UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 12, 2020

KADANT INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 001-11406

Delaware

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

52-1762325

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

One Technology Park Drive
Westford, Massachusetts 01886
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)
(978) 776-2000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

the appr	opriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously	satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the follo	owing provisions:					
	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities A	act (17 CFR 230.425)						
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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))							
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) unde	er the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))						
	Securities	registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange	Act of 1934:					
	Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered					
	Common Stock, \$.01 par value	KAI	New York Stock Exchange					

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company \Box

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. \square

KADANT INC.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 12, 2020, Kadant Inc. (the "Company") announced its financial results for the fiscal quarter and year ended December 28, 2019. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 13, 2020, the Company will hold a webcast and conference call to discuss its financial results for the fiscal quarter and year ended December 28, 2019. A copy of the slides that will be presented on the webcast and discussed in the conference call is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in Item 2.02 and Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K (including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits relating to Item 2.02 and Item 7.01 shall be deemed to be furnished and not filed.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibits
99.1	Press Release issued by the Company on February 12, 2020 announcing its financial results.
99.2	Slides to be presented by the Company on February 13, 2020.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

KADANT INC.

SIGNATURE

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

KADANT INC.

Date: February 12, 2020

By /s/ Michael J. McKenney

Michael J. McKenney Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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NEWS

Kadant Reports Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2019 Results Record Revenue, Bookings and Operating Cash Flows in FY 2019

WESTFORD, Mass. - February 12, 2020 - Kadant Inc. (NYSE: KAI) reported its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 28, 2019.

Fourth Quarter Financial Highlights

- Revenue increased 11% to \$183 million GAAP diluted EPS decreased to \$0.76 compared to \$1.61 in 2018
- Adjusted diluted EPS decreased 20% to \$1.32
- Net income decreased to \$8.7 million compared to \$18.4 million in 2018 Adjusted EBITDA increased 1% to \$32 million
- Bookings increased 9% to \$160 million
- Cash flows from operations were a record \$39 million

Fiscal Year Financial Highlights

- Revenue increased 11% to \$705 million GAAP diluted EPS decreased 14% to \$4.54
- Adjusted diluted EPS was \$5.36
- Net income decreased 14% to \$52 million Adjusted EBITDA increased 10% to \$127 million
- Bookings increased 3% to \$688 million
- Cash flows from operations increased 55% to a record \$97 million
- Free cash flow increased 88% to a record \$87 million

Note: Adjusted diluted EPS, adjusted EBITDA, and free cash flow are non-GAAP financial measures that exclude certain items as detailed later in this press release under the heading "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures." The term "organic" in this press release is a non-GAAP financial measure, which excludes the impact of an acquisition and the effect of foreign currency translation.

Management Commentary
"The fourth quarter was a solid finish to another record-setting year," said Jeffrey L. Powell, president and chief executive officer. "Kadant's full-year organic revenue increased for the third consecutive year and contributed to strong performance in a number of key financial metrics, including adjusted diluted EPS and adjusted EBITDA. We were particularly pleased with our record cash flows from operations for the year of \$97 million, up 55 percent from 2018, and record free cash flows of \$87 million, up 88 percent from 2018.

"A strong backlog entering 2019 and favorable market conditions during the first half of the year coupled with excellent operating execution led to our highest level of revenue and bookings despite the weakness in global demand that emerged in the second half of 2019.

"Parts and consumables revenue increased 18 percent to a record \$441 million for the year and represented 63 percent of our total revenue compared to 59 percent in 2018. Parts and consumables demand was strong in the fourth quarter comprising 70 percent of our total fourth quarter bookings. For the full-year, parts and consumables bookings increased 17 percent compared to 2018."

Fourth Quarter 2019 compared to 2018

Revenue increased 11 percent to \$182.7 million compared to \$163.9 million in 2018. Organic revenue was down one percent, which excludes a 14 percent increase from an acquisition and a two percent decrease from the unfavorable effect of foreign currency translation. Gross margin was 40.9 percent compared to 43.3 percent in 2018.

GAAP diluted EPS was \$0.76 compared to \$1.61 in 2018. Adjusted diluted EPS decreased 20 percent to \$1.32 compared to \$1.66 in 2018. Adjusted diluted EPS in 2019 excludes a \$0.55 charge to terminate a defined benefit plan at one of our U.S. operations, a \$0.17 impairment and restructuring charge, and a \$0.16 discrete tax benefit. Adjusted diluted EPS in 2018 excludes a \$0.14 discrete tax benefit, \$0.10 of acquisition costs, and a \$0.09 charge associated with the termination of defined benefit plans at one of our U.S. operations.

Adjusted EBITDA increased one percent to \$32.2 million compared to \$32.0 million in 2018. Cash flows from operations increased to a record \$39.2 million compared to \$10.4 million in 2018.

Bookings increased nine percent to \$159.8 million compared to \$147.1 million in 2018. Organic bookings were down six percent, which excludes a 16 percent increase from an acquisition and a one percent decrease from the unfavorable effect of foreign currency translation.

Fiscal Year 2019 compared to 2018

Revenue increased 11 percent to \$704.6 million compared to \$633.8 million in 2018. Organic revenue growth was one percent, which excludes a 13 percent increase from an acquisition and a three percent decrease from the unfavorable effect of foreign currency translation. Gross margin was 41.7 percent compared to 43.9 percent in 2018.

GAAP diluted EPS decreased 14 percent to \$4.54 compared to \$5.30 in 2018. Adjusted diluted EPS increased to \$5.36 compared to \$5.34 in 2018. Adjusted diluted EPS in 2019 excludes a \$0.55 charge to terminate a defined benefit plan at one of our U.S. operations, \$0.38 of acquisition-related costs, a \$0.29 discrete tax benefit, and a \$0.17 impairment and restructuring charge. Adjusted diluted EPS in 2018 excludes a \$0.29 discrete tax benefit, \$0.12 of acquisition-related costs, \$0.11 of restructuring costs, and a \$0.09 charge associated with the termination of defined benefit plans at one of our U.S. operations.

Adjusted EBITDA increased 10 percent to \$127.1 million compared to \$115.2 million in 2018. Cash flows from operations increased 55 percent to a record \$97.4 million in 2019 compared to \$63.0 million in 2018.

Bookings increased three percent to \$688.3 million compared to \$670.4 million in 2018. Organic bookings were down eight percent, which excludes a 13 percent increase from an acquisition and a two percent decrease from the unfavorable effect of foreign currency translation.

Summary and Outlook

"Overall, our healthy balance sheet and strong operating cash flows position us well for what looks to be a somewhat challenging environment for industrial markets in 2020," Mr. Powell continued. "We expect to report full year GAAP diluted EPS of \$4.98 to \$5.08 in 2020 on revenue of \$690 to \$700 million. The 2020 guidance includes pre-tax amortization expense associated with acquired backlog of \$0.4 million, or \$0.02 per diluted share, and excluding this item, we expect adjusted diluted EPS of \$5.00 to \$5.10. For the first quarter of 2020, we expect GAAP diluted EPS of \$0.80 to \$1.08 on revenue of \$153 to \$163 million. The wide guidance range for the quarter is due to the uncertainty surrounding the impact of the coronavirus in China and the government-mandated business closures, which have impacted employees of our subsidiaries in China. Our subsidiaries received permission to re-open with significant restrictions earlier this week; however, if these restrictions are extended or if there is a broader impact on our customers or suppliers, such impact could affect the timing of shipments and our financial results in the first quarter of 2020."

Conference Call

Kadant will hold a webcast with a slide presentation for investors on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. eastern time to discuss its fourth quarter and full-year performance, as well as future expectations. To access the webcast, including the slideshow and accompanying audio, go to www.kadant.com and click on "Investors." To listen to the webcast via teleconference, call 888-326-8410 within the U.S., or 704-385-4884 outside the U.S. and reference participant passcode 7473987. Prior to the call, our earnings release and the slides used in the webcast presentation will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and will be available at www.sec.gov. A replay of the webcast will be available on our website through March 13, 2020.

Shortly after the webcast, Kadant will post its updated general investor presentation incorporating the fourth quarter and fiscal year results on our website at www.kadant.com under the "Investors" section.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), we use certain non-GAAP financial measures, including increases or decreases in revenue excluding the effect of acquisitions and foreign currency translation (organic revenue), adjusted operating income, adjusted net income, adjusted diluted earnings per share (EPS), adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (adjusted EBITDA), adjusted EBITDA margin, and free cash flow.

We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures, when taken together with the corresponding GAAP financial measures, provide meaningful supplemental information regarding our performance by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of our core business, operating results, or future outlook. We believe that the inclusion of such measures helps investors to gain an understanding of our underlying operating performance and future prospects, consistent with how management measures and forecasts our performance, especially when comparing such results to previous periods or forecasts and to the performance of our competitors. Such measures are also used by us in our financial and operating decision-making and for compensation purposes. We also believe this information is responsive to investors' requests and gives them an additional measure of our performance.

The non-GAAP financial measures included in this press release are not meant to be considered superior to or a substitute for the results of operations prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, the non-GAAP financial measures included in this press release have limitations associated with their use as compared to the most directly comparable GAAP measures, in that they may be different from, and therefore not comparable to, similar measures used by other companies.

Revenue included \$22.3 million from an acquisition and a \$2.4 million unfavorable foreign currency translation effect in the fourth quarter of 2019. Revenue included \$83.4 million from an acquisition and an \$18.6 million unfavorable foreign currency translation effect in 2019. We present increases or decreases in revenue excluding the effect of acquisitions and foreign currency translation to provide investors insight into underlying revenue trends.

Adjusted operating income, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, adjusted net income, and adjusted diluted EPS exclude acquisition costs, impairment costs, restructuring costs, and amortization expense related to acquired profit in inventory and backlog. Adjusted net income and adjusted diluted EPS also exclude settlement and curtailment losses and discrete tax items. Free cash flow excludes capital expenditures from cash flow from operations. All these items are excluded as they are not indicative of our core operating results and are not comparable to other periods, which have differing levels of incremental costs, expenditures or income, or none at all.

Fourth Quarter

Adjusted operating income, adjusted EBITDA, and adjusted EBITDA margin exclude:

• Pre-tax impairment and restructuring cost of \$2.5 million in 2019.

- Pre-tax acquisition costs of \$1.3 million in 2018.

Adjusted net income and adjusted diluted EPS exclude

- After-tax settlement loss of \$6.4 million (\$5.9 million pre-tax and tax expense of \$0.5 million) in 2019 and an after-tax curtailment loss of \$1.1 million (\$1.4 million net of tax of \$0.3 million) in 2018 associated with the termination of defined benefits plans at one of our U.S. operations.
- After-tax impairment and restructuring cost of \$1.9 million (\$2.5 million) net of tax of \$0.6 million) in 2019.

 After-tax acquisition costs of \$1.1 million (\$1.3 million net of tax of \$0.2 million) in 2018.
- A discrete tax benefit of \$1.8 million in 2019 and \$1.6 million in 2018.

Free cash flow excludes:

Capital expenditures of \$3.7 million in both 2019 and 2018.

Fiscal Year

Adjusted operating income, adjusted EBITDA, and adjusted EBITDA margin exclude:

- Pre-tax impairment and restructuring cost of \$2.5 million in 2019
- Pre-tax restructuring cost of \$1.7 million in 2018.
 Pre-tax acquisition costs of \$0.8 million in 2019 and \$1.3 million in 2018.
- Pre-tax expense related to acquired profit in inventory and backlog of \$4.9 million in 2019 and \$0.3 million in 2018.

- Adjusted net income and adjusted diluted EPS exclude:

 After-tax settlement loss of \$6.4 million (\$5.9 million pre-tax and tax expense of \$0.5 million) in 2019 and an after-tax curtailment loss of \$1.1 million (\$1.4 million net of tax of \$0.3 million) in 2018 associated with the termination of defined benefits plans at one of our U.S. operations.

 After-tax impairment and restructuring costs of \$1.9 million (\$2.5 million net of tax of \$0.6 million) in 2019.

 After-tax restructuring cost of \$1.3 million (\$1.7 million net of tax of \$0.4 million) in 2018.

 - After-tax acquisition costs of \$0.7 million (\$0.8 million net of tax of \$0.1 million) in 2019 and \$1.1 million (\$1.3 million net of tax of \$0.2 million) in 2018.

 After-tax expense related to acquired profit in inventory and backlog of \$3.7 million (\$4.9 million net of tax of \$1.2 million) and \$0.2 million (\$0.3 million net of tax of \$0.1 million) in 2018.
 - A discrete tax benefit of \$3.3 million in 2019 and \$3.2 million in 2018.

Free cash flow excludes:

Capital expenditures of \$10.0 million in 2019 and \$16.6 million in 2018.

Reconciliations of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures are set forth in this press release.

Financial Highlights (unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)

		Three Mo	onths Ended		Twelve Months Ended			
Consolidated Statement of Income		ec. 28, 2019	De	ec. 29, 2018	De	ec. 28, 2019	De	ec. 29, 2018
Revenues	\$	182,659	\$	163,935	\$	704,644	\$	633,786
Costs and Operating Expenses:	<u>-</u>		•		•		•	
Cost of revenues		108,032		92,990		410,884		355,505
Selling, general, and administrative expenses		47,642		43,618		192,525		177,414
Research and development expenses		2,904		2,503		10,884		10,552
Impairment and restructuring costs (c)		2,528		_		2,528		1,717
		161,106		139,111		616,821		545,188
Operating Income		21,553		24,824		87,823	-	88,598
Interest Income		55		44		213		379
Interest Expense		(2,612)		(1,712)		(12,755)		(7,032)
Other Expense, Net (b)		(6,063)		(1,681)		(6,359)		(2,417)
Income Before Provision for Income Taxes		12.933		21,475		68,922		79,528
Provision for Income Taxes		4,048		2,907		16,358		18,482
Net Income		8,885		18,568		52,564		61,046
Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest		(136)		(146)		(496)		(633)
Net Income Attributable to Kadant	\$	8,749	\$	18,422	\$	52,068	\$	60,413
Earnings per Share Attributable to Kadant:								
Basic	\$	0.77	\$	1.66	\$	4.63	\$	5.45
Diluted	\$	0.76	\$	1.61	\$	4.54	\$	5.30
Weighted Average Shares:								
Basic		11,344		11,107		11,235		11,086
Diluted		11,525		11,436		11,457		11,400
		Three Mo	onths Ended			Three Mo	onths Ended	
Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Diluted EPS (a)		ec. 28, 2019		ec. 28, 2019	De	ec. 29, 2018		ec. 29, 2018
Net Income and Diluted EPS Attributable to Kadant, as Reported	\$	8,749	\$	0.76	\$	18,422	\$	1.61
Adjustments for the Following:	•	2,	•		•	, :	•	
Settlement and Curtailment Losses, Net of Tax (b)		6,352		0.55		1,078		0.09
Impairment and Restructuring Costs, Net of Tax (c)		1.905		0.17				_
Acquisition Costs, Net of Tax				_		1,096		0.10
Amortization of Acquired Backlog, Net of Tax (d)		15		_		_		_
Discrete Tax Items (e)		(1,839)		(0.16)		(1,577)		(0.14)
Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Diluted EPS (a)	\$	15,182	\$	1.32	\$	19,019	\$	1.66

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Settlement and Curtailment Losses, Net of Tax (b)		6,352		0.55		1,078	0.09
Impairment and Restructuring Costs, Net of Tax (c)		1,905		0.17		1,308	0.11
Acquisition Costs, Net of Tax		699		0.06		1,096	0.10
Amortization of Acquired Profit in Inventory and Backlog, Net of Tax (d,i)		3,702		0.32		189	0.02
Discrete Tax Items (e)		(3,338)		(0.29)		(3,249)	(0.29)
Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Diluted EPS (a)	\$	61,388	\$	5.36	\$	60,835	\$ 5.34
							Increase
							(Decrease)
							Excluding
		Three Mo	onths Ended				Acquisition
Revenue by Segment	De	c. 28, 2019	De	ec. 29, 2018	Increa	se (Decrease)	and FX (a,f)
Stock-Preparation	\$	56,098	\$	57,091	\$	(993)	\$ 9
Fluid-Handling		32,300		33,330		(1,030)	(440)
Doctoring, Cleaning, & Filtration		29,247		28,667		580	 1,045
Papermaking Systems		117,645		119,088		(1,443)	614
Wood Processing Systems		38,538		42,031		(3,493)	(3,210)
Material Handling Systems		22,301		_		22,301	_
Fiber-Based Products		4,175		2,816		1,359	1,359
	\$	182,659	\$	163,935	\$	18,724	\$ (1,237)
							Increase
							(Decrease)
							Excluding
		Twelve M	onths Ended				Acquisition
	De	c. 28, 2019	De	ec. 29, 2018	Increa	se (Decrease)	and FX (a,f)
Stock-Preparation	\$	215,091	\$	221,933	\$	(6,842)	\$ 341
Fluid-Handling		132,501		131,830		671	4,488
Doctoring, Cleaning, & Filtration		117,838		116,136		1,702	 4,946
Papermaking Systems		465,430		469,899		(4,469)	9,775
Wood Processing Systems		143,187		151,366		(8,179)	(3,816)
Material Handling Systems		83,364		_		83,364	_
Fiber-Based Products		12,663		12,521		142	 142
	\$	704,644	\$	633,786	\$	70,858	\$ 6,101
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Twelve Months Ended

Dec. 28, 2019

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Net Income and Diluted EPS Attributable to Kadant, as Reported

Adjustments for the Following:

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 Twelve Months Ended

 Dec. 28, 2019
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52,068 \$ 4.54 \$ 60,413 \$ 5.30

Dec. 29, 2018

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								Excluding
		Three M	onths Ended					Acquisition
Revenue by Geography (g)		Dec. 28, 2019		Dec. 29, 2018		Increase (Decrease)		and FX (a,f)
North America	\$	95,368	\$	78,538	\$	16,830	\$	(2,607)
Europe		48,944		43,244		5,700		7,041
Asia		22,960		31,151		(8,191)		(9,744)
Rest of World		15,387		11,002		4,385		4,073
	\$	182,659	\$	163,935	\$	18,724	\$	(1,237)
								Increase
								(Decrease)
								Excluding
		Twelve M	onths Ended					Acquisition
		Dec. 28, 2019		ec. 29, 2018	Increa	ase (Decrease)		and FX (a,f)
North America	\$	386,952	\$	305,618	\$	81,334	\$	8,086
Europe	•	180,888	•	174,681	•	6,207	•	15,686
Asia		84,705		109,688		(24,983)		(25,414)
Rest of World		52,099		43,799		8,300		7,743
TROSE OF WORLD	\$	704,644	\$	633,786	\$	70,858	\$	6,101
								Increase
								(Decrease)
								Excluding
		Three M	onths Ended					Acquisition
Bookings by Segment		Dec. 28, 2019	De	ec. 29, 2018	Increa	ase (Decrease)		and FX (f)
Stock-Preparation	\$	43,934	\$	41,371	\$	2,563	\$	3,172
Fluid-Handling		28,339		30,867		(2,528)		(1,970)
Doctoring, Cleaning, & Filtration		28,635		32,938		(4,303)		(3,926)
Papermaking Systems		100,908		105,176		(4,268)		(2,724)
Wood Processing Systems		30,923		38,971		(8,048)		(7,789)
Material Handling Systems		23,460		_		23,460		_
Fiber-Based Products		4,492		2,940		1,552		1,552
	\$	159,783	\$	147,087	\$	12,696	\$	(8,961)
								Increase
								(Decrease)
								Excluding
		Twelve M	onths Ended					Acquisition
		Dec. 28, 2019		ec. 29, 2018	Increa	ase (Decrease)		and FX (f)
Stock-Preparation	\$	215,948	\$	228,444	\$	(12,496)	\$	(4,947)
Fluid-Handling		129,125		138,230		(9,105)		(5,050)
Doctoring, Cleaning, & Filtration		112,095		119,541		(7,446)		(4,432)
Papermaking Systems		457,168		486,215		(29,047)		(14,429)
Wood Processing Systems		129,865		172,184		(42,319)		(37,944)
Material Handling Systems		88,123		_		88,123		_
Fiber-Based Products		13,129		12,028		1,101		1,101
	\$	688,285	\$	670,427	\$	17,858	\$	(51,272)

Increase (Decrease) Excluding

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		Three Months Ended			Twelve Months Ended			
Segment Information	D	ec. 28, 2019	De	c. 29, 2018	De	c. 28, 2019	De	ec. 29, 2018
Gross Margin:								
Papermaking Systems		43.6%		44.1%		44.2%		44.9%
Wood Processing Systems		37.2%		40.2%		40.7%		40.3%
Material Handling Systems		30.7%		%		28.3%		%
Fiber-Based Products		51.6%		53.1%		49.5%		50.8%
		40.9%		43.3%		41.7%		43.9%
Operating Income:								
Papermaking Systems	\$	19,864	\$	22,052	\$	81,232	\$	83,454
Wood Processing Systems		5,308		9,857		28,166		31,237
Material Handling Systems		2,255		_		3,132		_
Corporate and Other		(5,874)		(7,085)		(24,707)		(26,093)
	\$	21,553	\$	24,824	\$	87,823	\$	88,598
Adjusted Operating Income (a,h):								
Papermaking Systems	\$	19,864	\$	22,052	\$	81,232	\$	85,171
Wood Processing Systems		7,836		9,857		30,694		31,489
Material Handling Systems		2,275		_		8,847		_
Corporate and Other		(5,874)		(5,764)		(24,707)		(24,772)
	\$	24,101	\$	26,145	\$	96,066	\$	91,888
Capital Expenditures:								
Papermaking Systems	\$	2,237	\$	2,880	\$	6,127	\$	12,717
Wood Processing Systems		710		686		2,133		3,272
Material Handling Systems		590		_		1,195		_
Corporate and Other		184		176		502		570
	\$	3,721	\$	3,742	\$	9,957	\$	16,559

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		Three Months Ended					Twelve Months Ended			
Cash Flow and Other Data	De	Dec. 28, 2019		Dec. 29, 2018		Dec. 28, 2019		Dec. 29, 2018		
Cash Provided by Operations	\$	39,247	\$	10,435	\$	97,413	\$	62,985		
Less: Capital Expenditures		(3.721)		(3.742)		(9.957)		(16.559)		
Free Cash Flow (a)	\$	35.526	\$	6.693	\$	87.456	\$	46.426		
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	\$	8,086	\$	5,829	\$	32,390	\$	23,568		
Balance Sheet Data					De	ec. 28, 2019	De	c. 29, 2018		
Assets										
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash					\$	68,273	\$	46,117		
Accounts Receivable, net						95,740		92,624		
Inventories						102,715		86,373		
Unbilled Revenues						13,162		15,741		
Property, Plant, and Equipment, net						86,032		80,157		
Intangible Assets						173,896		113,347		
Goodwill						336,032		258,174		
Other Assets						63,537		33,216		
					\$	939,387	\$	725,749		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity										
Accounts Payable					\$	45,852	\$	35,720		
Debt Obligations						294,717		171,434		
Other Borrowings						6,308		4,387		
Other Liabilities						165,431		139,637		
Total Liabilities						512,308		351,178		
Stockholders' Equity						427,079		374,571		
					\$	939,387	\$	725,749		

		Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended				
Adjusted Operating Income and Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation (a)	De	c. 28, 2019	De	c. 29, 2018	De	c. 28, 2019	De	c. 29, 2018
Consolidated								
Net Income Attributable to Kadant	\$	8,749	\$	18,422	\$	52,068	\$	60,413
Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest		136		146		496		633
Provision for Income Taxes		4,048		2,907		16,358		18,482
Interest Expense, Net		2,557		1,668		12,542		6,653
Other Expense, Net (b)		6,063		1,681		6,359		2,417
Operating Income		21,553		24,824		87,823		88,598
Impairment and Restructuring Costs (c)		2,528		_		2,528		1,717
Acquisition Costs		_		1,321		843		1,321
Acquired Backlog Amortization (d)		20		_		1,323		252
Acquired Profit in Inventory (i)		_		_		3,549		_
Adjusted Operating Income (a)		24,101	'	26,145		96,066		91,888
Depreciation and Amortization		8,066		5,829		31,067		23,316
Adjusted EBITDA (a)	\$	32,167	\$	31,974	\$	127,133	\$	115,204
Adjusted EBITDA Margin (a,j)		17.6%		19.5%		18.0%		18.2%
Papermaking Systems								
Operating Income	\$	19,864	\$	22,052	\$	81,232	\$	83,454
Restructuring Costs (c)				_				1,717
Adjusted Operating Income (a)		19,864		22,052		81,232		85,171
Depreciation and Amortization		3,405		3,154		13,010		12,561
Adjusted EBITDA (a)	\$	23,269	\$	25,206	\$	94,242	\$	97,732
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Wood Processing Systems								
Operating Income	\$	5,308	\$	9,857	\$	28,166	\$	31,237
Impairment and Restructuring Costs (c)		2,528		_		2,528		_
Acquired Backlog Amortization (d)		_		_		_		252
Adjusted Operating Income (a)		7,836		9,857		30,694		31,489
Depreciation and Amortization		2,409		2,480		9,571		10,065
Adjusted EBITDA (a)	\$	10,245	\$	12,337	\$	40,265	\$	41,554
Material Handling Systems								
Operating Income	\$	2,255	\$	_	\$	3,132	\$	_
Acquisition Costs		_		_		843		_
Acquired Backlog Amortization (d)		20		_		1,323		_
Acquired Profit in Inventory (i)						3,549		
Adjusted Operating Income (a)		2,275		_		8,847		_
Depreciation and Amortization		2,044				7,695		_
Adjusted EBITDA (a)	\$	4,319	\$		\$	16,542	\$	
Corporate and Other								
Operating Loss	\$	(5,874)	\$	(7,085)	\$	(24,707)	\$	(26,093)
Acquisition Costs				1,321				1,321
Adjusted Operating Loss (a)		(5,874)		(5,764)		(24,707)		(24,772)
Depreciation and Amortization		208		195		791		690
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⁽a) Represents a non-GAAP financial measure.

Adjusted EBITDA (a)

⁽b) Represents a settlement loss of \$5,887 (\$6,352 after tax) in the fourth quarter of 2019 and a curtailment loss of \$1,425 (\$1,078 after tax) in the fourth quarter of 2018 included in Other Expense, Net associated with the termination of defined benefit plans at one of our U.S. operations.

- (c) Represents an intangible asset impairment charge of \$2,336 (\$1,765 after tax) and a restructuring charge of \$192 (\$140 after tax) in the fourth quarter of 2019 related to our Wood Processing Systems segment's timber-harvesting product line and a restructuring charge of \$1,717 (\$1,308 after tax) in 2018 related to our Papermaking Systems segment's stock-preparation product line.
- (d) Represents intangible amortization expense associated with acquired backlog.
- (e) The discrete tax benefit of \$1,839, or \$0.16 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2019 and \$3,338, or \$0.29 per diluted share, for the full-year 2019 relates to the exercise of employee stock options. The impact of the tax benefit both for the fourth quarter of 2019, as well as the aggregate impact for the full year 2019, is significantly higher than the future tax benefit anticipated for the remaining outstanding stock options. As a result, our adjusted diluted EPS excludes this benefit for all periods in 2019, including recasting our adjusted diluted EPS for the second and third quarters of 2019. Adjusted diluted EPS in 2018 was not recast as the discrete tax benefit was not material.

In addition for full-year 2019, we recast our adjusted diluted EPS in the second quarter of 2019 to no longer exclude a tax benefit of \$1,186, or \$0.10 per diluted share, related to the repatriation of foreign earnings due to the recurring nature of this activity in 2019 and expected prospectively.

The discrete tax benefit of \$1,577, or \$0.14 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2018 and \$3,249, or \$0.29 per diluted share, for the full-year 2018 relates to adjustments to the provisional amounts recognized due to the U.S. tax legislation enacted in December 2017 and for the full-year 2018 also includes the reversal of tax reserves associated with uncertain tax positions.

- (f) Represents the increase (decrease) resulting from the exclusion of an acquisition and from the conversion of current period amounts reported in local currencies into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate of the prior period compared to the U.S. dollar amount reported in the prior period.
- (g) Geographic revenues are attributed to regions based on customer location.
- (h) Represents expense within cost of revenues associated with acquired profit in inventory.
- (i) Calculated as adjusted EBITDA divided by revenue in each period.

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Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the financial measures prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), we use certain non-GAAP financial measures, includin increases or decreases in revenues that exclude the effect of acquisitions and foreign currency translation (organic revenue), adjusted diluted EPS, adjusted earnings befor interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (adjusted EBITDA), adjusted EBITDA margin, and free cash flow.

A reconciliation of those numbers to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures is shown within this presentation and in our 2019 fourth quarter earnings press release issued February 12, 2020 and in our 2018 fourth quarter earnings press release issued February 13, 2019, which are available in the Investors section of our website a investor.kadant.com under the heading News Releases.

We believe these non-GAAP financial measures, when taken together with the corresponding GAAP financial measures, provide meaningful supplemental information regardin our performance by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of our core business, operating results, or future outlook. We believe the inclusion of such measures help investors gain an understanding of our underlying operating performance and future prospects, consistent with how management measures and forecasts our performance especially when comparing such results to previous periods or forecasts and to the performance of our competitors. Such measures are also used by us in our financial an operating decision-making and for compensation purposes. We also believe this information is responsive to investors' requests and gives them an additional measure of our performance.

The non-GAAP financial measures included in this presentation are not meant to be considered superior to or a substitute for the results of operations prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, the non-GAAP financial measures included in this presentation have limitations associated with their use as compared to the most directly comparable GAAP measures, in that they may be different from, and therefore not comparable to, similar measures used by other companies.



BUSINESS REVIEW

Jeffrey L. Powell | President & CEO

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Q4 2019 Financial Highlights

(\$ Millions, except per share amounts)	Q4 2019	Q4 2018	% Change ²
Bookings	\$159.8	\$147.1	8.6%
Revenue	\$182.7	\$163.9	11.4%
Gross Margin	40.9%	43.3%	n.m.
Net Income	\$8.7	\$18.4	-52.5%
Adjusted EBITDA ¹	\$32.2	\$32.0	0.6%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin ¹	17.6%	19.5%	n.m.
Diluted EPS	\$0.76	\$1.61	-52.8%
Adjusted Diluted EPS ¹	\$1.32	\$1.66	-20.5%
Cash Flow from Operations	\$39.2	\$10.4	276.1%
Net Debt	\$232.8	\$129.7	79.4%

Adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA/revenue (margin), and adjusted diluted EPS are non-GAAP financial measures that exclude certain items as detailed in our press release dated February 12, 2020.
Percent change calculated using actual numbers reported in our press release dated February 12, 2020.



2019 Financial Highlights

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(\$ Millions, except per share amounts)	2019	2018	% Change ²
Bookings	\$688.3	\$670.4	2.7%
Revenue	\$704.6	\$633.8	11.2%
Gross Margin	41.7%	43.9%	n.m.
Net Income	\$52.1	\$60.4	-13.8%
Adjusted EBITDA ¹	\$127.1	\$115.2	10.4%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin ¹	18.0%	18.2%	n.m.
Diluted EPS	\$4.54	\$5.30	-14.3%
Adjusted Diluted EPS ¹	\$5.36	\$5.34	0.4%
Cash Flow from Operations	\$97.4	\$63.0	54.7%
Free Cash Flow ³	\$87.5	\$46.4	88.4%

Adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, and adjusted diluted EPS are non-GAAP financial measures that exclude certain items as detailed in our press release dated February 12, 2020.
Percent change calculated using actual numbers reported in our press release dated February 12, 2020.
Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure that excludes certain items as detailed on slide 36.



FX Translation and Acquisition Impact

Q4 2019				
(\$ Millions)	Revenue	Bookings	Parts & Consumables Revenue	Parts & Consumables Bookings
As Reported	\$182.7	\$159.8	\$110.4	\$111.1
Growth ¹	11.4%	8.6%	21.5%	24.2%
Growth excluding FX ²	12.8%	9.9%	22.8%	25.4%
Growth excluding FX and Acquisitions ³	-0.8%	-6.1%	3.7%	6.5%

FY 2019				
(\$ Millions)	Revenue	Bookings	Parts & Consumables Revenue	Parts & Consumables Bookings
As Reported	\$704.6	\$688.3	\$440.7	\$441.4
$Growth^1$	11.2%	2.7%	17.7%	16.6%
Growth excluding FX ²	14.1%	5.5%	20.5%	19.5%
Growth excluding FX and Acquisitions ³	1.0%	-7.6%	2.8%	2.1%

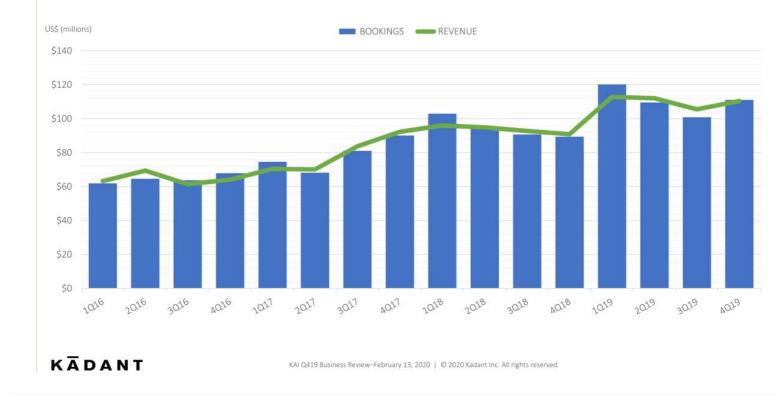
¹ Growth is the year-over-year percent change between the current period and the comparable prior period.
2 Represents the year-over-year percent change excluding the impact of current period versus prior period exchange rates.
3 Represents the year-over-year percent change excluding the impact of acquisitions and current period versus prior period exchange rates. Acquired businesses are classified as Acquisitions for the first four quarters after acquisition.



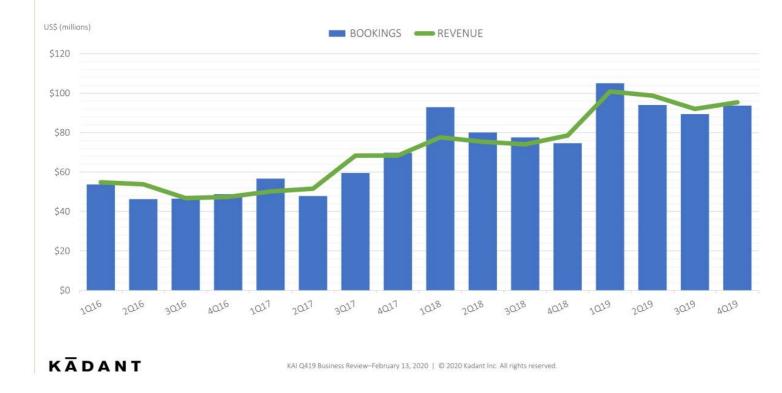
Bookings and Revenue



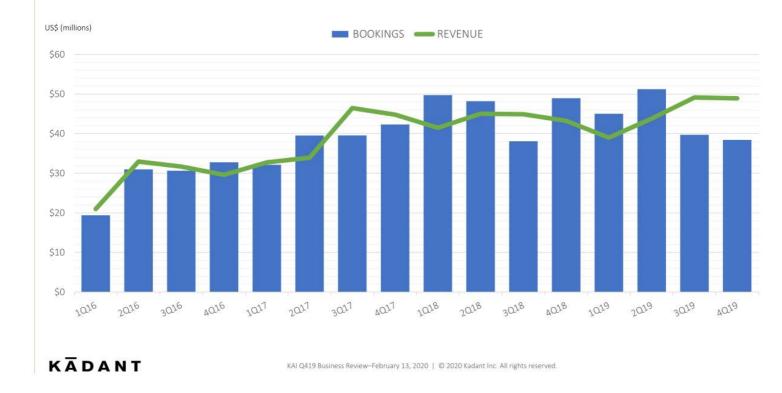
Parts and Consumables Bookings and Revenue



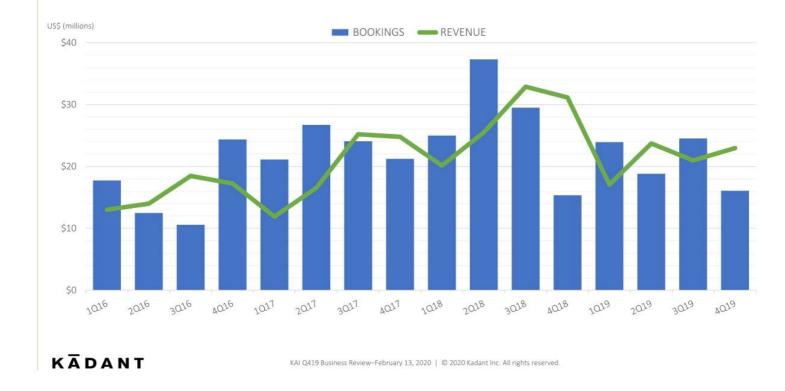
North America Bookings and Revenue



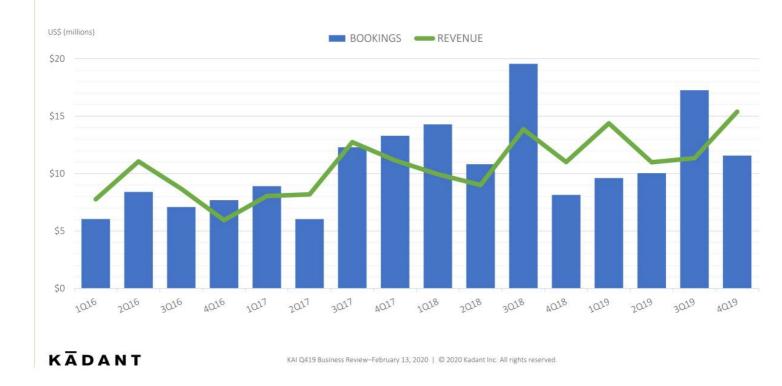
Europe Bookings and Revenue



Asia Bookings and Revenue



Rest-of-World Bookings and Revenue



Guidance

- FY 2020 GAAP diluted EPS of \$4.98 to \$5.08
- FY 2020 adjusted diluted EPS* of \$5.00 to \$5.10
- FY 2020 revenue of \$690 to \$700 million
- Q1 2020 GAAP diluted EPS of \$0.80 to \$1.08
- Q1 2020 revenue of \$153 to \$163 million

* Adjusted diluted EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure that excludes certain items as detailed in our press release dated February 12, 2020

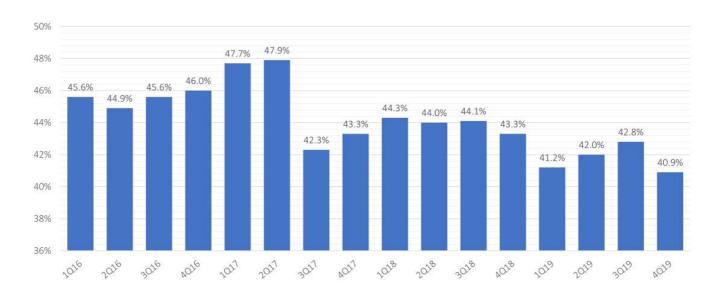
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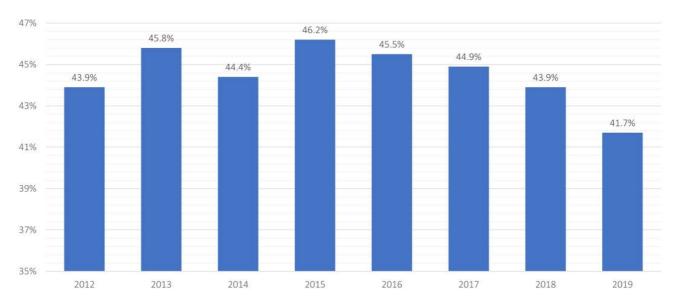
Quarterly Gross Margin



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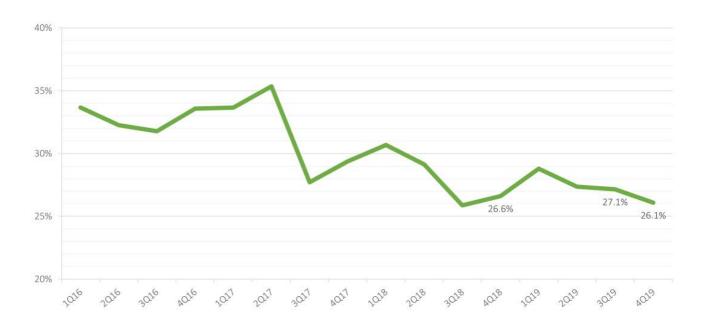
Full-Year Gross Margin



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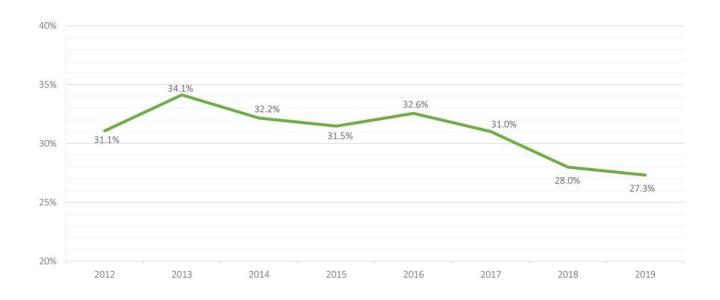


Quarterly SG&A as a % of Revenue



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Full-Year SG&A as a % of Revenue



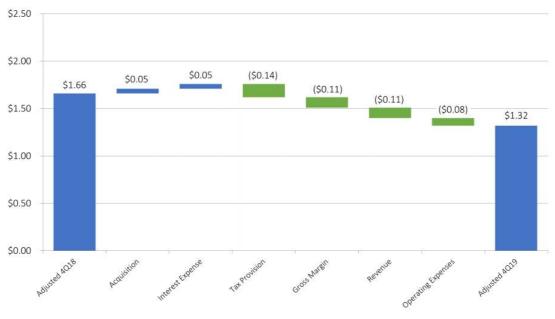
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One-time Charges

(\$ Millions, except per share amounts)	ACTUAL		GUIDANCE	
	Q4 2019	Per Share	Q4 2019	Per Share
Pre-tax Settlement Loss	\$5.9	14	\$7.2	=
After-tax Settlement Loss	\$6.4	\$0.55	\$7.3	\$0.64
Pre-tax Intangible Asset Impairment Charge	\$2.3	-	n/a	=
After-tax Intangible Asset Impairment Charge	\$1.8	\$0.16	n/a	n/a
Pre-tax Restructuring Charge	\$0.2	-	n/a	
After-tax Restructuring Charge	\$0.1	\$0.01	n/a	n/a

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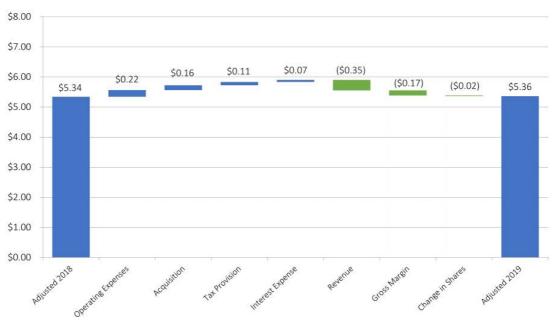
4Q18 to 4Q19 Adjusted Diluted EPS*



Adjusted diluted EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure that excludes certain items as detailed in our press release dated February 12, 2020

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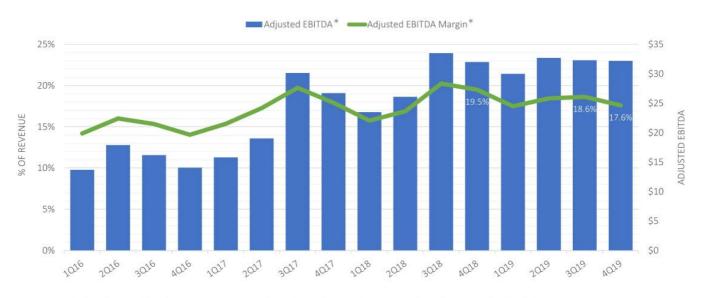
2018 to 2019 Adjusted Diluted EPS*



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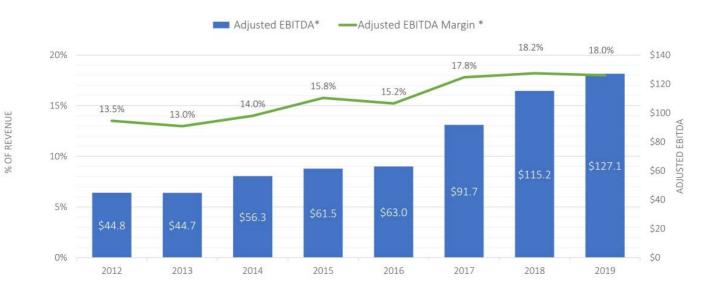
Quarterly Adjusted EBITDA*



* Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin are non-GAAP financial measures that exclude certain items as detailed in our press release dated February 12, 2020.

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Full-Year Adjusted EBITDA*



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Cash Provided by Operations



* Periods have been restated as a result of the adoption of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09.

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Free Cash Flow*

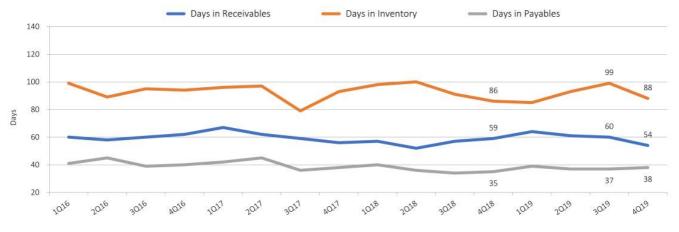


^{*} Free cash flow, a non-GAAP financial measure, is defined as cash flows from continuing operations less capital expenditures, as calculated in the Appendix on slide 36.
** Presented in conformity with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09.

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Key Working Capital Metrics

	Q4 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2018
Days in Receivables	54	60	59
Days in Inventory	88	99	86
Days in Payables	38	37	35



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Working Capital and Cash Conversion Days

	Q4 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2018
Working Capital % LTM Revenues*	12.2%	14.6%	12.5%
Cash Conversion Days**	104 days	122 days	110 days

^{*}Working Capital is defined as current assets less current liabilities, excluding cash and debt.

** Based on days in receivables plus days in inventory less days in accounts payable.



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Cash and Debt

Net debt	\$(232.8)	\$(266.9)	\$(129.
Other borrowings	(6.2)	(6.3)	(4.
Debt	(294.8)	(310.5)	(171.
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	\$68.2	\$49.9	\$46
US\$ (millions)	Q4 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 201



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Leverage Ratio



*For purposes of our leverage ratio, "EBITDA" is calculated by adding or subtracting certain items from Adjusted EBITDA, as defined in our Credit Facility. Our amended and restated Credit Facility defines "Debt" as debt less worldwide cash of up to \$30 million. For periods 1Q16 to 4Q16, "Debt" is defined as debt less domestic cash of up to \$25 million.



Guidance

- Q1 2020 GAAP diluted EPS of \$0.80 to \$1.08
- FY 2020 GAAP diluted EPS of \$4.98 to \$5.08
- CAPEX of \$12 to \$14 million
- Depreciation & Amortization Expense of \$31 to \$32 million

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Questions & Answers

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Key Take-Aways

- Record 2019 revenue, bookings, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted diluted EPS, and free cash
- Continued organic growth in parts and consumables
- Challenging environment to start 2020

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Free Cash Flow Reconciliation

(\$ Millions)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Cash Provided by Continuing Operations, as reported	\$ 30.5	\$ 39.9	\$ 51.1	\$ 40.4	\$ 51.0	\$ 65.2	\$ 63.0	\$ 97.4
Capital Expenditures	\$ (4.3)	\$ (6.2)	\$ (6.7)	\$ (5.5)	\$ (5.8)	\$ (17.3)	\$ (16.6)	\$ (9.9)
Free Cash Flow*	\$ 26.2	\$ 33.7	\$ 44.4	\$ 34.9	\$ 45.2	\$ 47.9	\$ 46.4	\$ 87.5

^{*}Free Cash Flow is a non-GAAP financial measure.

