
**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): November 2, 2023

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-24049
(Commission
file number)

04-2372210
(IRS employer
identification no.)

200 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

02116
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 425-3000**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, no par value	CRAI	Nasdaq Global Select Market

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

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.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On November 2, 2023, we issued a press release reporting our financial results for our fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2023. A copy of the press release is set forth as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein. On November 2, 2023, 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 November 2, 2023, we announced that our board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend on our common stock of \$0.42 per share to be paid on December 8, 2023 to all shareholders of record as of November 28, 2023. 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

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
99.1	November 2, 2023 earnings press release
99.2	Supplemental financial information (prepared CFO remarks)
99.3	November 2, 2023 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: November 2, 2023

By: /s/ DANIEL K. MAHONEY
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CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES (CRA) REPORTS
FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2023
Forensic Services and Life Sciences Deliver Double-Digit Revenue Growth

Company Increases Quarterly Dividend by 17%

Company to Host Investor Day on November 29, 2023

BOSTON, November 2, 2023 – Charles River Associates (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing economic, financial and management consulting services, today announced financial results for the fiscal third quarter ended September 30, 2023.

“Our third quarter was shaped by an unexpected slowdown in new project originations at a time of higher than expected headcount, resulting in an unusual departure from CRA’s long history of delivering revenue and profit expansion,” said **Paul Maleh**, CRA’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “In light of the macroeconomic uncertainty that marked the third quarter, I was pleased that six of our 11 practices grew year over year, with two of our largest practices – Forensic Services and Life Sciences – delivering double-digit revenue increases. At the same time, our international operations continued their strong performance by expanding 13.2% year over year.”

Highlights for Third Quarter Fiscal 2023

- Revenue declined 0.6% year over year to \$147.6 million.
- Utilization was 66%, and quarter-end headcount increased 11.3% year over year.
- Net income decreased 27.6% year over year to \$8.6 million, or 5.8% of revenue, compared with \$11.9 million, or 8.0% of revenue, in the third quarter of fiscal 2022; non-GAAP net income decreased 24.1% year over year to \$8.0 million, or 5.4% of revenue, compared with \$10.6 million, or 7.1% of revenue, in the third quarter of fiscal 2022.
- Earnings per diluted share decreased 25.8% year over year to \$1.21 from \$1.63 in the third quarter of fiscal 2022; non-GAAP earnings per diluted share decreased 22.1% year over year to \$1.13 from \$1.45 in the third quarter of fiscal 2022.
- Non-GAAP EBITDA decreased 23.4% to \$13.8 million, or 9.3% of revenue, compared with \$18.0 million, or 12.1% of revenue, in the third quarter of fiscal 2022.
- On a constant currency basis relative to the third quarter of fiscal 2022, revenue, GAAP net income and earnings per diluted share would have been lower by \$1.8 million, \$0.2 million, and \$0.03 per diluted share, respectively. Non-GAAP net income, earnings per diluted share, and non-GAAP EBITDA would have been lower by \$0.2 million, \$0.03 per diluted share and \$0.4 million, respectively.
- CRA returned \$2.5 million of capital to its shareholders via quarterly dividend payments.

Management Commentary and Financial Guidance

“Through the first three quarters of fiscal 2023, on a constant currency basis relative to fiscal 2022, CRA generated total revenue of \$463.8 million and non-GAAP EBITDA of \$50.0 million, achieving a margin of 10.8%,” said Maleh. “Given results to date and lingering uncertainties across the broader economy, we are lowering our revenue and profit guidance. For full-year fiscal 2023, on a constant currency basis relative to fiscal 2022, we expect revenue in the range of \$610.0 million to \$620.0 million and non-GAAP EBITDA margin in the range of 10.3% to 10.7%. This compares with a prior revenue range of \$625.0 million to \$640.0 million and a prior non-GAAP EBITDA margin range of 11.0% to 11.7%. We remain confident in CRA’s overall competitive position, which is reflected in our decision to raise our quarterly cash dividend by 17%, but we are mindful that macroeconomic headwinds and geopolitical 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 November 2, 2023, CRA announced that it increased its quarterly cash dividend by 17% from \$0.36 to \$0.42 per common share. The dividend will be payable on December 8, 2023 to shareholders of record as of November 28, 2023. 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.

Investor Day

CRA will host an investor day on Wednesday, November 29 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza hotel in Boston to discuss its business, strategy and industry trends in greater depth, with presentations from members of the Company's Antitrust & Competition Economics, Forensic Services and Life Sciences practices. A live webcast will be available on the "[Investor Relations](#)" section of CRA's website.

Conference Call Information and Prepared CFO Remarks

CRA will host a conference call today at 10:00 a.m. ET to discuss its third-quarter 2023 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](#), [X](#), 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.

As used herein, 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, foreign currency (gains) losses, net 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, foreign currency (gains) losses, net 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. On a constant currency basis for the fiscal year-to-date period ended September 30, 2023 relative to the fiscal year-to-date period ended October 1, 2022, revenue and EBITDA would have been higher by \$1.4 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

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 expanded 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 2023 on a constant currency basis relative to fiscal 2022 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 epidemics or pandemics such as 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 AND FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE PERIODS ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 COMPARED TO OCTOBER 1, 2022
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	Fiscal Quarter Ended				Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended			
	September 30, 2023	As a % of Revenue	October 1, 2022	As a % of Revenue	September 30, 2023	As a % of Revenue	October 1, 2022	As a % of Revenue
Revenues	\$ 147,553	100.0 %	\$ 148,441	100.0 %	\$ 462,363	100.0 %	\$ 445,925	100.0 %
Costs of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	105,894	71.8 %	102,267	68.9 %	327,064	70.7 %	309,403	69.4 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses	27,919	18.9 %	28,246	19.0 %	86,137	18.6 %	82,026	18.4 %
Depreciation and amortization	2,947	2.0 %	3,034	2.0 %	8,762	1.9 %	9,060	2.0 %
Income from operations	10,793	7.3 %	14,894	10.0 %	40,400	8.7 %	45,436	10.2 %
Interest expense, net	(1,025)	-0.7 %	(667)	-0.4 %	(3,212)	-0.7 %	(1,343)	-0.3 %
Foreign currency gains (losses), net	755	0.5 %	1,667	1.1 %	(459)	-0.1 %	3,566	0.8 %
Income before provision for income taxes	10,523	7.1 %	15,894	10.7 %	36,729	7.9 %	47,659	10.7 %
Provision for income taxes	1,927	1.3 %	4,017	2.7 %	9,707	2.1 %	12,713	2.9 %
Net income	<u>\$ 8,596</u>	<u>5.8 %</u>	<u>\$ 11,877</u>	<u>8.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 27,022</u>	<u>5.8 %</u>	<u>\$ 34,946</u>	<u>7.8 %</u>
Net income per share:								
Basic	<u>\$ 1.22</u>		<u>\$ 1.66</u>		<u>\$ 3.83</u>		<u>\$ 4.81</u>	
Diluted	<u>\$ 1.21</u>		<u>\$ 1.63</u>		<u>\$ 3.78</u>		<u>\$ 4.72</u>	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:								
Basic	<u>6,977</u>		<u>7,119</u>		<u>7,026</u>		<u>7,247</u>	
Diluted	<u>7,083</u>		<u>7,246</u>		<u>7,138</u>		<u>7,376</u>	

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES
FOR THE FISCAL QUARTERS AND FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE PERIODS ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 COMPARED TO OCTOBER 1, 2022
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Adjustments needed to reconcile GAAP net income to non-GAAP net income:								
Non-cash valuation change in contingent consideration	16	— %	—	— %	52	— %	—	— %
Acquisition-related costs	—	— %	30	— %	22	— %	233	0.1 %
Foreign currency (gains) losses, net	(755)	-0.5 %	(1,667)	-1.1 %	459	0.1 %	(3,566)	-0.8 %
Tax effect on adjustments	166	0.1 %	329	0.2 %	(138)	— %	647	0.1 %
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 8,023	5.4 %	\$ 10,569	7.1 %	\$ 27,417	5.9 %	\$ 32,260	7.2 %
Non-GAAP net income per share:								
Basic	\$ 1.14		\$ 1.48		\$ 3.89		\$ 4.44	
Diluted	\$ 1.13		\$ 1.45		\$ 3.83		\$ 4.36	
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CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES
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Adjustments needed to reconcile non-GAAP net income to non-GAAP EBITDA:								
Interest expense, net	1,025	0.7 %	667	0.4 %	3,212	0.7 %	1,343	0.3 %
Provision for income taxes	1,761	1.2 %	3,688	2.5 %	9,845	2.1 %	12,066	2.7 %
Depreciation and amortization	2,947	2.0 %	3,034	2.0 %	8,762	1.9 %	9,060	2.0 %
Non-GAAP EBITDA	\$ 13,756	9.3 %	\$ 17,958	12.1 %	\$ 49,236	10.6 %	\$ 54,729	12.3 %

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

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,604	\$ 31,447
Accounts receivable and unbilled services, net	193,321	194,987
Other current assets	27,777	22,426
Total current assets	248,702	248,860
Property and equipment, net	39,963	45,582
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	101,008	101,510
Right-of-use assets	88,871	96,725
Other assets	60,501	58,240
Total assets	\$ 539,045	\$ 550,917
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Accounts payable	\$ 24,711	\$ 27,584
Accrued expenses	137,920	155,864
Current portion of lease liabilities	16,193	15,972
Revolving line of credit	32,000	—
Other current liabilities	13,424	17,705
Total current liabilities	224,248	217,125
Non-current portion of lease liabilities	95,406	106,008
Other non-current liabilities	11,433	16,630
Total liabilities	331,087	339,763
Total shareholders' equity	207,958	211,154
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 539,045	\$ 550,917

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

	Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended	
	September 30, 2023	October 1, 2022
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 27,022	\$ 34,946
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities, net of effect of acquired businesses:		
Non-cash items, net	21,542	21,723
Accounts receivable and unbilled services	1,559	(48,853)
Working capital items, net	(50,150)	(42,831)
Net cash used in operating activities	(27)	(35,015)
Investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment, net	(2,008)	(2,999)
Consideration paid for acquisition, net	(577)	(10,185)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,585)	(13,184)
Financing activities:		
Issuance of common stock, principally stock options exercises	—	760
Borrowings under revolving line of credit	105,000	124,000
Repayments under revolving line of credit	(73,000)	(79,000)
Payments for debt issuance costs	—	(1,008)
Tax withholding payments reimbursed by shares	(2,040)	(1,002)
Cash dividends paid	(7,773)	(6,860)
Repurchase of common stock	(23,577)	(27,630)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1,390)	9,260
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	159	(3,098)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,843)	(42,037)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	31,447	66,130
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 27,604	\$ 24,093
Noncash investing and financing activities:		
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses for property and equipment	\$ (129)	\$ (201)
Excise tax on share repurchases	\$ (190)	\$ —
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,146
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Cash paid for taxes	\$ 9,953	\$ 11,407
Cash paid for interest	\$ 2,904	\$ 1,026
Cash paid for amounts included in operating lease liabilities	\$ 16,660	\$ 15,864



**CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES (CRA)
THIRD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2023
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 November 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. ET. These prepared remarks will not be read on the call.

Q3 Fiscal 2023 Summary (Quarter ended September 30, 2023)

- Revenue: \$147.6 million
- Net income: \$8.6 million, or 5.8% of revenue; non-GAAP net income: \$8.0 million, or 5.4% of revenue
- Net income per diluted share: \$1.21; non-GAAP net income per diluted share: \$1.13
- Operating margin and non-GAAP operating margin: 7.3%
- Non-GAAP EBITDA: \$13.8 million, or 9.3% of revenue
- Effective tax rate: 18.3%; non-GAAP effective tax rate: 18.0%
- Utilization: 66%
- Consultant headcount at the end of Q3 of fiscal 2023: 1,014, which consists of 155 officers, 529 other senior staff and 330 junior staff
- Cash and cash equivalents: \$27.6 million at September 30, 2023
- Revolving credit facility borrowing capacity: \$163.5 million at September 30, 2023

Revenue

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, revenue was \$147.6 million, compared with revenue of \$148.4 million for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

Headcount

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

	Q3 2023	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022
Officers	155	156	158	149	146
Other Senior Staff	529	522	535	496	481
Junior Staff	330	293	279	294	284
Total	1,014	971	972	939	911

Utilization

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, companywide utilization was 66%, compared with 74% for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

Client Reimbursables

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, client reimbursables were \$17.9 million, or 12.2% of revenue, compared with \$15.0 million, or 10.1% of revenue, for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

Selling, General and Administrative (SG&A) Expenses

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, SG&A expenses were \$27.9 million, or 18.9% of revenue, compared with \$28.2 million, or 19.0% of revenue, for Q3 of fiscal 2022. Commissions to non-employee experts are included in SG&A expenses. These commissions represented approximately 2.4% of revenue for Q3 of fiscal 2023, compared with 3.2% in Q3 of fiscal 2022. Excluding these commissions, SG&A expenses were 16.5% of revenue for Q3 of fiscal 2023, compared with 15.8% in Q3 of fiscal 2022.

\$ in 000's	Fiscal Quarter Ended			
	September 30, 2023	As a % of Revenue	October 1, 2022	As a % of Revenue
SG&A expenses	\$ 27,919	18.9 %	\$ 28,246	19.0 %
Less: commissions to non-employee experts	3,607	2.4 %	4,773	3.2 %
SG&A expenses excluding commissions	\$ 24,312	16.5 %	\$ 23,473	15.8 %

Depreciation & Amortization

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, depreciation and amortization expenses amounted to \$2.9 million, or 2.0% of revenue, compared with \$3.0 million, or 2.0% of revenue, for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

Forgivable Loan Amortization

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, forgivable loan amortization was \$8.7 million, or 5.9% of revenue, compared with \$8.8 million, or 6.0% of revenue, for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

Share-Based Compensation Expense

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, share-based compensation expense was approximately \$0.9 million, or 0.6% of revenue, compared with \$1.5 million, or 1.0% of revenue, for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

Operating Income

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, operating income was \$10.8 million, or 7.3% of revenue, compared with operating income of \$14.9 million, or 10.0% of revenue, for Q3 of fiscal 2022. Non-GAAP operating income was \$10.8 million, or 7.3% of revenue, for Q3 of fiscal 2023, compared with \$14.9 million, or 10.1% of revenue, for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

\$ in 000's	Fiscal Quarter Ended			
	September 30, 2023	As a % of Revenue	October 1, 2022	As a % of Revenue
Income from operations	\$ 10,793	7.3 %	\$ 14,894	10.0 %
Adjustments needed to reconcile GAAP income from operations to non-GAAP income from operations:				
Non-cash valuation change in contingent consideration	16	— %	—	— %
Acquisition-related costs	—	— %	30	— %
Non-GAAP income from operations	\$ 10,809	7.3 %	\$ 14,924	10.1 %

Interest Income (Expense), net

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, net interest expense was \$1.0 million, or 0.7% of revenue, compared with net interest expense of \$0.7 million, or 0.4% of revenue, for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

Foreign Currency Gains (Losses), net

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, net foreign currency gains were \$0.8 million, or 0.5% of revenue, compared with net foreign currency gains of \$1.7 million, or 1.1% of revenue, for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

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:

\$ in 000's	GAAP		Non-GAAP	
	Fiscal Quarter Ended		Fiscal Quarter Ended	
	September 30, 2023	October 1, 2022	September 30, 2023	October 1, 2022
Tax Provision	\$ 1,927	\$ 4,017	\$ 1,761	\$ 3,688
Effective Tax Rate	18.3 %	25.3 %	18.0 %	25.9 %

\$ in 000's	Fiscal Quarter Ended			
	September 30, 2023	As a % of Revenue	October 1, 2022	As a % of Revenue
Income before provision for income taxes	\$ 10,523	7.1 %	\$ 15,894	10.7 %
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	16	— %	—	— %
Acquisition-related costs	—	— %	30	— %
Foreign currency (gains) losses, net	(755)	(0.5)%	(1,667)	(1.1)%
Non-GAAP income before provision for income taxes	\$ 9,784	6.6 %	\$ 14,257	9.6 %
GAAP provision for income taxes	\$ 1,927		\$ 4,017	
Tax effect on non-GAAP adjustments	(166)		(329)	
Non-GAAP provision for income taxes	\$ 1,761		\$ 3,688	

Net Income

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, net income was \$8.6 million, or 5.8% of revenue, or \$1.21 per diluted share, compared with net income of \$11.9 million, or 8.0% of revenue, or \$1.63 per diluted share, for Q3 of fiscal 2022. Non-GAAP net income for Q3 of fiscal 2023 was \$8.0 million, or 5.4% of revenue, or \$1.13 per diluted share, compared with \$10.6 million, or 7.1% of revenue, or \$1.45 per diluted share, for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

Non-GAAP EBITDA

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, non-GAAP EBITDA was \$13.8 million, or 9.3% of revenue, compared with \$18.0 million, or 12.1% of revenue, for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

Constant Currency Basis

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, revenue was \$147.6 million, and net income was \$8.6 million, or 5.8% of revenue, or \$1.21 per diluted share. On a constant currency basis relative to Q3 of fiscal 2022, Q3 of fiscal 2023 revenue would have been lower by \$1.8 million to \$145.8 million, GAAP net income would have been lower by \$0.2 million to \$8.4 million, or 5.8% of revenue, and earnings per diluted share would have decreased by \$0.03 to \$1.18 per diluted share.

For Q3 of fiscal 2023, revenue was \$147.6 million, and non-GAAP net income was \$8.0 million, or 5.4% of revenue, or \$1.13 per diluted share. On a constant currency basis relative to Q3 of fiscal 2022, Q3 of fiscal 2023 revenue would have been lower by \$1.8 million to \$145.8 million, non-GAAP net income would have been lower by \$0.2 million to \$7.8 million, or 5.3% of revenue, non-GAAP earnings per diluted share would have decreased by \$0.03 to \$1.10 per diluted share, and non-GAAP EBITDA would have been lower by \$0.4 million to \$13.4 million, or 9.2% 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 September 30, 2023 were \$193.3 million, compared with \$208.9 million at October 1, 2022. Current liabilities at September 30, 2023 were \$224.2 million, compared with \$231.0 million at October 1, 2022.

Total Days Sales Outstanding, or DSO, for Q3 of fiscal 2023 was 114 days, consisting of 72 days of billed and 42 days of unbilled. This compares with 123 days reported for Q3 of fiscal 2022, consisting of 77 days of billed and 46 days of unbilled.

Cash and Cash Flow

Cash and cash equivalents was \$27.6 million at September 30, 2023, compared with \$24.1 million at October 1, 2022.

Net cash provided by operating activities for Q3 of fiscal 2023 was \$65.0 million, compared with net cash provided by operating activities of \$43.8 million for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

As of September 30, 2023, outstanding borrowings under CRA’s revolving credit facility amounted to \$32.0 million. At October 1, 2022, outstanding borrowings under CRA’s revolving credit facility amounted to \$45.0 million.

Capital expenditures totaled \$0.7 million for Q3 of fiscal 2023, compared with \$0.9 million for Q3 of fiscal 2022.

CRA did not repurchase any shares under the share repurchase program during Q3 of fiscal 2023. During Q3 of fiscal 2022, approximately 52,000 shares of common stock were repurchased for \$5.0 million.

A quarterly cash dividend of \$0.36 per common share, for total dividends and dividend equivalents of \$2.5 million, was paid in Q3 of fiscal 2023, compared with a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.31 per common share, for total dividends and dividend equivalents of \$2.2 million paid in Q3 of fiscal 2022.

GAAP Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

CRA has derived the condensed consolidated statement of cash flow data for the years ended December 31, 2022 and January 1, 2022 from its audited financial statements appearing on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2023. The condensed consolidated statement of cash flow data for the first, second, and third quarters of fiscal year 2022 and the first, second, and third quarters of fiscal year 2023 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 December 31, 2022 and January 1, 2022 and have been prepared on the same basis as CRA's audited financial statements.

GAAP Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (\$ in 000's)	LTM	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4
	Q3 2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 60,109	\$ 64,952	\$ 5,072	\$ (70,051)	\$ 60,136
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,566)	(733)	(720)	(1,132)	(4,981)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(49,602)	(50,574)	(25,664)	74,848	(48,212)
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	570	(312)	64	407	411
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,511	\$ 13,333	\$ (21,248)	\$ 4,072	\$ 7,354
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	24,093	14,271	35,519	31,447	24,093
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 27,604	\$ 27,604	\$ 14,271	\$ 35,519	\$ 31,447

GAAP Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (\$ in 000's)	LTM	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4
	Q3 2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 26,780	\$ 43,797	\$ (16,974)	\$ (61,838)	\$ 61,795
Net cash used in investing activities	(14,077)	(932)	(267)	(11,985)	(893)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(4,913)	(32,840)	(10,011)	52,111	(14,173)
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(3,362)	(1,553)	(829)	(716)	(264)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,428	\$ 8,472	\$ (28,081)	\$ (22,428)	\$ 46,465
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	19,665	15,621	43,702	66,130	19,665
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 24,093	\$ 24,093	\$ 15,621	\$ 43,702	\$ 66,130

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	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4
	Q3 2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
GAAP net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 60,109	\$ 64,952	\$ 5,072	\$ (70,051)	\$ 60,136
Forgivable loan advances	30,859	3,750	750	16,842	9,517
Forgivable loan repayments	(616)	—	—	(616)	—
Other non-recurring cash items (1)	91	—	—	22	69
Adjusted net cash flows from operations	\$ 90,443	\$ 68,702	\$ 5,822	\$ (53,803)	\$ 69,722
Net revenue	\$ 607,339	\$ 147,553	\$ 161,965	\$ 152,845	\$ 144,976
GAAP net cash provided by (used in) operating activities as a percentage of net revenue	9.9 %	44.0 %	3.1 %	(45.8)%	41.5 %
Adjusted net cash flows from operations as a percentage of net revenue	14.9 %	46.6 %	3.6 %	(35.2)%	48.1 %

Adjusted Net Cash Flows from Operations (\$ in 000's)	LTM Q3 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Q1 2022	Q4 2021
GAAP net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 26,780	\$ 43,797	\$ (16,974)	\$ (61,838)	\$ 61,795
Forgivable loan advances	30,360	3,313	13,354	8,800	4,893
Forgivable loan repayments	(94)	—	(25)	—	(69)
Other non-recurring cash items (1)	233	30	92	111	—
Adjusted net cash flows from operations	\$ 57,279	\$ 47,140	\$ (3,553)	\$ (52,927)	\$ 66,619
Net revenue	\$ 580,691	\$ 148,441	\$ 149,102	\$ 148,382	\$ 134,766
GAAP net cash provided by (used in) operating activities as a percentage of net revenue	4.6 %	29.5 %	(11.4)%	(41.7)%	45.9 %
Adjusted net cash flows from operations as a percentage of net revenue	9.9 %	31.8 %	(2.4)%	(35.7)%	49.4 %

(1) Other non-recurring cash items includes acquisition-related costs.

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 (and non-GAAP operating margin), non-GAAP provision for income taxes (and non-GAAP effective tax rate), 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.

As used herein, 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 its core operating performance, such as non-cash amounts relating to valuation changes in contingent consideration, acquisition-related costs, foreign currency (gains) losses, net 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, foreign currency (gains) losses, net 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 AND FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE PERIODS ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 COMPARED TO OCTOBER 1, 2022
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	Fiscal Quarter Ended				Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended			
	September 30, 2023	As a % of Revenue	October 1, 2022	As a % of Revenue	September 30, 2023	As a % of Revenue	October 1, 2022	As a % of Revenue
Revenues	\$ 147,553	100.0 %	\$ 148,441	100.0 %	\$ 462,363	100.0 %	\$ 445,925	100.0 %
Costs of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	105,894	71.8 %	102,267	68.9 %	327,064	70.7 %	309,403	69.4 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses	27,919	18.9 %	28,246	19.0 %	86,137	18.6 %	82,026	18.4 %
Depreciation and amortization	2,947	2.0 %	3,034	2.0 %	8,762	1.9 %	9,060	2.0 %
Income from operations	10,793	7.3 %	14,894	10.0 %	40,400	8.7 %	45,436	10.2 %
Interest expense, net	(1,025)	-0.7 %	(667)	-0.4 %	(3,212)	-0.7 %	(1,343)	-0.3 %
Foreign currency gains (losses), net	755	0.5 %	1,667	1.1 %	(459)	-0.1 %	3,566	0.8 %
Income before provision for income taxes	10,523	7.1 %	15,894	10.7 %	36,729	7.9 %	47,659	10.7 %
Provision for income taxes	1,927	1.3 %	4,017	2.7 %	9,707	2.1 %	12,713	2.9 %
Net income	<u>\$ 8,596</u>	<u>5.8 %</u>	<u>\$ 11,877</u>	<u>8.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 27,022</u>	<u>5.8 %</u>	<u>\$ 34,946</u>	<u>7.8 %</u>
Net income per share:								
Basic	<u>\$ 1.22</u>		<u>\$ 1.66</u>		<u>\$ 3.83</u>		<u>\$ 4.81</u>	
Diluted	<u>\$ 1.21</u>		<u>\$ 1.63</u>		<u>\$ 3.78</u>		<u>\$ 4.72</u>	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:								
Basic	<u>6,977</u>		<u>7,119</u>		<u>7,026</u>		<u>7,247</u>	
Diluted	<u>7,083</u>		<u>7,246</u>		<u>7,138</u>		<u>7,376</u>	

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES
FOR THE FISCAL QUARTERS AND FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE PERIODS ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 COMPARED TO OCTOBER 1, 2022
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Net income	\$ 8,596	5.8 %	\$ 11,877	8.0 %	\$ 27,022	5.8 %	\$ 34,946	7.8 %
Adjustments needed to reconcile GAAP net income to non-GAAP net income:								
Non-cash valuation change in contingent consideration	16	— %	—	— %	52	— %	—	— %
Acquisition-related costs	—	— %	30	— %	22	— %	233	0.1 %
Foreign currency (gains) losses, net	(755)	-0.5 %	(1,667)	-1.1 %	459	0.1 %	(3,566)	-0.8 %
Tax effect on adjustments	166	0.1 %	329	0.2 %	(138)	— %	647	0.1 %
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 8,023	5.4 %	\$ 10,569	7.1 %	\$ 27,417	5.9 %	\$ 32,260	7.2 %
Non-GAAP net income per share:								
Basic	\$ 1.14		\$ 1.48		\$ 3.89		\$ 4.44	
Diluted	\$ 1.13		\$ 1.45		\$ 3.83		\$ 4.36	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:								
Basic	6,977		7,119		7,026		7,247	
Diluted	7,083		7,246		7,138		7,376	

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES
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Adjustments needed to reconcile GAAP net income to non-GAAP net income:								
Non-cash valuation change in contingent consideration	16	— %	—	— %	52	— %	—	— %
Acquisition-related costs	—	— %	30	— %	22	— %	233	0.1 %
Foreign currency (gains) losses, net	(755)	-0.5 %	(1,667)	-1.1 %	459	0.1 %	(3,566)	-0.8 %
Tax effect on adjustments	166	0.1 %	329	0.2 %	(138)	— %	647	0.1 %
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 8,023	5.4 %	\$ 10,569	7.1 %	\$ 27,417	5.9 %	\$ 32,260	7.2 %
Adjustments needed to reconcile non-GAAP net income to non-GAAP EBITDA:								
Interest expense, net	1,025	0.7 %	667	0.4 %	3,212	0.7 %	1,343	0.3 %
Provision for income taxes	1,761	1.2 %	3,688	2.5 %	9,845	2.1 %	12,066	2.7 %
Depreciation and amortization	2,947	2.0 %	3,034	2.0 %	8,762	1.9 %	9,060	2.0 %
Non-GAAP EBITDA	\$ 13,756	9.3 %	\$ 17,958	12.1 %	\$ 49,236	10.6 %	\$ 54,729	12.3 %

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

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,604	\$ 31,447
Accounts receivable and unbilled services, net	193,321	194,987
Other current assets	27,777	22,426
Total current assets	248,702	248,860
Property and equipment, net	39,963	45,582
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	101,008	101,510
Right-of-use assets	88,871	96,725
Other assets	60,501	58,240
Total assets	\$ 539,045	\$ 550,917
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Accounts payable	\$ 24,711	\$ 27,584
Accrued expenses	137,920	155,864
Current portion of lease liabilities	16,193	15,972
Revolving line of credit	32,000	—
Other current liabilities	13,424	17,705
Total current liabilities	224,248	217,125
Non-current portion of lease liabilities	95,406	106,008
Other non-current liabilities	11,433	16,630
Total liabilities	331,087	339,763
Total shareholders' equity	207,958	211,154
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 539,045	\$ 550,917

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

	Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended	
	September 30, 2023	October 1, 2022
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 27,022	\$ 34,946
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities, net of effect of acquired businesses:		
Non-cash items, net	21,542	21,723
Accounts receivable and unbilled services	1,559	(48,853)
Working capital items, net	(50,150)	(42,831)
Net cash used in operating activities	(27)	(35,015)
Investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment, net	(2,008)	(2,999)
Consideration paid for acquisition, net	(577)	(10,185)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,585)	(13,184)
Financing activities:		
Issuance of common stock, principally stock options exercises	—	760
Borrowings under revolving line of credit	105,000	124,000
Repayments under revolving line of credit	(73,000)	(79,000)
Payments for debt issuance costs	—	(1,008)
Tax withholding payments reimbursed by shares	(2,040)	(1,002)
Cash dividends paid	(7,773)	(6,860)
Repurchase of common stock	(23,577)	(27,630)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1,390)	9,260
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	159	(3,098)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,843)	(42,037)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	31,447	66,130
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 27,604	\$ 24,093
Noncash investing and financing activities:		
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses for property and equipment	\$ (129)	\$ (201)
Excise tax on share repurchases	\$ (190)	\$ —
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,146
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Cash paid for taxes	\$ 9,953	\$ 11,407
Cash paid for interest	\$ 2,904	\$ 1,026
Cash paid for amounts included in operating lease liabilities	\$ 16,660	\$ 15,864

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CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES (CRA) INCREASES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND 17% FROM \$0.36 TO \$0.42 PER COMMON SHARE

BOSTON, November 2, 2023 – Charles River Associates (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing economic, financial and management consulting services, today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a 17% increase in the quarterly cash dividend from \$0.36 to \$0.42 per common share to be paid on December 8, 2023 to shareholders of record of CRA’s common stock as of the close of business on November 28, 2023. 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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