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): May 5, 2022

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exa	ct name of registrant as specif	ied in its charter)	
Massachusetts (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-24049 (Commission file number)	04-2372210 (IRS employer identification no.)	
	lon Street, Boston, Massach dress of principal executive offices)	usetts 02116 (Zip code)	
Registra	nt's telephone number, including	area code: (617) 425-3000	
(Former N	Vame or Former Address, if Chan	ged Since Last Report)	
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Common Stock, no par value	CRAI	Nasdaq Global S	elect Market
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 5, 2022, we issued a press release reporting our financial results for our fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2022. A copy of the press release is set forth as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein. On May 5, 2022, we also posted on our website supplemental financial information, including prepared CFO remarks. A copy of the supplemental financial information is set forth as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated by reference herein.

The information contained in Item 2.02 of this report and Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 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 Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On May 5, 2022, we announced that our board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend on our common stock of \$0.31 per share to be paid on June 10, 2022 to all shareholders of record as of May 31, 2022. A copy of the press release is set forth as Exhibit 99.3 and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information contained in Item 7.01 of this report and Exhibit 99.3 attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 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 Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Number	litle
99.1	May 5, 2022 earnings press release
99.2	Supplemental financial information (prepared CFO remarks)
99.3	May 5, 2022 dividend press release
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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 hereunto duly authorized.

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Dated: May 5, 2022 By: /s/ DANIEL K. MAHONEY

Daniel K. Mahoney

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CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES (CRA) REPORTS FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2022

Broad-based Contributions Drive Record Quarterly Revenue and Continued Profit Expansion

BOSTON, May 5, 2022 – <u>Charles River Associates</u> (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing <u>economic</u>, <u>financial and management consulting</u> services, today announced financial results for the fiscal first quarter ended April 2, 2022.

"CRA continued to build momentum in the business as revenue increased to \$148.4 million, which represents the highest quarterly revenue in the company's history," said Paul Maleh, CRA's President and Chief Executive Officer. "Our performance was broad based, with five practices—Antitrust & Competition Economics, Auctions & Competitive Bidding, Intellectual Property, Labor & Employment, and Risk, Investigations & Analytics—delivering double-digit revenue growth year over year. Importantly, CRA continues to expand its margins as CRA's net income, earnings per diluted share and EBITDA all grew faster than revenue."

Highlights for First Quarter Fiscal 2022

- Revenue grew 1.3% year over year to \$148.4 million.
- Utilization was 74%, and quarter-end headcount increased 4.9% year over year.
- Net income increased 8.8% year over year to \$11.4 million, or 7.7% of revenue, compared with \$10.5 million, or 7.2% of revenue, in the first quarter of fiscal 2021; non-GAAP net income increased 7.2% year over year to \$11.6 million, or 7.8% of revenue, compared with \$10.8 million, or 7.4% of revenue, in the first quarter of fiscal 2021.
- Earnings per diluted share increased 13.4% year over year to \$1.52 from \$1.34 in the first quarter of fiscal 2021; non-GAAP earnings per diluted share increased 11.7% year over year to \$1.53 from \$1.37 in the first quarter of fiscal 2021.
- Non-GAAP EBITDA increased 6.2% to \$18.9 million, or 12.7% of revenue, compared with \$17.8 million, or 12.1% of revenue, in the first quarter of fiscal 2021.
- On a constant currency basis relative to the first quarter of fiscal 2021, revenue, GAAP net income, and earnings per diluted share would have been higher by \$1.0 million, \$0.1 million, and \$0.01 per diluted share, respectively. Non-GAAP net income, earnings per diluted share, and EBITDA would have been higher by \$0.1 million, \$0.01 per diluted share, and \$0.1 million, respectively.
- CRA returned \$7.4 million of capital to its shareholders, consisting of \$2.4 million of dividend payments and \$5.0 million for share repurchases of approximately 57,000 shares.
- On February 28, 2022, as previously announced, CRA acquired substantially all of the assets of Welch Consulting, Ltd., a leader in economic consulting, research, and analysis of labor and employment issues.

Management Commentary and Financial Guidance

"As these first quarter results demonstrate, we continue to see solid demand for our portfolio of services," continued Maleh. "We are reaffirming our previous guidance for full year fiscal 2022 of revenue in the range of \$585 million to \$605 million, and non-GAAP EBITDA margin in the range of 10.8% to 11.5%, both on a constant currency basis relative to fiscal 2021. While we are pleased with CRA's performance to begin the year, we remain mindful that uncertainties around global economic, business, health, and political conditions can affect our business."

CRA does not provide reconciliations of its annual non-GAAP EBITDA margin guidance to GAAP net income margin because the Company is unable to estimate with reasonable certainty unusual gains or charges, foreign currency exchange rates, and the resulting effect of these items, and of equity awards, on CRA's taxes without unreasonable effort. These items are uncertain, depend on various factors, and may have a material effect on CRA's results computed in accordance with GAAP. A reconciliation between the historical GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures presented in this release is provided in the financial tables at the end of this release.

Quarterly Dividend

On May 5, 2022, CRA's Board of Directors announced a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.31 per common share, payable on June 10, 2022 to shareholders of record as of May 31, 2022. CRA expects to continue paying quarterly dividends, the declaration, timing and amounts of which remain subject to the discretion of CRA's Board of Directors.

Conference Call Information and Prepared CFO Remarks

CRA will host a conference call today at 10:00 a.m. ET to discuss its first-quarter 2022 financial results. To listen to the live call, please visit the "Investor Relations" section of CRA's website at http://www.crai.com, or dial (877) 709-8155 or (201) 689-8881. An archived version of the webcast will be available on CRA's website for one year.

In combination with this press release, CRA has posted prepared remarks by its CFO Dan Mahoney under "Quarterly Earnings" in the "Investor Relations" section on CRA's website at http://www.crai.com. These remarks are offered to provide the investment community with additional background on CRA's financial results prior to the start of the conference call.

About Charles River Associates (CRA)

Charles River Associates® is a leading global consulting firm specializing in economic, financial, and management consulting services. CRA advises clients on economic and financial matters pertaining to litigation and regulatory proceedings, and guides corporations through critical business strategy and performance-related issues. Since 1965, clients have engaged CRA for its unique combination of functional expertise and industry knowledge, and for its objective solutions to complex problems. Headquartered in Boston, CRA has offices throughout the world. Detailed information about Charles River Associates, a registered trade name of CRA International, Inc., is available at www.crai.com. Follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

In this release, CRA has supplemented the presentation of its financial results calculated in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles or "GAAP" with the following financial measures that are not calculated in accordance with GAAP: non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP net income per share and non-GAAP EBITDA. CRA believes that the non-GAAP financial measures described in this press release are important to management and investors because these measures supplement the understanding of CRA's ongoing operating results and financial condition. In addition, these non-GAAP measures are used by CRA in its budgeting process, and the non-GAAP adjustments are made to the performance measures for some of CRA's performance-based compensation.

CRA defines non-GAAP EBITDA as net income before interest expense (net), income taxes, and depreciation and amortization further adjusted for the impact of certain items that we do not consider indicative of our core operating performance, such as non-cash amounts relating to valuation changes in contingent consideration, acquisition-related costs, and related tax effects. Non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per share also exclude non-cash amounts relating to valuation changes in contingent consideration, acquisition-related costs, and related tax effects. This release also presents certain current fiscal period financial measures on a "constant currency" basis in order to isolate the effect that foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations can have on CRA's financial results. These constant currency measures are determined by recalculating the current fiscal period local currency financial measure using the specified corresponding prior fiscal period's foreign exchange rates.

All of the non-GAAP financial measures referred to above should be considered in conjunction with, and not as a substitute for, the GAAP financial information presented in this release. EBITDA and the financial measures identified in this release as "non-GAAP" are reconciled to their GAAP comparable measures in the financial tables appended to the end of this press release. In evaluating these non-GAAP financial measures, note that the non-GAAP financial measures used by CRA may be calculated differently from, and therefore may not be comparable to, similarly titled measures used by other companies.

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

Statements in this press release concerning our future business, operating results and financial condition, including those concerning guidance on future revenue and non-GAAP EBITDA margin, the impact of exchange rate fluctuations on our financial results, our expectations regarding continued growth, our expectations regarding the payment of any future quarterly dividends and the level and extent of any purchases under our share repurchase program, and statements using the terms "outlook," "expect," or similar expressions, are "forward-looking" statements as defined in Section 21 of the Exchange Act. These statements are based upon our current expectations and various underlying assumptions. Although we believe there is a reasonable basis for these statements and assumptions, and these statements are expressed in good faith, these statements are subject to a number of additional factors and uncertainties. Our actual revenue and non-GAAP EBITDA margin in fiscal 2022 on a constant currency basis relative to fiscal 2021 could differ materially from the guidance presented herein, and our actual performance and results may differ materially from the performance and results contained in or implied by the forward-looking statements made herein, due to many important factors. These

factors include, but are not limited to, the possibility that the demand for our services may decline as a result of changes in general and industry specific economic conditions; the timing of engagements for our services; the effects of competitive services and pricing; our ability to attract and retain key employee or non-employee experts; the inability to integrate and utilize existing consultants and personnel; the decline or reduction in project work or activity; global economic conditions including less stable political and economic environments; the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations; unanticipated expenses and liabilities; risks inherent in international operations; changes in tax law or accounting standards, rules, and regulations; our ability to collect on forgivable loans should any become due; and professional and other legal liability or settlements.

Additional risks and uncertainties are discussed in our periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the heading "Risk Factors." The inclusion of such forward-looking information should not be regarded as our representation that the future events, plans, or expectations contemplated will be achieved. Except as may be required by law, we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements after the date of this press release, and we do not intend to do so.

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE FISCAL QUARTERS ENDED APRIL 2, 2022 COMPARED TO APRIL 3, 2021 (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

		Fiscal Quarter Ended					
		April 2, 2022	As a % of Revenue	April 3, 2021	As a % of Revenue		
Revenues	\$	148,382	100.0 %	\$ 146,518	100.0 %		
Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)		104,060	70.1 %	105,374	71.9 %		
Selling, general and administrative expenses		25,817	17.4 %	23,206	15.8 %		
Depreciation and amortization		2,976	2.0 %	3,301	2.3 %		
Income from operations		15,529	10.5 %	14,637	10.0 %		
Interest expense, net		(208)	-0.1 %	(199)	-0.1 %		
Foreign currency gains (losses), net		199	0.1 %	(551)	-0.4 %		
Income before provision for income taxes		15,520	10.5 %	13,887	9.5 %		
Provision for income taxes		4,094	2.8 %	3,386	2.3 %		
Net income	\$	11,426	7.7 %	\$ 10,501	7.2 %		
Net income per share:							
Basic	\$	1.55		\$ 1.37			
Diluted	\$	1.52		\$ 1.34			
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:							
Basic		7,360		7,626			
Diluted	=	7,503		7,831			

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC. RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES FOR THE FISCAL QUARTERS ENDED APRIL 2, 2022 COMPARED TO APRIL 3, 2021 (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

		Fiscal Quarter Ended						
		April 2, 2022	As a % of Revenue	April 3, 2021	As a % of Revenue			
Revenues	\$	148,382	100.0 %	146,518	100.0 %			
Net income	\$	11,426	7.7 %	10,501	7.2 %			
Adjustments needed to reconcile GAAP net income to non-GAAP net income:								
Non-cash valuation change in contingent consideration		_	— %	380	0.3 %			
Acquisition-related costs		171	0.1 %	_	— %			
Tax effect on adjustments		(46)	— %	(103)	-0.1 %			
Non-GAAP net income	\$	11,551	7.8 %	10,778	7.4 %			
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Non-GAAP net income per share:								
Basic	\$	1.56	9	1.41				
Diluted	\$	1.53	5	1.37				
	_		=					
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:								
Basic		7,360	_	7,626				
Diluted		7,503	=	7,831				
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CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC. RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES FOR THE FISCAL QUARTERS ENDED APRIL 2, 2022 COMPARED TO APRIL 3, 2021 (IN THOUSANDS)

	Fiscal Quarter Ended						
	 April 2, 2022	As a % of Revenue	April 3, 2021	As a % of Revenue			
Revenues	\$ 148,382	100.0 %	146,518	100.0 %			
Net income	\$ 11,426	7.7 % \$	3 10,501	7.2 %			
Adjustments needed to reconcile GAAP net income to non-GAAP net income:							
Non-cash valuation change in contingent consideration	_	— %	380	0.3 %			
Acquisition-related costs	171	0.1 %	_	— %			
Tax effect on adjustments	(46)	— %	(103)	-0.1 %			
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 11,551	7.8 %	5 10,778	7.4 %			
Adjustments needed to reconcile non-GAAP net income to non-GAAP EBITDA:	 						
Interest expense, net	208	0.1 %	199	0.1 %			
Provision for income taxes	4,140	2.8 %	3,489	2.4 %			
Depreciation and amortization	2,976	2.0 %	3,301	2.3 %			
Non-GAAP EBITDA	\$ 18,875	12.7 %	17,767	12.1 %			

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS)

		ril 2, 122	January 1, 2022
Assets			
Cash	\$	43,702 \$	66,130
Accounts receivable and unbilled services, net		173,651	162,057
Other current assets		24,795	21,160
Total current assets		242,148	249,347
Property and equipment, net		51,836	53,612
Goodwill and intangible assets, net		99,045	93,117
Right-of-use assets		107,655	110,475
Other assets		50,158	48,809
Total assets	\$	550,842 \$	555,360
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity			
Accounts payable	\$	20,252 \$	23,511
Accrued expenses		103,640	156,314
Current portion of lease liabilities		15,023	14,337
Revolving line of credit		60,000	_
Other current liabilities		10,031	18,924
Total current liabilities		208,946	213,086
Non-current portion of lease liabilities		120,231	124,464
Other non-current liabilities		12,440	11,976
Total liabilities		341,617	349,526
Total shareholders' equity		209,225	205,834
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	550,842 \$	
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CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Fiscal Quarter Ended			d
		April 2, 2022		April 3, 2021
Operating activities:		_		
Net income	\$	11,426	\$	10,501
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities, net of effect of acquired business:				
Non-cash items, net		7,086		6,149
Accounts receivable and unbilled services		(7,110)		(3,030)
Working capital items, net		(73,240)		(53,468)
Net cash used in operating activities		(61,838)		(39,848)
Investing activities:				
Purchases of property and equipment, net		(1,346)		(692)
Consideration paid for acquisition		(10,639)		_
Net cash used in investing activities		(11,985)		(692)
Financing activities:				
Issuance of common stock, principally stock options exercises		341		1,113
Borrowings under revolving line of credit		60,000		42,000
Repayments under revolving line of credit		_		(2,000)
Tax withholding payments reimbursed by shares		(897)		(588)
Cash paid for contingent consideration		_		(2,357)
Cash dividends paid		(2,377)		(2,061)
Repurchase of common stock		(4,956)		(9,642)
Net cash provided by financing activities		52,111		26,465
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		(716)		27
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(22,428)		(14,048)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		66,130		45,677
Cash at end of period	\$	43,702	\$	31,629
Noncash investing and financing activities:				
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses for property and equipment	\$	(211)	\$	(294)
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations	\$	1,210	\$	1,070
		1,210		
Restricted common stock issued for contingent consideration	\$		\$	2,250
Supplemental cash flow information: Cash paid for taxes	\$	1,622	\$	844
Cash paid for interest	\$	97	\$	24
Cash paid for amounts included in operating lease liabilities	\$	5,285	\$	5,157
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CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES (CRA) FIRST QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2022 EARNINGS ANNOUNCEMENT PREPARED CFO REMARKS

CRA is providing these prepared remarks by CFO Dan Mahoney in combination with its press release. These remarks are offered to provide the investment community with additional information on CRA's financial results prior to the start of the conference call.

As previously announced, the conference call will be held May 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. ET. These prepared remarks will not be read on the call.

Q1 Fiscal 2022 Summary (Quarter ended April 2, 2022)

- Revenue: \$148.4 million
- Net income: \$11.4 million, or 7.7% of revenue; non-GAAP net income: \$11.6 million, or 7.8% of revenue
- Net income per diluted share: \$1.52; non-GAAP net income per diluted share: \$1.53
- Operating margin: 10.5%; non-GAAP operating margin: 10.6%
- Non-GAAP EBITDA: \$18.9 million, or 12.7% of revenue
- Effective tax rate and non-GAAP effective tax rate: 26.4%
- Utilization: 74%
- · Consultant headcount at the end of Q1 of fiscal 2022: 878, which consists of 146 officers, 505 other senior staff and 227 junior staff
- Cash: \$43.7 million at April 2, 2022
- · Revolving credit facility borrowing capacity: \$110.6 million at April 2, 2022

Revenue

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, revenue was \$148.4 million, compared with revenue of \$146.5 million for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

Headcount

The following table outlines CRA's consultant headcount at the end of the stated quarters:

	Q1 2022	Q4 2021	Q3 2021	Q2 2021	Q1 2021
Officers	146	140	138	141	145
Other Senior Staff	505	477	495	483	497
Junior Staff	227	244	249	209	195
Total	878	861	882	833	837

Utilization

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, companywide utilization was 74%, compared with 76% for Q1 fiscal 2021.

Client Reimbursables

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, client reimbursables were \$16.2 million, or 10.9% of revenue, compared with \$16.5 million, or 11.2% of revenue, for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

Contingent Liability

CRA had no contingent consideration obligation during Q1 of fiscal 2022. The estimated value of the contingent consideration obligation increased during Q1 of fiscal 2021 by \$0.4 million to \$15.0 million and was subsequently paid in February 2021.

The change in the value of the contingent liability is recorded as an adjustment to cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) in the period reported.

Selling, General and Administrative (SG&A) Expenses

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, SG&A expenses were \$25.8 million, or 17.4% of revenue, compared with \$23.2 million, or 15.8% of revenue, for Q1 of fiscal 2021. Commissions to non-employee experts are included in SG&A expenses. These commissions represented approximately 3.0% of revenue for Q1 of fiscal 2022, compared with 2.6% in Q1 of fiscal 2021. Excluding these commissions, SG&A expenses were 14.4% of revenue for Q1 of fiscal 2022, compared with 13.2% in Q1 of fiscal 2021.

	Fiscal Quarter Ended						
\$ in 000's		April 2, 2022	As a % of Revenue		April 3, 2021	As a % of Revenue	
SG&A expenses	\$	25,817	17.4 %	\$	23,206	15.8 %	
Less: commissions to non-employee experts		4,496	3.0 %		3,791	2.6 %	
SG&A expenses excluding commissions	\$	21,321	14.4 %	\$	19,415	13.2 %	

Depreciation & Amortization

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, depreciation and amortization expenses amounted to \$3.0 million, or 2.0% of revenue, compared with \$3.3 million, or 2.3% of revenue, for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

Forgivable Loan Amortization

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, forgivable loan amortization was \$7.8 million, or 5.3% of revenue, compared with \$8.0 million, or 5.5% of revenue, for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

Share-Based Compensation Expense

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, share-based compensation expense was approximately \$1.0 million, or 0.7% of revenue, compared with \$0.8 million, or 0.6% of revenue, for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

Operating Income

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, operating income was \$15.5 million, or 10.5% of revenue, compared with operating income of \$14.6 million, or 10.0% of revenue, for Q1 of fiscal 2021. Non-GAAP operating income was \$15.7 million, or 10.6% of revenue, for Q1 of fiscal 2022, compared with \$15.0 million, or 10.2% of revenue, for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

	Fiscal Quarter Ended					
\$ in 000's		April 2, 2022	As a % of Revenue		April 3, 2021	As a % of Revenue
Income from operations	\$	15,529	10.5 %	\$	14,637	10.0 %
Adjustments needed to reconcile GAAP income from operations to non-GAAP income from operations:						
Non-cash valuation change in contingent consideration		_	— %		380	0.3 %
Acquisition-related costs		171	0.1 %		_	— %
Non-GAAP income from operations	\$	15,700	10.6 %	\$	15,017	10.2 %

Interest Income (Expense), net

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, net interest expense was \$0.2 million, or 0.1% of revenue, compared with net interest expense of \$0.2 million, or 0.1% of revenue, for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

Foreign Currency Gains (Losses), net

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, net foreign currency gains were \$0.2 million, or 0.1% of revenue, compared with net foreign currency losses of \$0.6 million, or 0.4% of revenue, for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

Foreign currency gains (losses), net, is comprised of net gains and losses on foreign denominated transactions and the revaluation of working capital balances.

Income Taxes

The following table outlines CRA's income tax provision recorded and the resulting effective tax rates:

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		Fiscal Quarter Ended				Fiscal Qua	rter E	nded	
\$ in 000's		April 2, April 3, 2022 2021		April 2, 2022		April 3, 2021			
Tax Provision	\$	4,094	\$	3,386	\$	4,140	\$	3,489	
Effective Tax Rate		26.4 %		24.4 %		26.4 %		24.5 %	

GAAP

Non-GAAP

	Fiscal Quarter Ended					
\$ in 000's		April 2, 2022	As a % of Revenue		April 3, 2021	As a % of Revenue
Income before provision for income taxes	\$	15,520	10.5 %	\$	13,887	9.5 %
Adjustments needed to reconcile GAAP income before provision for income taxes to non-GAAP income before provision for income taxes						
Non-cash valuation change in contingent consideration		_	— %		380	0.3 %
Acquisition-related costs		171	0.1 %		_	— %
Non-GAAP income before provision for income taxes	\$	15,691	10.6 %	\$	14,267	9.7 %
GAAP provision for income taxes	\$	4,094		\$	3,386	
Tax effect on non-GAAP adjustments		46			103	
Non-GAAP provision for income taxes	\$	4,140		\$	3,489	

Net Income

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, net income was \$11.4 million, or 7.7% of revenue, or \$1.52 per diluted share, compared with net income of \$10.5 million, or 7.2% of revenue, or \$1.34 per diluted share, for Q1 of fiscal 2021. Non-GAAP net income for Q1 of fiscal 2022 was \$11.6 million, or 7.8% of revenue, or \$1.53 per diluted share, compared with \$10.8 million, or 7.4% of revenue, or \$1.37 per diluted share, for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

Non-GAAP EBITDA

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, non-GAAP EBITDA was \$18.9 million, or 12.7% of revenue, compared with \$17.8 million, or 12.1% of revenue, for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

Constant Currency Basis

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, revenue was \$148.4 million, and net income was \$11.4 million, or 7.7% of revenue, or \$1.52 per diluted share. On a constant currency basis relative to Q1 of fiscal 2021, Q1 of fiscal 2022 revenue would have been higher by \$1.0 million to \$149.4 million, GAAP net income would have increased by \$0.1 million to \$11.5 million, or 7.7% of revenue, and earnings per diluted share would have increased by \$0.01 to \$1.53 per diluted share

For Q1 of fiscal 2022, revenue was \$148.4 million, and non-GAAP net income was \$11.6 million, or 7.8% of revenue, or \$1.53 per diluted share. On a constant currency basis relative to Q1 of fiscal 2021, Q1 of fiscal 2022 revenue would have been higher by \$1.0 million to \$149.4 million, non-GAAP net income would have increased by \$0.1 million to \$11.7 million, or 7.8% of revenue, non-GAAP earnings per diluted share would have increased by \$0.01 to \$1.54 per diluted share, and non-GAAP EBITDA would have increased by \$0.1 million to \$19.0 million, or 12.7% of revenue.

A description of the process for calculating the measures presented on a constant currency basis is contained under the heading "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.

Key Balance Sheet Metrics

Billed and unbilled receivables at April 2, 2022 were \$173.7 million, compared with \$155.7 million at April 3, 2021. Current liabilities at April 2, 2022 were \$208.9 million, compared with \$183.1 million at April 3, 2021.

Total Days Sales Outstanding, or DSO, for Q1 of fiscal 2022 was 99 days, consisting of 59 days of billed and 40 days of unbilled. This compares with 92 days reported for Q1 of fiscal 2021, consisting of 52 days of billed and 40 days of unbilled.

Cash and Cash Flow

Cash was \$43.7 million at April 2, 2022, compared with \$31.6 million at April 3, 2021.

Net cash used in operating activities for Q1 of fiscal 2022 was \$61.8 million, compared with net cash used in operating activities of \$39.8 million for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

As of April 2, 2022, outstanding borrowings under CRA's revolving credit facility amounted to \$60.0 million. At April 3, 2021, outstanding borrowings under CRA's revolving credit facility amounted to \$40.0 million.

Net cash used in investing activities totaled \$12.0 million for Q1 of fiscal 2022, which included consideration paid for the acquisition of Welch Consulting, Ltd., compared with \$0.7 million for Q1 of fiscal 2021.

CRA repurchased approximately 57,000 shares of its common stock during Q1 of fiscal 2022 for \$5.0 million, compared with Q1 of fiscal 2021, when approximately 167,000 shares of common stock were repurchased for \$9.6 million.

A quarterly cash dividend of \$0.31 per common share, for total dividends and dividend equivalents of \$2.4 million was paid in Q1 of fiscal 2022, compared with a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.26 per common share, for total dividends and dividend equivalents of \$2.1 million paid in Q1 of fiscal 2021.

GAAP Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

CRA has derived the condensed consolidated statement of cash flow data for the years ended January 1, 2022 and January 2, 2021 from its audited financial statements appearing on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2022, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 3, 2022. The condensed consolidated statement of cash flow data for the second and third quarters of fiscal year 2020, and the first, second, and third quarters of fiscal year 2021 and the first quarter of fiscal year 2022 have been derived from CRA's unaudited financial statements appearing on Form 10-Q for each of the respective fiscal quarters as well as the consolidated statements of cash flows appearing on Form 10-K for the fiscal years ended January 1, 2022 and January 2, 2021 and have been prepared on the same basis as CRA's audited financial statements.

GAAP Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows	LTM	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
(\$ in 000's)	Q1 2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 53,708	\$ (61,838)	\$ 61,795	\$ 50,126	\$ 3,625
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,916)	(11,985)	(893)	(560)	(478)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(26,347)	52,111	(14,173)	(43,428)	(20,857)
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(1,372)	(716)	(264)	(450)	58
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,073	\$ (22,428)	\$ 46,465	\$ 5,688	\$ (17,652)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	31,629	66,130	19,665	13,977	31,629
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 43,702	\$ 43,702	\$ 66,130	\$ 19,665	\$ 13,977

GAAP Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows		LTM	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
(\$ in 000's)	(Q1 2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	80,190	\$ (39,848)	\$ 65,315	\$ 33,648	\$ 21,075
Net cash used in investing activities		(9,837)	(692)	(1,352)	(2,225)	(5,568)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(57,150)	26,465	(44,558)	(26,687)	(12,370)
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		2,608	27	2,164	565	(148)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$	15,811	\$ (14,048)	\$ 21,569	\$ 5,301	\$ 2,989
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		15,818	45,677	24,108	18,807	15,818
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	31,629	\$ 31,629	\$ 45,677	\$ 24,108	\$ 18,807

Adjusted Net Cash Flows from Operations

Below are the quarterly and last twelve-month reconciliations of GAAP net cash provided by (used in) operating activities for each of the periods presented to non-GAAP adjusted net cash flows from operations. The reconciling items are forgivable loan advances and repayments for each period, which are reported as a component of GAAP net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, along with other non-recurring cash items.

Adjusted Net Cash Flows from Operations (\$ in 000's)	LTM Q1 2022		Q1 2022	Q4 2021	Q3 2021		Q2 2021
GAAP net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 53,708	\$	(61,838)	\$ 61,795	\$ 50,126	\$	3,625
Forgivable loan advances	21,178		8,800	4,893	5,105		2,380
Forgivable loan repayments	(69)		_	(69)	_		_
Other non-recurring cash items (1)	111		111	_	_		_
Adjusted net cash flows from operations	\$ 74,928	\$	(52,927)	\$ 66,619	\$ 55,231	\$	6,005
Net revenue	\$ 567,797	\$	148,382	\$ 134,766	\$ 136,412	\$	148,237
GAAP net cash provided by (used in) operating activities as a percentage of net revenue	 9.5 %		(41.7)%	 45.9 %	 36.7 %		2.4 %
Adjusted net cash flows from operations as a percentage of net revenue	13.2 %	_	(35.7)%	49.4 %	40.5 %	_	4.1 %

Adjusted Net Cash Flows from Operations	LTM	Q1	Q4	Q3		Q2
(\$ in 000's)	Q1 2021	2021	2020	2020		2020
GAAP net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 80,190	\$ (39,848)	\$ 65,315	\$ 33,648	\$	21,075
Forgivable loan advances	11,126	2,150	3,940	104		4,932
Forgivable loan repayments	_	_	_	_		_
Other non-recurring cash items (1)	10,393	10,393	_	_		
Adjusted net cash flows from operations	\$ 101,709	\$ (27,305)	\$ 69,255	\$ 33,752	\$	26,007
Net revenue	\$ 528,733	\$ 146,518	\$ 137,422	\$ 121,762	\$	123,031
GAAP net cash provided by (used in) operating activities as a percentage of net revenue	 15.2 %	 (27.2)%	 47.5 %	 27.6 %	<u> </u>	17.1 %
Adjusted net cash flows from operations as a percentage of net revenue	19.2 %	(18.6)%	50.4 %	27.7 %		21.1 %

⁽¹⁾ Other non-recurring cash items includes acquisition-related costs in Q1 fiscal 2022 and a portion of the cash paid to settle a contingent consideration obligation in Q1 fiscal 2021.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

In these remarks, CRA has supplemented the presentation of its financial results calculated in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles or "GAAP" with the following financial measures that were not calculated in accordance with GAAP: non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP net income per share, non-GAAP EBITDA, non-GAAP income from operations, non-GAAP provision for income taxes, SG&A expenses excluding commissions and adjusted net cash flows from operations. CRA believes that these non-GAAP financial measures are important to management and investors because these measures supplement the understanding of CRA's ongoing operating results, financial condition and cash flows. Non-GAAP adjusted net cash flows from operations is used by management to assess CRA's ability to fund items such as the acquisition of talent, office expansions, debt repayment and distributions to shareholders. In addition, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP EBITDA are used by CRA in its budgeting process, and the non-GAAP adjustments described below are made to the performance measures for some of CRA's performance-based compensation.

CRA defines non-GAAP EBITDA as net income before interest expense (net), income taxes, and depreciation and amortization further adjusted for the impact of certain items that it does not consider indicative of its core operating performance, such as non-cash amounts relating to valuation changes in contingent consideration, acquisition-related costs, and related tax effects. Non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP income from operations and non-GAAP provision for income taxes also exclude non-cash amounts relating to valuation changes in contingent consideration, acquisition-related costs, and related tax effects. The adjustments made to non-GAAP adjusted net cash flows from operations add back forgivable loan issuances, net of repayments, along with other non-recurring cash items. These remarks also present certain current fiscal period financial measures on a "constant currency" basis in order to isolate the effect that foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations can have on CRA's financial results. These constant currency measures are determined by recalculating the current fiscal period local currency financial measure using the specified corresponding prior fiscal period's foreign exchange rates.

All of the non-GAAP financial measures referred to above should be considered in conjunction with, and not as a substitute for, the GAAP financial information presented in these remarks. EBITDA and the financial measures identified in these remarks as "non-GAAP" are reconciled to their GAAP comparable measures either in these remarks or in the attached financial tables. In evaluating these non-GAAP financial measures, note that the non-GAAP financial measures used by CRA may be calculated differently from, and therefore may not be comparable to, similarly titled measures used by other companies.

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE FISCAL QUARTERS ENDED APRIL 2, 2022 COMPARED TO APRIL 3, 2021 (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	Fiscal Quarter Ended					
	April 2, 2022	As a % of Revenue		April 3, 2021	As a % of Revenue	
Revenues	\$ 148,382	100.0 %	\$	146,518	100.0 %	
Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	104,060	70.1 %		105,374	71.9 %	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	25,817	17.4 %		23,206	15.8 %	
Depreciation and amortization	2,976	2.0 %		3,301	2.3 %	
Income from operations	 15,529	10.5 %		14,637	10.0 %	
Interest expense, net	(208)	-0.1 %		(199)	-0.1 %	
Foreign currency gains (losses), net	199	0.1 %		(551)	-0.4 %	
Income before provision for income taxes	15,520	10.5 %		13,887	9.5 %	
Provision for income taxes	4,094	2.8 %		3,386	2.3 %	
Net income	\$ 11,426	7.7 %	\$	10,501	7.2 %	
Net income per share:						
Basic	\$ 1.55		\$	1.37		
Diluted	\$ 1.52		\$	1.34		
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:						
Basic	7,360			7,626		
Diluted	7,503			7,831		

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC. RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES FOR THE FISCAL QUARTERS ENDED APRIL 2, 2022 COMPARED TO APRIL 3, 2021 (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

		Fiscal Quarter Ended				
	_	April 2, 2022	As a % of Revenue	April 3, 2021	As a % of Revenue	
Revenues	\$	148,382	100.0 %	\$ 146,518	100.0 %	
						
Net income	\$	11,426	7.7 %	\$ 10,501	7.2 %	
Adjustments needed to reconcile GAAP net income to non-GAAP net income:						
Non-cash valuation change in contingent consideration		_	— %	380	0.3 %	
Acquisition-related costs		171	0.1 %	_	— %	
Tax effect on adjustments		(46)	— %	(103)	-0.1 %	
Non-GAAP net income	\$	11,551	7.8 %	\$ 10,778	7.4 %	
Non-GAAP net income per share:						
Basic	\$	1.56		\$ 1.41		
Diluted	\$	1.53		\$ 1.37		
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Weighted average number of shares outstanding:						
Basic		7,360		7,626		
Diluted		7,503		7,831		

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC. RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES FOR THE FISCAL QUARTERS ENDED APRIL 2, 2022 COMPARED TO APRIL 3, 2021 (IN THOUSANDS)

	Fiscal Quarter Ended					
	 April 2, 2022	As a % of Revenue	April 3, 2021	As a % of Revenue		
Revenues	\$ 148,382	100.0 %	146,518	100.0 %		
Net income	\$ 11,426	7.7 % \$	10,501	7.2 %		
Adjustments needed to reconcile GAAP net income to non-GAAP net income:						
Non-cash valuation change in contingent consideration	_	— %	380	0.3 %		
Acquisition-related costs	171	0.1 %	_	— %		
Tax effect on adjustments	(46)	— %	(103)	-0.1 %		
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 11,551	7.8 %	10,778	7.4 %		
Adjustments needed to reconcile non-GAAP net income to non-GAAP EBITDA:						
Interest expense, net	208	0.1 %	199	0.1 %		
Provision for income taxes	4,140	2.8 %	3,489	2.4 %		
Depreciation and amortization	2,976	2.0 %	3,301	2.3 %		
Non-GAAP EBITDA	\$ 18,875	12.7 %	17,767	12.1 %		

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS)

		April 2, 2022	J	anuary 1, 2022
Assets				
Cash	\$	43,702	\$	66,130
Accounts receivable and unbilled services, net		173,651		162,057
Other current assets		24,795		21,160
Total current assets		242,148		249,347
Property and equipment, net		51,836		53,612
Goodwill and intangible assets, net		99,045		93,117
Right-of-use assets		107,655		110,475
Other assets		50,158		48,809
Total assets	\$	550,842	\$	555,360
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Accounts payable	\$	20,252	\$	23,511
Accrued expenses		103,640		156,314
Current portion of lease liabilities		15,023		14,337
Revolving line of credit		60,000		_
Other current liabilities		10,031		18,924
Total current liabilities		208,946		213,086
Non-current portion of lease liabilities		120,231		124,464
Other non-current liabilities		12,440		11,976
Total liabilities		341,617		349,526
Total shareholders' equity		209,225		205,834
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	550,842	\$	555,360

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Fiscal Quarter E			r Ended		
		April 2, 2022				
Operating activities:		_				
Net income	\$	11,426	\$	10,501		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities, net of effect of acquired business:						
Non-cash items, net		7,086		6,149		
Accounts receivable and unbilled services		(7,110)		(3,030)		
Working capital items, net		(73,240)		(53,468)		
Net cash used in operating activities		(61,838)		(39,848)		
Investing activities:						
Purchases of property and equipment, net		(1,346)		(692)		
Consideration paid for acquisition		(10,639)		_		
Net cash used in investing activities		(11,985)		(692)		
Financing activities:						
Issuance of common stock, principally stock options exercises		341		1,113		
Borrowings under revolving line of credit		60,000		42,000		
Repayments under revolving line of credit		_		(2,000)		
Tax withholding payments reimbursed by shares		(897)		(588)		
Cash paid for contingent consideration		_		(2,357)		
Cash dividends paid		(2,377)		(2,061)		
Repurchase of common stock		(4,956)		(9,642)		
Net cash provided by financing activities		52,111		26,465		
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		(716)		27		
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(22,428)		(14,048)		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		66,130		45,677		
Cash at end of period	\$	43,702	\$	31,629		
Noncash investing and financing activities:						
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses for property and equipment	\$	(211)	\$	(294)		
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations	\$	1,210	\$	1,070		
		1,210				
Restricted common stock issued for contingent consideration	\$		\$	2,250		
Supplemental cash flow information: Cash paid for taxes	\$	1,622	\$	844		
Cash paid for interest	\$	97	\$	24		
Cash paid for amounts included in operating lease liabilities	\$	5,285	\$	5,157		
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CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES (CRA) DECLARES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND OF \$0.31 PER COMMON SHARE

BOSTON, May 5, 2022 – <u>Charles River Associates</u> (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing <u>economic, financial and management consulting</u> <u>services</u>, today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.31 per common share to be paid on June 10, 2022 to shareholders of record of CRA's common stock as of the close of business on May 31, 2022. The Company expects to continue paying quarterly dividends, the declaration, timing and amounts of which remain subject to the discretion of CRA's Board of Directors.

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Statements in this press release concerning our expectations regarding the payment of future quarterly dividends are "forward-looking" statements as defined in Section 21 of the Exchange Act. These statements are based upon our current expectations and various underlying assumptions. Although we believe there is a reasonable basis for these statements and assumptions, and these statements are expressed in good faith, these statements are subject to a number of additional factors and uncertainties. These factors include, but are not limited to, the possibility that the demand for our services may decline as a result of changes in general and industry specific economic conditions; the timing of engagements for our services; the effects of competitive services and pricing; our ability to attract and retain key employee or non-employee experts; the inability to integrate and utilize existing consultants and personnel; the decline or reduction in project work or activity; global economic conditions including less stable political and economic environments; the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our operations and results; foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations; unanticipated expenses and liabilities; risks inherent in international operations; changes in tax law or accounting standards, rules, and regulations; our ability to collect on forgivable loans should any become due; and professional and other legal liability or settlements. Additional risks and uncertainties are discussed in our periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the heading "Risk Factors." The inclusion of such forward-looking information should not be regarded as our representation that the future events, plans, or expectations contemplated will be achieved. Except as may be required by law, we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements after the date of this press release, and we do not intend to do so.