

Rapidly growing international staffing company

**Investor Presentation** 

September 2021

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#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

The Company uses financial measures which are not calculated and presented in accordance with US generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in evaluating its financial and operational decision making regarding potential acquisitions and presenting the operating and financial performance of the Company, as well as a means to evaluate period-to period comparison. The Company presents these non-GAAP financial measures because it believes them to be an important supplemental measure of performance that is commonly used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in our industry. We refer you to the reconciliations in this presentation and applicable earnings releases issued by the Company for those respective periods. The Company defines Adjusted EBITDA as earnings (or loss) from continuing operations before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and amortization of non-cash stock-based compensation, non-recurring acquisition and restructuring expenses and goodwill impairment charges.



## **COMPANY & INDUSTRY OVERVIEW**

- Staffing solution company executing an international buy-integrate-build strategy in the US and UK
  - 10 acquisitions completed since 2013
- Primary focus
  - <u>Temporary staffing</u> ~ 95% of total revenue
  - Permanent placements ~ 5% of total revenue

Nasdaq: STAF

**Headquarters:** New York, US

Employees: ~ 4,000 temporary

~ 200 internal

Customers: ~700

- Consolidation model: three business streams
  - o <u>Commercial Staffing (US)</u>: commercial / light industrial staffing solutions
  - o <u>Professional Staffing (US)</u>: accounting / finance, information technology, engineering, and administration staffing solutions
  - o Professional Staffing (UK): accounting / finance, information technology, engineering, and administration staffing solutions

\$498B\*

global market growing 3% annually\*\*

~165,000

staffing companies globally

~20,000

US companies generating less than \$20 million in revenues



<sup>\*</sup> Source - Staffing Industry Analysts

<sup>\*\*</sup> Source – Staffing Industry Analysts

## **EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM**



Brendan Flood Chairman, CEO & President

- Extensive financial, M&A and turn-around experience over a 30-year career
- More than 20 years in the Staffing Industry
- Built own business before selling to Staffing 360 Solutions



Alicia Barker Chief Operating Officer

- More than 20 years of experience in a variety of fast-paced, competitive industries
- Extensive background in Human Resources, Communication and Executive Development
- Staffing experience of more than 15 years

## **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

### Rightsized the Operating Expenses of the Business during the pandemic

- Removed \$6.5 million of operating expenses:
  - \$5.2 million in the US across April to October 2020
  - \$1.3 million in the UK in March 2020
- Company is emerging in a stronger operating position from the pandemic than it was in prior to its start

### **Business Update**

- Signed nearly 100 new contracts in the Commercial business since the beginning of 2021
- Renewing agreement with BAT (British American Tobacco) for a two-year global support contract with option for one additional year. Added global Managed Service Provider role for IT recruitment (400 roles per annum) and looking at additional projects with them
- Signed a new contract with Emerson that includes UK and continental European markets



## **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

### Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) - May 2020 funding totaling \$19.4 million

The Company has received 100% forgiveness on all PPP Loans

### **Recent Strengthening of Financial Position**

- Sold common and preferred shares raising \$40.2M in between December 2020 and August 2021. Net proceeds used to pay down long-term debt and to redeem preferred shares
  - Reduced debt/preferred stock now stands at \$13.5M compared with \$72.3M in June 2020
  - Eliminated balance of Preferred shares to \$0 compared with \$15.1M in June 2020
  - Long-term debt extension now matures on September 30, 2022
- Agreed extensions on Asset-backed Lending facility
  - Two-year extension on the accounts receivable financing provided in the US
  - One-year extension on the accounts receivable financing provided in the UK, currently extending for a further year
- FICA deferral program in the US contributed \$4.8M of funding in 2020
  - Filed for \$1.1M in Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC), covering 2020 through Q2 2021, reducing the level of payback required
  - Additional reductions expected across H2 2021



## **INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- International footprint and disciplined M&A strategy
  - Highly fragmented market provides acquisition opportunities and ability to scale
  - Strong client retention and strong recurring revenue
- Revenue affected by pandemic but now recovering:

2013	2019	2020
Nearly \$0	\$278M	\$205M

- 2019 saw heavy focus on integration activities
- 2020 business proved resilient throughout COVID-19
- Management team with significant operational and M&A experience
- Recent strengthening of financial position
  - \$19.4M raised through Paycheck Protection Program,
     100% forgiven
  - Refinancing and maturity dates reset with main debt provider
  - Agreed two-year extension on US Asset-backed Lending facility and one-year extension in the UK





## **BUSINESS UNITS**

	ACQUISITIONS: Verticals / Location / Year							
MONTOE STAFFING	PEOPLESERVE A DIVISION OF STAFFING 360 SOLUTIONS	LONGBRIDGE A DIVISION OF STAFFING 360 SOLUTIONS	the group  A DIVISION OF STAFFING 360 SOLUTIONS	LIGHTHOUSE Professional Services  A DIVISION OF STAFFING 360 SOLUTIONS	CBSbutler  A DIVISION OF STAFFING 360 SOLUTIONS	FIRST PRO A DIVISION OF STAFFING 360 SOLUTIONS	Clement May a DIVISION OF STAFFING 360 SOLUTIONS	Key Resources
Commercial	Information Technology	Accounting & Finance	Information Technology	Engineering Administration Accounting & Finance Information Technology	Engineering Administration Accounting & Finance Information Technology	Accounting & Finance Information Technology	Information Technology	Commercial
US	US	UK	UK	US	UK	US	UK	US
2014 <sup>1</sup>	2014 <sup>2</sup>	2014 <sup>3, 4</sup>	20154	2015	2017	20175	2018	2018

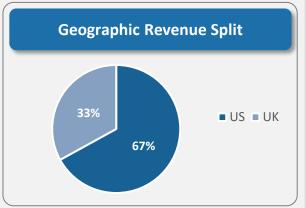
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes acquisition of Control Solutions International

## **Focused on United States and United Kingdom:**

- Well-developed temporary staffing markets
- Flexible labor laws
- Culturally aligned
- Allows management time to be optimized leading to better performance and returns
- Expects to focus principally on US targets going forward

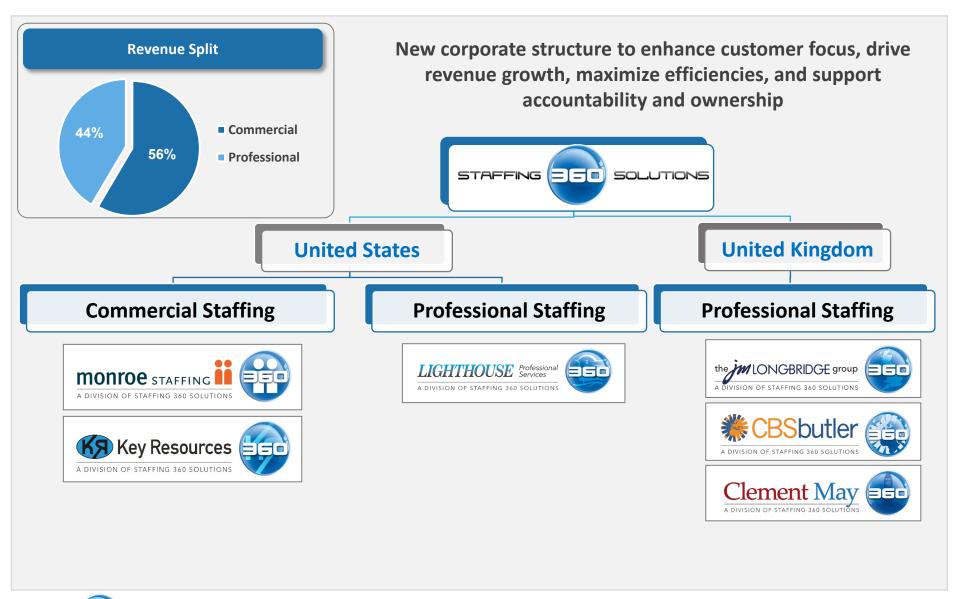
<sup>3</sup> Includes acquisition of Poolia <sup>4</sup> Merged to The JM Longbridge Group in 2021

 $^{\rm 5}$  Disposed of in 2020



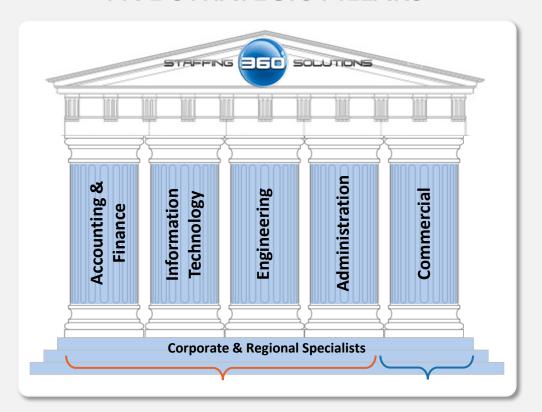
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## **REALIGNMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**



## **BUSINESS MODEL**

Focused on five strategic verticals that represent sub-segments of the staffing industry
FIVE STRATEGIC PILLARS



**PROFESSIONAL & COMMERCIAL** 



## **STRATEGIC GOALS**

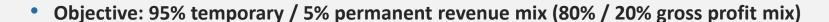
- Build a growing, profitable, international staffing firm
- Execute disciplined acquisition strategy, supplemented by strong organic growth and cross-selling
- Highly fragmented market provides acquisition opportunities and ability to scale
- Use "Intelligent Integration" approach to maximize value, mitigate attrition and increase support to sales and recruiting teams
- Capitalize on highly experienced executive management team
- Drive shareholder value and profitability





# **DISCIPLINED ACQUISITION CRITERIA**

- Constant reload of pipeline of highly selective targets
- Fit within at least one of five strategic pillars
- Accretive to adjusted EBITDA, no turn-arounds
  - Sustainable margins
  - Recurring revenues
  - Quality customers
  - Reliable employees





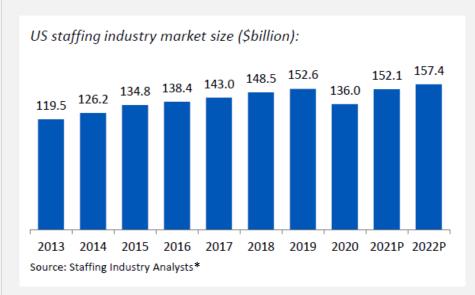


## Positioned to capitalize on market opportunities

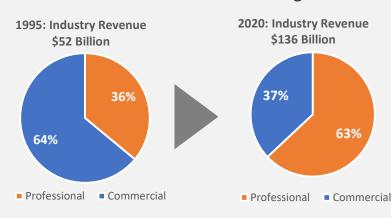


## STAFFING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS: UNITED STATES

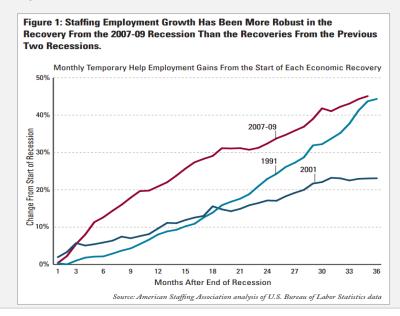
### **Professional & Temporary Staffing: Shift Toward Higher Margin & Scalable Verticals**



#### **Commercial vs. Professional Staffing Trend\***

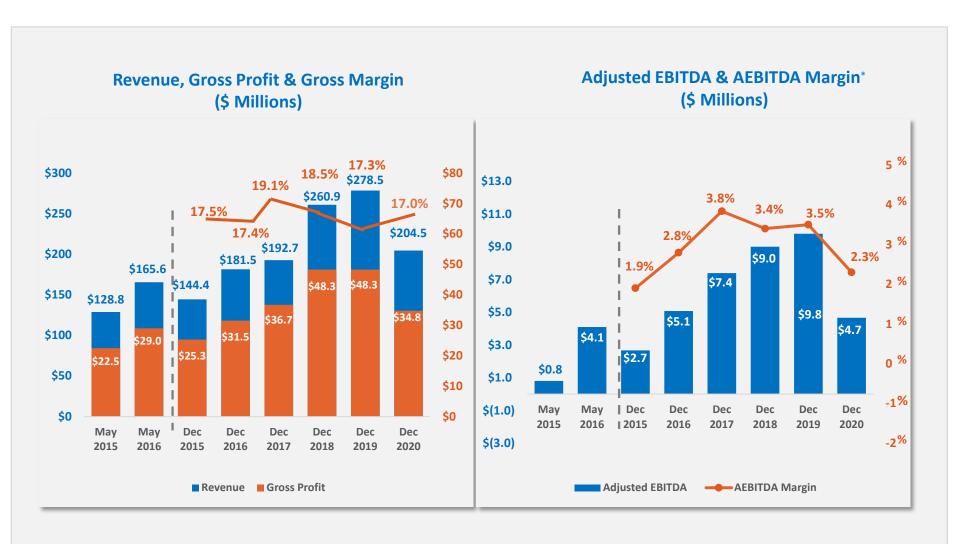


- Shift toward more temporary workers is expected to be a permanent change to jobs market
- Structural shift towards professional staffing largely driven by demand for IT
- Entire industry impacted by pandemic, but strong recovery has started
- Based on recovery from prior recessions, 2021 is expected to rebound sharply, especially in the second half





## HISTORICAL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



In 2017, the Company changed its fiscal year end to December. All periods shown are for 12 months.



## **CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET**

(\$ in 000s)	Balance Sheet July 3, 2021	Pro-Forma BS* July 3, 2021
ASSETS	, ,	, , ,
<b>Current Assets</b>	\$ 28,223	\$ 27,987
Long-term Assets	 49,427	49,427
Total Assets	\$ 77,650	\$ 77,414
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  Current Liabilities	\$ 48,731	\$ 37,666
Long-term Liabilities	 22,026	19,398
Total Liabilities	\$ 70,757	\$ 57,064
Preferred Stock - Series G/G1 Total Stockholders' Equity	6,172 721	- 20,350
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	\$ 77,650	\$ 77,414

<sup>\*</sup>Pro-Forma Balance Sheet includes below transactions after the Unaudited July 3, 2021 Balance Sheet:

- PPP Loans Forgiveness including accrued interest of \$9,504
- Payment of long-term debt with Cash in Escrow of \$2,080
- Capital raises totaling \$10,125 with \$8,281 being used to reduce long-term debt
- Conversion of Series G / G1 to long-term debt of \$7,733



## **CAPITALIZATION TABLE**

	Aug 16, 2021	July 3, 2021
Shares of Common Stock Outstanding <sup>1</sup>	11,415,233	6,528,038
Warrants (WAEP <sup>2</sup> )	3,907,537	1,847,718
Options (WAEP \$97.80)	12,777	12,777
Series F Convertible Preferred Stock (common stock equivalent) <sup>3</sup>	0	1,304,901
Series G Convertible Preferred Stock (common stock equivalent) <sup>4</sup>	0	1,028,667
Series G-1 Convertible Preferred Stock (common stock equivalent) <sup>4</sup>	0	257,167
Total Common Stock And Common Stock Equivalents Outstanding	15,335,547	10,979,268

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes 35,195 shares of common stock underlying unvested equity awards issued to employees and Board and committee members.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> On July 3, 2021, the Company had outstanding 6,172 Series G preferred shares which are equivalent to 1,028,667 shares of common stock and 1,543 Series G-1 preferred shares which are equivalent to 257,167 shares of common stock. On July 21, 2021, 6,172 and 1,561 shares of Series G and G-1 Preferred Stock, respectively, were converted to \$7,733,000 in long-term debt.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Weighted average price for warrants was \$3.83 and \$4.29 on August 16, 2021 and July 3, 2021, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In July 2021, 4,698 shares of Series F Preferred Stock were converted to 1,304,901 common shares

## **RECENT AWARDS**

## **US and UK Operations Recognized for Exceptional Client Service**



For five consecutive years, US-based Monroe Staffing Services, a leading staffing agency in the Commercial Staffing and Professional Staffing Services segments, has been awarded *Clearly Rated's* Best of Staffing® Client Diamond Award for consistently providing superior service to its clients.

US-based **Key Resources** (Commercial) and **Lighthouse Professional Services** (Professional) were each awarded *Clearly Rated's* **2021 Best of Staffing**\*\*Client Award for the second consecutive year.

ClearlyRated's Best of Staffing® Award recognizes staffing agencies that have proven superior service quality based entirely on ratings provided by their clients.



UK-based **CBSbutler**, a market-leading technical and engineering recruitment firm, has won the **2021 Feefo® Platinum Trusted Service Award**. Last year CBSbutler was the 2020 Gold Trusted Service Award winner.

Feefo is a reviews and customer insights technology company that works with over 3,500 clients to ensure that all feedback is authentic by matching it to a legitimate transaction.



## **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

# Committed to driving growth, profits, and shareholder value

- Highly focused M&A STRATEGY 10 acquisitions completed to date
- Grew from nearly zero revenue in 2013 to \$278M in 2019 anticipate returning to prepandemic levels in 2022
- Recent business stream REALIGNMENT driving CROSS SELLING, PROFITABILITY and ORGANIC GROWTH
- Led by a MANAGEMENT TEAM with significant operational, M&A, and recession-management experience
- 2021 GROWTH
  - Q2 23% YoY revenue growth to \$50 million (excluding divested business)
  - Q2 37% gross profit growth to \$9.0 million
  - Q3 operating results expected to exceed Q2
  - Q4 anticipated to show further improvement over Q3



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