current Russia/Ukraine conflict, government mandates or guidance regarding COVID-19 restrictions, the expansion of sanctions and their effects on global market conditions and on our clients and vendors, which continue to be uncertain at this time and cannot be predicted. In addition, we actively manage the impact of rising interest rates by reducing debt and entering into interest rate swaps and cross-currency swaps.

Cash Flow Overview

As of September 30, 2022, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$203.9 million, of which \$199.0 million was held by our foreign operations. We utilize a variety of planning strategies in an effort to ensure that our worldwide cash is available when and where it is needed. Subsequent to the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("2017 Act"), a significant portion of the cash and cash equivalents held by our foreign subsidiaries are no longer subject to U.S. income tax upon repatriation to the United States. However, a portion of our cash held by our foreign operations is still subject to foreign income tax or withholding tax upon repatriation. As a result, we intend to reinvest indefinitely all earnings post 2017 from our China and India subsidiaries. Cash held in our China and India operations totaled \$74.2 million as of September 30, 2022.

In September 2022, the Company entered into a three-year revolving securitization facility agreement to transfer trade receivables of one of our U.S. subsidiaries through our bankruptcy-remote subsidiary to a third party financial institution on a recurring basis in exchange for cash equal to the gross receivables transferred. The facility has a monthly drawing limits ranging from \$160 million to \$215 million. During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company received a net cash benefit of \$135.4 million related to the facility. See Note 6 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

Information about our cash flows, by category, is presented in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. The following table summarizes our cash flows for the periods presented (In millions):

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2022	2021
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 439.8	\$ 401.2
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(165.9)	(790.7)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(218.2)	274.1
Total cash provided during the period before the effect of exchange rate changes	\$ 55.7	\$ (115.4)

Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities

Higher operating cash flows in the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021, was primarily driven by a net cash benefit of \$135.4 million in the third quarter of 2022 from the trade receivable securitization facility, lower interest payment of approximately \$27 million in the current year period as a result of debt refinancing, partially offset by higher net tax payment of approximately \$114 million in the current year period due to non-recurring cash benefit of \$66.2 million received in the prior year period related to the application of the CARES Act and higher tax payments in the current year period due to payment deadline relief granted by the U.S. government attributable to the IDA Hurricane Relief.

The CARES Act, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020 by the U.S. government, was designed to provide relief to businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, including allowing the amendment of prior tax returns to obtain tax refunds through the modification of rules related to the net operating losses and interest expense deductions. We utilized the relief opportunities provided by the Act. The application of the CARES Act resulted in a net cash benefit of \$98.4 million. On January 22, 2021, we received \$66.2 million of the \$98.4 million due to us.

We expect operating cash requirements in 2022 to be primarily related to payments for interest, contractual obligations, tax liability and other working capital needs. A portion of our outstanding debt is subject to the variability of interest rates. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the weighted average interest rate would result in an incremental increase or decrease in annual interest expense of approximately \$32 million, respectively. In addition, we typically have various contractual obligations in our normal course of business, including those recorded as liabilities in our consolidated

balance sheet, and certain purchase commitments that are not recognized, but are disclosed in the notes to our consolidated financial statements. A significant portion of these contractual obligations are related to payments for enterprise-wide information-technology services. We expect to continue to generate substantial cash from ongoing operating activities.

Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities

Lower net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2021, was primarily due to higher net payment of \$616.5 million for the acquisitions in the prior year period primarily for the Bisnode acquisition and payment of \$76.6 million in the prior year period for the purchase of an office building in Jacksonville, Florida for our new global headquarters office, partially offset by higher net cash settlements payment of \$34.3 million in the current year period from foreign currency and net investment hedging activities and higher payment of \$30.7 million for software development.

During the first quarter of 2021, we acquired Bisnode for a total purchase price of \$805.8 million, inclusive of cash acquired of \$29.9 million. The transaction closed with a combination of cash of \$646.9 million and 6,237,087 newly issued shares of common stock of the Company in a private placement valued at \$158.9 million based on the stock closing price on January 8, 2021. The transaction was partially funded by the proceeds from the \$300 million borrowing from the Incremental Term Loan.

We expect capital expenditures in 2022 to be approximately \$180 million.

Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities

The increase in net cash used in financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2022, compared to net cash provided by financing activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2021, was primarily related to payments of \$436.3 million in the current year period for debt redemption activities (inclusive of early payment premium) related to the repayment of the 6.875% Senior Secured Notes, higher net repayments of \$113.8 million for credit facility borrowing, higher repayment of \$77.3 million for the term loan facility and dividends payment of \$21.5 million in the current year period, partially offset by higher proceeds of approximately \$160 million in the current year period from the issuance of incremental term loan.

Capital Resources and Debt

In addition to cash generated from our operating activities, we also borrow from time to time from our credit facility and issue long-term debt.

Below is a summary of our borrowings as of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 (In millions):

		September 30, 2022			December 31, 2021		
	Maturity	Principal amount	Debt issuance costs and discount	Carrying value	Principal amount	Debt issuance costs and discount	Carrying value
Debt maturing within one year:							
2026 Term loan	February 8, 2026	\$ 28.1	\$ —	\$ 28.1	\$ 28.1	\$ —	\$ 28.1
2029 Term loan	January 18, 2029	4.6	—	4.6	—	—	—
Total short-term debt		<u>\$ 32.7</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 32.7</u>	<u>\$ 28.1</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 28.1</u>
Debt maturing after one year:							
2026 Term loan	February 8, 2026	\$ 2,658.7	\$ 53.0	\$ 2,605.7	\$ 2,754.8	\$ 64.5	\$ 2,690.3
2029 Term loan	January 18, 2029	453.1	6.7	446.4	—	—	—
Revolving facility	September 11, 2025	46.2	—	46.2	160.0	—	160.0
5.000% Senior unsecured notes	December 15, 2029	460.0	6.2	453.8	460.0	6.8	453.2
6.875% Senior secured notes	Fully paid off in January 2022	—	—	—	420.0	6.8	413.2
Total long-term debt		<u>\$ 3,618.0</u>	<u>\$ 65.9</u>	<u>\$ 3,552.1</u>	<u>\$ 3,794.8</u>	<u>\$ 78.1</u>	<u>\$ 3,716.7</u>
Total debt		<u>\$ 3,650.7</u>	<u>\$ 65.9</u>	<u>\$ 3,584.8</u>	<u>\$ 3,822.9</u>	<u>\$ 78.1</u>	<u>\$ 3,744.8</u>

See Note 5 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for detailed discussion related to our debt as of September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

Contractual Obligations

See Notes 7, 10 and 20 to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 included in the 2021 Annual Report on Form 10-K for expected payments for our operating leases, pension obligations and vendor commitments, respectively.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any transactions, obligations or relationships that could be considered off-balance sheet arrangements, other than our foreign exchange forward contracts, interest rate swaps and cross currency swaps discussed in Note 13 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Our market risks primarily consist of the impact of changes in currency exchange rates on assets and liabilities, the impact of changes in the market value of certain of our investments and the impact of changes in interest rates on our borrowing costs and fair value calculations. During 2022, we entered into cross currency swaps arrangements which were designated as net investment hedging. See detailed discussion in Note 13 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. If the exchange rate of Euro against U.S dollar were to increase 10% from the level at September 30, 2022, there would be an additional unfavorable impact of approximately \$37 million to the fair value of the cross currency swaps recognized in OCI, which would be offset by favorable currency translation gains on the Company's Euro net investment in foreign subsidiaries.

During 2022, we refinanced our debt which is discussed in Note 5 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. As a result of changes in our debt and interest rates, a 100 basis point increase or decrease in the weighted average interest rate on our outstanding debt subject to rate variability would result in an incremental increase or decrease in annual interest expense of approximately \$32 million, respectively.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of September 30, 2022, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), management has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure

controls and procedures, as such is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There are inherent limitations to the effectiveness of any system of disclosure controls and procedures, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of the controls and procedures. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives.

Based upon their evaluation, our CEO and CFO have concluded that as of September 30, 2022, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit with the SEC are recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by Rules 13a-15(d) and 15d-15(d) of the Exchange Act that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2022 covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q 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

Information in response to this Item is included in “Part I — Item 1. — Note 8 — Contingencies” and is incorporated by reference into Part II of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Other than the risk factor set forth below, there have been no other material changes in our risk factors since our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 24, 2022.

We are a global company and exposed to geo-political conflicts and events, including the ongoing Russia/Ukraine conflict, which has resulted in increased economic uncertainty and could have significant negative effect on macro-economy and financial markets.

In February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine. As a result, the U.S. and certain other countries have imposed sanctions on Russia that could continue to disrupt international commerce and the global economy. This has further exacerbated global economic uncertainty caused by COVID-19. We do not have operations or a material customer base in either country. Our exposure is primarily limited to our relationship with the Worldwide Network alliances in the region, which is immaterial. However, an escalation of the conflict or expansion of sanctions could further disrupt global supply chains, broaden inflationary costs, and have a material adverse effect on our customers, vendors and financial markets.

Our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders is restricted by applicable laws and regulations and requirements under the agreements governing our indebtedness.

Holders of our common stock are only entitled to receive such cash dividends as our board of directors, in its sole discretion, may declare out of funds legally available for such payments. On July 28, 2022, our board of directors formally declared the first quarterly cash dividend on our common stock since our initial public offering in the amount of \$0.05 per share of common stock. Our current dividend policy anticipates the payment of quarterly dividends in the future. Our board of directors may change or eliminate the payment of future dividends to our common stockholders at its discretion, without notice to our stockholders.

We are a holding company that does not conduct any business operations of our own. As a result, our ability to pay dividends on our common stock is dependent upon dividends and other distributions and transfers from our subsidiaries. The ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends and make other distributions and transfers to us is restricted by the terms of the

agreements governing our indebtedness and may be further restricted by any future indebtedness we incur. In addition, under Delaware law, our board of directors may declare dividends only to the extent of our surplus or, if there is no surplus, out of our net profits for the then current and/or immediately preceding fiscal year. As a consequence of these various limitations and restrictions, we may not be able to make, or may have to reduce or eliminate, the payment of future dividends on our common stock.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None

Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities

None

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable

Item 5. Other Information

None

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
10.1	Employment Agreement between the Company and Virginia Gomez effective as of September 23, 2022 (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. on September 27, 2022).(SEC File No. 001-39361).*
10.2	Notice and Global Stock Option Agreement for 2022 Stock Option Awards (Retention)
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Periodic Financial Reports pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer of Periodic Financial Reports pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
101	The following materials from Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2022, formatted in Inline Extensible Business Reporting Language (iXBRL): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) (Unaudited), (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited), (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited), (iv) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholder Equity (Unaudited), and (v) the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the iXBRL document and contained in Exhibit 101).

* Incorporated by reference.

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.

DUN & BRADSTREET HOLDINGS, INC.

By:	/s/ BRYAN T. HIPSHER
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	Bryan T. Hipsher
	<i>Chief Financial Officer</i>
	<i>(Principal Financial Officer)</i>
Date: November 3, 2022	
By:	/s/ ANTHONY PIETRONTONE
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	Anthony Pietrontone
	<i>Chief Accounting Officer</i>
	<i>(Principal Accounting Officer)</i>
Date: November 3, 2022	

**DUN & BRADSTREET
2020 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN**

Notice of Stock Option Grant

You (the "Optionee") have been granted the following option to purchase Shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Share"), by Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. (the "Company"), pursuant to the Dun & Bradstreet 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan"):

Name of Optionee:	#ParticipantName#
Total Number of Shares Subject to Option:	#QuantityGranted#
Type of Option:	Nonqualified
Exercise Price Per Share:	#GrantPrice#
Effective Date of Grant:	#GrantDate#
Vesting Schedule:	Subject to the terms of the Plan and the Global Stock Option Agreement (including the Appendix attached thereto), the right to exercise this Option shall vest with respect to one-third (1/3) of the total number of Shares subject to this Option on each of the first three anniversaries of the Effective Date of Grant.
Expiration Date:	10th Anniversary of Effective Date of Grant The Option is subject to earlier expiration, as provided in Section 3(b) of the attached Global Stock Option Agreement.

By your electronic acceptance/signature below, you agree and acknowledge that this Option is granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Plan and the attached Global Stock Option Agreement (including the Appendix attached thereto), which are incorporated herein by reference, and that you have been provided with a copy of the Plan and Global Stock Option Agreement and the Appendix to the Global Stock Option Agreement.

DUN & BRADSTREET 2020 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

Global Stock Option Agreement

SECTION 1. GRANT OF OPTION.

(a) Option. On the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice of Stock Option Grant (the “Notice”), which is incorporated by reference, and this Global Stock Option Agreement, including any country-specific terms and conditions set forth in any appendix hereto (the “Appendix,” and, collectively, the “Agreement”), the Company grants to the Optionee on the Effective Date of Grant the Option to purchase at the Exercise Price the number of Shares set forth in the Notice.

(b) Plan and Defined Terms. The Option is granted pursuant to the Dun & Bradstreet 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “Plan”). All terms, provisions, and conditions applicable to the Option set forth in the Plan and not set forth herein are hereby incorporated by reference herein. To the extent any provision hereof is inconsistent with a provision of the Plan, the provisions of the Plan will govern. All capitalized terms that are used in the Notice or this Agreement and not otherwise defined therein or herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

SECTION 2. RIGHT TO EXERCISE.

(a) The Option hereby granted shall be exercised by written notice to the Company, specifying the number of Shares the Optionee desires to purchase together with provision for payment of the Exercise Price. Subject to such limitations as the Committee may impose (including prohibition of one more of the following payment methods), payment of the Exercise Price may be made by (a) check payable to the order of the Company, for an amount in United States dollars equal to the aggregate Exercise Price of such Shares, (b) by tendering Shares having an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to such Exercise Price, (c) by broker-assisted exercise, (d) by “net exercise” pursuant to which the Company will reduce the number of Shares issued upon exercise by the largest whole number of Shares having an aggregate Fair Market Value that does not exceed the aggregate Exercise Price or, if applicable, the sum of the aggregate Exercise Price plus all or a portion of the minimum amount required to be withheld under applicable tax law (with the Company accepting from the Optionee payment of cash or cash equivalents to satisfy any remaining balance of the aggregate Exercise Price and, if applicable, any additional withholding obligation not satisfied through such reduction in Shares); provided that to the extent Shares subject to the Option are withheld in this manner, the number of Shares subject to the Option following the net exercise will be reduced by the sum of the number of Shares withheld and the number of Shares delivered to the Optionee as a result of the exercise, or (e) by a combination of such methods. The Company may require the Optionee to furnish or execute such other documents as the Company shall reasonably deem necessary (i) to evidence such exercise and (ii) to comply with or satisfy the requirements of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Exchange Act, applicable state or non-U.S. securities laws or any other law.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Notice or this Agreement, the Option shall only be exercisable if the trading price of the Shares on the New York Stock Exchange

("NYSE") has achieved a 20% increase from the Share price on the Effective Date of Grant. This 20% increase must occur on any 20 trading days within any 30-day trading window during the term of the Option, as determined by the Company in its sole discretion.

SECTION 3. TERM AND EXPIRATION.

(a) **Basic Term.** Subject to earlier termination pursuant to the terms hereof, the Option shall expire on the expiration date set forth in the Notice.

(b) **Termination of Employment or Service.** If the Optionee's employment or service as a Director or Consultant, as the case may be, is terminated, except as otherwise provided in the Optionee's employment, director services or similar agreement in effect at the time of the termination, the Option shall expire on the earliest of the following occasions:

- (i) The expiration date set forth in the Notice;
- (ii) The date three months following the termination of the Optionee's employment or service for any reason other than Cause, death, or Disability;
- (iii) The date one year following the termination of the Optionee's employment or service due to death or Disability; or
- (iv) The date of termination of the Optionee's employment or service for Cause.

The Optionee may exercise all or part of this Option at any time before its expiration under the preceding sentence, but, subject to the following sentence, only to the extent that the Option had become vested before the Optionee's employment or service terminated. When the Optionee's employment or service terminates, this Option shall expire immediately with respect to the number of Shares for which the Option is not yet vested. If the Optionee dies after termination of employment or service, but before the expiration of the Option, all or part of this Option may be exercised (prior to expiration) by the personal representative of the Optionee or by any person who has acquired this Option directly from the Optionee by will, bequest or inheritance, but only to the extent that the Option was vested and exercisable upon termination of the Optionee's employment or service.

(c) **Definition of "Cause."** The term "Cause" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Optionee's employment, director services or similar agreement with the Company or any Subsidiary. If the Optionee's employment, director services or similar agreement does not define the term "Cause," or if the Optionee has not entered into an employment, director services or similar agreement with the Company or any Subsidiary, the term "Cause" shall mean have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Plan.

(d) **Definition of "Disability."** The term "Disability" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Optionee's employment, director services or similar agreement with the Company or any Subsidiary. If the Optionee's employment, director services or similar agreement does not define the term "Disability," or if the Optionee has not entered into an employment, director services or similar agreement with the Company or any Subsidiary, the term "Disability"

shall mean the Optionee's entitlement to long-term disability benefits pursuant to the long-term disability plan maintained by the Company or in which the Company's employees participate.

SECTION 4. TRANSFERABILITY OF OPTION.

(a) **Generally.** Except as provided in Section 4(b) herein, the Option shall not be transferable by the Optionee other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and the Option shall be exercisable during the Optionee's lifetime only by the Optionee or on his or her behalf by the Optionee's guardian or legal representative.

(b) **Transfers to Family Members.** Notwithstanding Section 4(a) herein, if the Option is a Nonqualified Stock Option, the Optionee may transfer the Option for no consideration to or for the benefit of a Family Member, subject to such limits as the Committee may establish, and the transferee shall remain subject to all the terms and conditions applicable to the Option.

(c) **Definition of "Family Member."** For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Family Member" shall mean any child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, former spouse, sibling, niece, nephew, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of the Optionee (including adoptive relationships), any person sharing the same household as the Optionee (other than a tenant or employee), a trust in which the above persons have more than fifty percent of the beneficial interests, a foundation in which the Optionee or the above persons control the management of assets, and any other entity in which the Optionee or the above persons own more than fifty percent of the voting interests.

SECTION 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

(a) **Acknowledgements.** The Optionee hereby acknowledges that he or she has read and understands the terms of the Plan and this Agreement, and agrees to be bound by their respective terms and conditions. The Optionee acknowledges that there may be tax consequences upon the exercise or transfer of the Option and that the Optionee should consult an independent tax advisor prior to any exercise or transfer of the Option.

(b) **Responsibility for Taxes.** The Optionee acknowledges that, regardless of any action taken by the Company or, if different, the Optionee's employer (the "Employer"), the ultimate liability for all income tax, social insurance, payroll tax, fringe benefits tax, payment on account or other tax-related items related to the Optionee's participation in the Plan and legally applicable to the Optionee ("Tax-Related Items"), is and remains the Optionee's responsibility and may exceed the amount actually withheld by the Company or the Employer. The Optionee further acknowledges that the Company and the Employer (i) make no representations or undertakings regarding the treatment of any Tax-Related Items related to the Option, including, but not limited to, the grant, vesting or exercise of the Option, the subsequent sale of Shares acquired pursuant to such exercise; and (ii) do not commit to and are under no obligation to structure the Option to reduce or eliminate the Optionee's liability for Tax-Related Items or achieve any particular tax result. Further, if the Optionee is subject to Tax-Related Items in more than one jurisdiction, the Optionee acknowledges that the Company and the Employer (or former employer, as applicable) may be required to withhold or account for Tax-Related Items in more than one jurisdiction.

Prior to the relevant taxable or tax withholding event, as applicable, the Optionee agrees to make adequate arrangements satisfactory to the Company and/or the Employer to satisfy all Tax-Related Items.

In this regard, the Optionee authorizes the Company and the Employer, or their respective agents, at their discretion, to satisfy any applicable withholding obligations or rights with regard to all Tax-Related Items by one or a combination of the following:

1. requiring the Optionee to make a payment in a form acceptable to the Company; or
2. withholding from the Optionee's wages or other cash compensation payable to the Optionee; or
3. withholding from proceeds of the sale of Shares acquired at exercise of the Option either through a voluntary sale or through a mandatory sale arranged by the Company (on the Optionee's behalf pursuant to this authorization without further consent); or
4. withholding in Shares to be issued upon settlement of the Option, provided, however, that if the Optionee is a Section 16 officer of the Company under the Exchange Act, then the Committee (as constituted in accordance with Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act) shall establish the method of withholding from alternatives (1)-(3) herein and, if the Committee does not exercise its discretion prior to the Tax-Related Items withholding event, then the Optionee shall be entitled to elect the method of withholding from the alternatives above.

The Company may withhold or account for Tax-Related Items by considering statutory or other withholding rates, including minimum or maximum rates applicable in the Optionee's jurisdiction(s). In the event of over-withholding, the Optionee may receive a refund of any over-withheld amount in cash (with no entitlement to the equivalent in Shares), or if not refunded, the Optionee may seek a refund from the local tax authorities. In the event of under-withholding, the Optionee may be required to pay any additional Tax-Related Items directly to the applicable tax authority or to the Company and/or the Employer. If the obligation for Tax-Related Items is satisfied by withholding in Shares, for tax purposes, the Optionee will be deemed to have been issued the full number of Shares subject to the Option, notwithstanding that a number of the Shares is held back solely for the purpose of paying the Tax-Related Items.

The Company may refuse to issue or deliver the shares or the proceeds of the sale of Shares, if the Optionee fails to comply with his or her obligations in connection with the Tax-Related Items.

(c) Holding Period. If and when (i) the Optionee is an Officer (as defined in Rule 16a-1(f) of the Exchange Act), and (ii) the Optionee does not hold Shares with a value sufficient to satisfy the applicable stock ownership guidelines of the Company in place at that time, then the Optionee must retain at least 50% of the Shares acquired by the Optionee as a result of any exercise of this Option (excluding from the calculation any Shares withheld, sold, cancelled, or otherwise forfeited by the Optionee for purposes of satisfying the exercise price and tax obligations in connection with the exercise of the Option) until such time as the value of the Shares remaining in the Optionee's possession following any sale, assignment, pledge, exchange, gift or other transfer of the Shares acquired by the Optionee as a result of the exercise of this Option shall be sufficient

to meet any applicable stock ownership guidelines of the Company in place at that time. For the avoidance of doubt, at any time when the Optionee holds, in the aggregate, Shares with a value sufficient to satisfy the applicable stock ownership guidelines of the Company in place at that time, the Optionee may enter into a transaction with respect to any Shares acquired by the Optionee as a result of the exercise of the Option without regard to the holding period requirement contained in this Section 5(e) so long as the Optionee shall continue to satisfy such stock ownership guidelines following such transaction.

(d) Rights as a Stockholder. Neither the Optionee nor the Optionee's transferee or representative shall have any of the rights or privileges of a stockholder of the Company in respect of any Shares deliverable hereunder, unless and until the Option has been exercised and Share certificates have been issued to the Optionee, transferee or representative, as the case may be. After such recordation and delivery, the Optionee will have all the rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to voting such Shares and receipt of dividends and distributions on such Shares.

(e) Ratification of Actions. By accepting this Agreement, the Optionee and each person claiming under or through the Optionee shall be conclusively deemed to have indicated the Optionee's acceptance and ratification of, and consent to, any action taken under the Plan or this Agreement and Notice by the Company, the Board, or the Committee.

(f) Notice. Any notice required by the terms of this Agreement shall be given in writing and shall be deemed effective upon personal delivery or if sent by an internationally recognized overnight courier, by facsimile, by email, or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested and postage and fees prepaid. Notices shall be addressed to the Company at its principal executive office and to the Optionee at the address that he or she most recently provided in writing to the Company.

(g) Choice of Law and Venue. This Agreement and the Notice shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Delaware, without regard to any conflicts of law or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise cause the Plan, this Agreement or the Notice to be governed by or construed in accordance with the substantive law of another jurisdiction. Any action regarding this Agreement or its enforcement shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Florida and shall be brought in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, or in the Circuit Court of the State of Florida, Duval County.

(h) Modification or Amendment. This Agreement may only be modified or amended by written agreement executed by the parties hereto; provided, however, that the adjustments permitted pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Plan may be made without such written agreement.

(i) Severability. In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been included.

(j) References to Plan. All references to the Plan (or to a Section or Article of the Plan) shall be deemed references to the Plan (or the Section or Article) as may be amended from time to time.

(k) No Advice Regarding Grant. The Company is not providing any tax, legal or financial advice, nor is the Company making any recommendations regarding participation in the Plan, or the Optionee's acquisition or sale of the underlying Shares. The Optionee acknowledges that he or she should consult with his or her own personal tax, legal and financial advisors regarding participation in the Plan and grant of the Option.

(l) Electronic Delivery and Participation. The Company may, in its sole discretion, decide to deliver any documents related to the Option or the Plan by electronic means or request the Optionee's consent to participate in the Plan by electronic means. The Optionee hereby consents to receive such documents by electronic delivery and agrees to participate in the Plan through any on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Company or a third party designated by the Company.

(m) Appendices. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement, the Option shall be subject to any additional terms and conditions set forth in any Appendix to this Agreement. Moreover, if the Optionee relocates to one of the countries included in the Appendix B to this Agreement, the additional terms and conditions for such country will apply to the Optionee, to the extent the Company determines that the application of such terms and conditions is necessary or advisable for legal or administrative reasons. Appendix A and Appendix B constitute part of this Agreement.

(n) Imposition of Other Requirements. The Company reserves the right to impose other requirements on the Optionee's participation in the Plan, on the Option and on any Shares acquired under the Plan, to the extent the Company determines it is necessary or advisable for legal or administrative reasons, and to require the Optionee to sign any additional agreements or undertakings that may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

(o) Waiver. The Optionee acknowledges that a waiver by the Company of breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision of this Agreement, or of any subsequent breach by the Optionee or any other Optionee.

(p) Insider Trading Restrictions/Market Abuse Laws. By accepting the Option, the Optionee acknowledges that he or she is bound by all the terms and conditions of the Company's insider trading policy as may be in effect from time to time. The Optionee further acknowledges that, depending on the Optionee's or his or her broker's country or the country in which the Shares are listed, he or she may be subject to insider trading restrictions and/or market abuse laws which may affect the Optionee's ability to accept, acquire, sell or otherwise dispose of Shares, rights to Shares (e.g., the Option) or rights linked to the value of Shares during such times as the Optionee is considered to have "inside information" regarding the Company (as defined by the laws in the applicable jurisdictions). Local insider trading laws and regulations may prohibit the cancellation or amendment of orders the Optionee placed before the Optionee possessed inside information. Furthermore, the Optionee could be prohibited from (i) disclosing the inside information to any third party, which may include fellow employees and (ii) "tipping" third parties or causing them

otherwise to buy or sell securities. Any restrictions under these laws or regulations are separate from and in addition to any restrictions that may be imposed under the Company's insider trading policy as may be in effect from time to time. The Optionee acknowledges that it is his or her responsibility to comply with any applicable restrictions, and the Optionee should speak to his or her personal advisor on this matter.

(q) Limitations Applicable to Section 16 Persons. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or this Agreement, if the Optionee is subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, then the Plan, the Option and this Agreement shall be subject to any additional limitations set forth in any applicable exemptive rule under Section 16 of the Exchange Act (including any amendment to Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act) that are requirements for the application of such exemptive rule. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, this Agreement shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such applicable exemptive rule.

(r) No Guarantee of Continued Service. THE OPTIONEE ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE VESTING OF THE OPTION PURSUANT TO THE NOTICE AND THIS AGREEMENT ARE EARNED ONLY BY CONTINUING AS A DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE OR CONSULTANT (EACH A "SERVICE PROVIDER") AT THE WILL OF THE COMPANY (OR THE SUBSIDIARY EMPLOYING OR RETAINING THE OPTIONEE) AND NOT THROUGH THE ACT OF BEING HIRED, BEING GRANTED THIS OPTION OR ACQUIRING SHARES HEREUNDER. THE OPTIONEE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THIS AGREEMENT, THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREUNDER AND THE VESTING OF THE OPTION SET FORTH HEREIN DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN EXPRESS OR IMPLIED PROMISE OF CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT AS A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR ANY PERIOD OF RESTRICTION, FOR ANY OTHER PERIOD, OR AT ALL, AND WILL NOT INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH THE OPTIONEE'S RIGHT OR THE RIGHT OF THE COMPANY (OR THE SUBSIDIARY EMPLOYING OR RETAINING THE OPTIONEE) TO TERMINATE THE OPTIONEE'S RELATIONSHIP AS A SERVICE PROVIDER AT ANY TIME, WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE.

(s) Successors and Assigns. The Company may assign any of its rights under this Agreement to single or multiple assignees, and this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Optionee and his or her heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, as applicable.

APPENDIX A
TO
GLOBAL STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

ADDITIONAL TERMS FOR OPTIONEES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Capitalized terms not explicitly defined in this Appendix A but defined in the Agreement or Plan shall have the same definitions as in the Agreement or Plan.

(a) Nature of Grant. By accepting the grant of the Option, the Optionee acknowledges, understands and agrees that:

(i) the Plan is established voluntarily by the Company, it is discretionary in nature and may be amended, suspended or terminated by the Company at any time, to the extent permitted by the Plan;

(ii) the grant of the Option is exceptional, voluntary and occasional and does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of options, or benefits in lieu of options, even if options have been granted in the past;

(iii) all decisions with respect to future option or other grants, if any, will be at the sole discretion of the Company;

(iv) the Optionee is voluntarily participating in the Plan;

(v) the Option and any Shares subject to the Option, and the income from and value of same, are not intended to replace any pension rights or compensation;

(vi) unless otherwise agreed with the Company, the Option and the Shares subject to the Option, and the income from and value of same, are not granted as consideration for, or in connection with, the service the Optionee may provide as a director of a Subsidiary;

(vii) the Option and any Shares subject to the Option, and the income from and value of same, are not part of normal or expected compensation for any purpose, including, without limitation to, calculating any severance, resignation, termination, redundancy, dismissal, end-of-service payments, bonuses, long-service awards, holiday pay, leave-related pay, pension or retirement or welfare benefits or similar mandatory payments;

(viii) the future value of the Shares underlying the Option is unknown, indeterminable, and cannot be predicted with certainty;

(ix) if the Shares subject to the Option do not increase in value, the Option will have no value;

(x) if the Optionee exercises the Option and acquires Shares, the value of such Shares may increase or decrease, even below the Exercise Price;

(xi) no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages shall arise from forfeiture of the Option resulting from the termination of the Optionee's status as an employee or service provider (for any reason whatsoever, whether or not later found to be invalid or in breach of labor laws in the jurisdiction where the Optionee is providing service or the terms of the Optionee's employment or other service agreement, if any);

(xii) for purposes of this Option, the Optionee's employment or service will be considered terminated as of the date the Optionee is no longer actively providing services to the Company or one of its Subsidiaries (regardless of the reason for such termination and whether or not later found to be invalid or in breach of employment or other laws in the jurisdiction where the Optionee is employed or otherwise rendering services or the terms of the Optionee's employment or other service agreement, if any). Unless otherwise determined by the Company, the Optionee's right to vest in this Option under the Plan, if any, will terminate as of such date. The termination of the Optionee's employment or service will not be extended by any notice period (e.g., the Optionee's period of service would not include any contractual notice period or any period of "garden leave" or similar period mandated under employment or other laws in the jurisdiction where the Optionee is employed or providing services or the terms of the Optionee's employment or service agreement, if any). The Committee has the exclusive discretion to determine when the Optionee is no longer actively providing services for purposes of this Option (including whether the Optionee may still be considered to be providing services while on a leave of absence). Any portion of this Option that are not vested on the termination of the Optionee's employment or service shall expire immediately;

(xiii) unless otherwise provided in the Plan or by the Company in its discretion, the Option and the benefits evidenced by the Agreement do not create any entitlement to have the Option or any such benefits transferred to, or assumed by, another company nor to be exchanged, cashed out or substituted for, in connection with any corporate transaction affecting the Shares; and

(xiv) neither the Company, the Employer nor any other Subsidiary shall be liable for any foreign exchange rate fluctuation between the Optionee's local currency and the U.S. dollar that may affect the value of the Option or of any amounts due to the Optionee pursuant to the exercise of the Option or the subsequent sale of any Shares acquired upon exercise of the Option.

(b) Data Privacy.

(i) **General.** The Company is located at 5335 Gate Parkway, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, USA, and grants Options under the Plan to employees and directors of the *Company and its Subsidiaries in its sole discretion. In conjunction with the Company's grant* of Options under the Plan and its ongoing administration of such Options, the Company is providing the following information about its data collection, processing and transfer practices. By accepting this grant of the Option, the Optionee expressly and explicitly consents to the personal data activities as described herein.

(ii) **Data Collection, Processing and Usage.** The Company and the Employer will collect, process and use certain personal information about the Optionee, specifically, the

Optionee's *name, home address, email address and telephone number, date of birth, social security or insurance number, passport number or other identification number, salary, nationality, job title, any Shares or directorships held in the Company, details of all Options or any other entitlement to Shares awarded, canceled, exercised, vested, unvested or outstanding in the Optionee's favor ("Data"), for the exclusive purpose of implementing, administering and managing the Plan. The Optionee's Data also may be disclosed to certain securities or other regulatory authorities where the Company's securities are listed or traded or regulatory filings are made. The Company's legal basis for the collection, processing and use of the Optionee's Data is the Optionee's consent.*

(iii) Stock Plan Administration Service Providers. The Company and the Employer transfer the Optionee's *Data to Fidelity Investments or any of its successor or other third party service provider based in the United States of America and engaged by the Company to assist with the implementation, administration and management of Options granted under the Plan (collectively, the "Stock Plan Administrator"). In the future, the Company may select a different Stock Plan Administrator and share the Optionee's Data with another company that serves in a similar manner. The Stock Plan Administrator will open an account for the Optionee to receive and trade Shares acquired under the Plan. The Optionee will be asked to agree to separate terms and data processing practices with the Stock Plan Administrator, which is a condition of the Optionee's ability to participate in the Plan.*

(iv) International Data Transfers. The Company and the Stock Plan Administrator are based in the United States of America. The Optionee should note that the Optionee's *country of residence may have enacted data privacy laws that are different from the United States of America. The Company's legal basis for the transfer of the Optionee's Data to the United States of America is the Optionee's consent.*

(v) Voluntariness and Consequences of Consent, Denial or Withdrawal. The Optionee's *participation in the Plan and the Optionee's grant of consent hereunder is purely voluntary. The Optionee may deny or withdraw his or her consent at any time. If the Optionee does not consent, or if the Optionee later withdraws his or her consent, the Optionee may be unable to participate in the Plan. This would not affect the Optionee's existing employment or salary; instead, the Optionee merely may forfeit the opportunities associated with participation in the Plan.*

(vi) Data Retention. The Optionee understands that the Optionee's *Data will be held only as long as is necessary to implement, administer and manage the Optionee's participation in the Plan. When the Company no longer needs the Optionee's Data, the Company will remove it from its systems. If the Company retains the Optionee's Data longer, it would be to satisfy the Company's legal or regulatory obligations and the Company's legal basis would be for compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.*

(vii) Data Subject Rights. The Optionee understands that the Optionee may *have the right under applicable law to (i) access or copy the Optionee's Data that the Company possesses, (ii) rectify incorrect Data concerning the Optionee, (iii) delete the Optionee's Data, (iv) restrict processing of the Optionee's Data, or (v) lodge complaints with the competent supervisory authorities in the Optionee's country of residence. To receive clarification*

regarding these rights or to exercise these rights, the Optionee understands that the Optionee *can contact his or her local human resources. The Company will process the Optionee's* requests related to these rights as the law allows, which means in some cases there may be legal or other official reasons that Company may not be able to address the specific request related to *the Optionee's rights to protect the Optionee's privacy. The Company will take steps to verify* the Optionee identity *before fulfilling any such request.*

(c) Language. The Optionee acknowledges that he or she is sufficiently proficient in the English language, or has consulted with an advisor who is sufficiently proficient in the English language, so as to enable the Optionee to understand the provisions of this Agreement and the Plan. If the Optionee has received this Agreement or any other document related to the Plan translated into a language other than English and if the meaning of the translated version is different than the English version, the English version will control.

(d) Conformity to Applicable Law. The Optionee acknowledges that the Plan and this Agreement are intended to conform to the extent necessary with all provisions of Applicable Law. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Plan shall be administered, and the Option is granted, only in such a manner as to conform to Applicable Law. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Plan and this Agreement shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such Applicable Law.

(e) Exchange Control, Foreign Asset/Account and/or Tax Reporting. Depending upon the country to which laws the Optionee is subject, he or she may have certain exchange control, foreign asset/account and/or tax reporting requirements that may affect his or her ability to acquire or hold Shares under the Plan or cash received from participating in the Plan (including from any dividends or sale proceeds arising from the sale of Shares) in a brokerage or bank account outside his or her country of residence. The Optionee may be required to report such accounts, assets or transactions to the applicable authorities in his or her country. The Optionee also may be required to repatriate cash received from participating in the Plan to his or her country within a certain period of time after receipt. The Optionee is responsible for knowledge of and compliance with any such regulations and should speak with his or her personal tax, legal and financial advisors regarding same.

APPENDIX B
TO
GLOBAL STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

COUNTRY-SPECIFIC TERMS FOR OPTIONEES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Appendix B shall have the same meanings assigned to them in the Plan and/or the Global Stock Option Agreement (the “Agreement”).

Terms and Conditions

This Appendix B includes additional terms and conditions that govern the Option granted to the Optionee under the Plan if the Optionee works and/or resides in one of the countries listed below.

If the Optionee is a citizen or resident of a country other than the one in which the Optionee is currently working and/or residing (or is considered as such for local law purposes), or if the Optionee transfers employment and/or residency to a different country after the Option is granted, the Company will, in its discretion, determine the extent to which the additional terms and conditions contained herein shall apply to the Optionee.

Notifications

This Appendix B also includes information regarding securities, exchange control, income tax and certain other issues of which the Optionee should be aware with respect to the Optionee’s participation in the Plan. The information is based on the securities, exchange control, income tax and other laws in effect in the respective countries as of August 2022. Such laws are often complex and change frequently. As a result, the Optionee should not rely on the information noted herein as the only source of information relating to the consequences of participation in the Plan because the information may be out-of-date at the time the Optionee vests in the Option or sells any Shares acquired under the Plan.

In addition, the information contained herein is general in nature and may not apply to the Optionee’s particular situation. As a result, the Company is not in a position to assure the Optionee of any particular result. Accordingly, the Optionee should seek appropriate professional advice as to how the relevant laws in the Optionee’s country may apply to the Optionee’s individual situation.

Finally, if the Optionee is a citizen or resident of a country other than the one in which the Optionee is currently working and/or residing (or is considered as such for local law purposes), or if the Optionee transfers employment and/or residency to a different country after the Option is granted, the information contained in this Appendix B may not be applicable to the Optionee in the same manner.

UNITED KINGDOM

Terms and Conditions

Responsibility for Taxes. The following provision supplements Section 5(b) of the Agreement:

Without limitation to Section 5(b) of the Agreement, the Optionee agrees that the Optionee is liable for all Tax-Related Items and hereby covenants to pay all such Tax-Related Items as and when requested by the Company or the Employer or by HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") (or any other tax authority or any other relevant authority). The Optionee also agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified the Company and the Employer against any Tax-Related Items that they are required to pay, or withhold or have paid or will pay, on the Optionee's behalf to HMRC (or any other tax authority or any other relevant authority).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Optionee is a director or executive officer of the Company (within the meaning of Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act), the Optionee may not be able to indemnify the Company or the Employer for the amount of any income tax not collected from or paid by the Optionee, as it may be considered a loan. In this case, the amount of any income tax not collected within 90 days of the end of the U.K. tax year in which the event giving rise to the Tax-Related Item(s) occurs may constitute an additional benefit to the Optionee on which additional income tax and National Insurance contributions ("NICs") may be payable. The Optionee will be responsible for reporting and paying any income tax due on this additional benefit directly to HMRC under the self-assessment regime and for paying to the Company and/or the Employer (as appropriate) for the value of any employee NICs due on this additional benefit, which the Company or the Employer may recover from the Optionee by any of the means referred to in the Plan or Section 5(b) of the Agreement.

CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Anthony M. Jabbour, certify that:

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

By: /s/ ANTHONY M. JABBOUR
Anthony M. Jabbour
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 3, 2022

CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Bryan T. Hipsher, certify that:

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

By: /s/ BRYAN T. HIPHSHER
Bryan T. Hipsher
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: November 3, 2022

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF 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 on Form 10-Q of The Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) for the period ending September 30, 2022 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Anthony M. Jabbour, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, 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.

By: /s/ ANTHONY M. JABBOUR
Anthony M. Jabbour
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

November 3, 2022

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF 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 on Form 10-Q of The Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) for the period ending September 30, 2022 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Bryan T. Hipsher, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, 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.

By: /s/ BRYAN T. HIPSHER
Bryan T. Hipsher
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

November 3, 2022