# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): March 1, 2022 (March 1, 2022)



# VERITIV CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

### **Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-36479** (Commission File Number)

46-3234977

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

1000 Abernathy Road NE
Building 400, Suite 1700
Atlanta, Georgia
(Address of principal executive offices)

30328

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (770) 391-8200

### Not Applicable

(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:

Title of each class		Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
	Common stock, \$0.01 par value	VRTV	New York Stock Exchange

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

Emerging growth company □
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 March 1, 2022, Veritiv Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release containing certain financial results of the Company and its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2021. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company is furnishing herewith additional information in conjunction with the March 1, 2022 earnings release. This additional information includes general Company information and highlights of financial results of the Company and its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2021. The additional information, attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, is being furnished and will not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are included with this report:

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release of Veritiv Corporation issued March 1, 2022.
99.2	Additional Information of Veritiv Corporation issued March 1, 2022.
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.

# VERITIV CORPORATION

Dated: March 1, 2022 /s/ Mark W. Hianik

Mark W. Hianik

Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary



### Veritiv Announces Record Fourth

Quarter and Full Year 2021 Net Income, EPS, Adjusted EBITDA, and Adjusted EBITDA Margin; and a \$200 Million Share Repurchase Program

### Fourth Quarter Financial Highlights

- Net Income and Diluted EPS of \$56.9 Million and \$3.67, respectively
- Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin<sup>1</sup> of \$115.9 Million and 6.2%, respectively
- Net Leverage Ratio of 1.1x

### Full Year 2021 Financial Highlights

- Net Income and Diluted EPS of \$144.6 Million and \$9.01, respectively
- Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin<sup>1</sup> of \$342.6 Million and 5.0%, respectively

ATLANTA (March 1, 2022) – Veritiv Corporation (NYSE: VRTV), a full-service provider of business-to-business products, services and solutions, today announced financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2021.

"Strong Packaging sales growth and operational improvements across the enterprise drove our best earnings and Adjusted EBITDA margin performance of any quarter on record. We reported Adjusted EBITDA margin of 5% for the full year and 6.2% for the fourth quarter, marking our eighth consecutive quarter of year-over-year improvement," said Sal Abbate, Chief Executive Officer. "Efficient pass through of market price increases and above-market volume drove our third consecutive quarter of double-digit sales growth. Our global sourcing capabilities and internally-managed supply chain were key differentiators in a market that continued to be impacted by constrained supply and logistics challenges. We remained disciplined in our execution of price changes and cost management, which drove margin stability despite a highly inflationary environment. As we look forward to 2022, we will continue to invest in Packaging growth by building on our industry-leading capabilities and enhancing how we serve our customers."

For the three months ended December 31, 2021, compared to the three months ended December 31, 2020:

- Net sales were \$1.9 billion, an increase of 13.5% from the prior year.
- Net income was \$56.9 million, compared to \$32.0 million in the prior year. Net restructuring charges were \$3.4 million, compared to \$11.8 million in the prior year.
- Basic and diluted earnings per share were \$3.90 and \$3.67, respectively, compared to \$2.01 and \$1.90, respectively in the prior year.
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$115.9 million, an increase of 87.8% from the prior year.
- Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of net sales was 6.2%, an increase of 240 basis points from the prior year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Adjusted EBITDA Margin is defined as Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of net sales.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to the year ended December 31, 2020:

- Net sales were \$6.9 billion, an increase of 8.0% from the prior year.
- Net income was \$144.6 million, compared to \$34.2 million in the prior year. Net restructuring charges were \$15.4 million, compared to \$52.2 million in the prior year.
- Basic and diluted earnings per share were \$9.50 and \$9.01, respectively, compared to \$2.14 and \$2.08, respectively, in the prior year.
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$342.6 million, an increase of 82.6% from the prior year.
- Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of net sales was 5.0%, an increase of 200 basis points from the prior year.

For the three months ended December 31, 2021, net cash provided by operating activities was \$63.1 million and free cash flow was \$56.8 million. For the year ended December 31, 2021, net cash provided by operating activities was \$154.7 million and free cash flow was \$134.3 million.

"Our fourth quarter earnings performance drove a further reduction in our net leverage ratio to 1.1x," said Steve Smith, Chief Financial Officer. "Our record-low net leverage provides additional optionality to execute on both strategic and financial capital objectives to enhance value for shareholders."

### 2022 Guidance

The Company expects supplier-driven price increases to continue during the first half of 2022. Customer demand is expected to taper slightly in the second half of the year which we believe will drive more modest volume growth in our Packaging segment compared to prior year. For all segments, we expect full year 2022 Adjusted EBITDA margins to remain at prior year levels, or to improve slightly, due to continued cost and price discipline and ongoing initiatives to mitigate the impacts of inflation.

Given these factors, the Company expects full year 2022 net income to be in the range of \$210 to \$250 million. Diluted earnings per share is estimated to be in the range of \$13.50 to \$16.25, based on an estimated 15.5 million fully diluted shares outstanding. Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be in the range of \$395 to \$435 million. Net cash provided by operating activities and free cash flow are expected to be approximately \$235 million and \$200 million, respectively. Capital expenditures are estimated to be approximately \$35 million.

### **Share Repurchase Program**

The Company also announced today that the Board of Directors has approved a \$200 million share repurchase program. Under the share repurchase authorization, the Company may, from time to time, purchase shares of its common stock through open market transactions, privately negotiated transactions, forward, derivative, or accelerated repurchase transactions, tender offers or otherwise, including Rule 10b5-1 trading plans, in accordance with all applicable securities laws and regulations. The timing and method of any repurchases, which will depend on a variety of factors, including market conditions, are subject to results of operations, financial conditions, cash requirements and other factors. This authorization may be suspended, terminated, increased or decreased by the Board at any time.

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Veritiv Corporation will host a conference call and webcast today, March 1, 2022, at 9 a.m. (ET) to discuss its fourth quarter and full year financial results. To participate, callers within the United States (U.S.) and Canada can dial (833) 968-2031, and international callers can dial (236) 714-2130, both using conference ID number 7797766. Interested parties can also listen online at <u>ir.veritivcorp.com</u>. A replay of the call and webcast will be available online for a limited period of time at <u>ir.veritivcorp.com</u> shortly after the webcast is completed.

Important information regarding U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") and related reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to the most comparable U.S. GAAP measures can be found in the schedules to this press release, which should be thoroughly reviewed.

### **About Veritiv**

Veritiv Corporation (NYSE: VRTV), headquartered in Atlanta and a Fortune  $500^{\circledR}$  company, is a full-service provider of packaging, JanSan and hygiene products, services and solutions. Additionally, Veritiv provides print and publishing products, and logistics and supply chain management solutions. Serving customers in a wide range of industries both in North America and globally, Veritiv has distribution centers throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico, and team members around the world helping shape the success of its customers. For more information about Veritiv and its business segments visit <a href="https://www.veritivcorp.com">www.veritivcorp.com</a>.

### **Safe Harbor Provision**

Certain statements contained in this press release regarding Veritiv Corporation's (the "Company") future operating results, performance, business plans, prospects, guidance, statements related to the impact of COVID-19 and any other statements not constituting historical fact are "forward-looking statements" subject to the safe harbor created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Where possible, the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "continue," "intend," "should," "will," "would," "planned," "estimated," "potential," "goal," "outlook," "may," "predicts," "could," or the negative of such terms, or other comparable expressions, have been used to identify such forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements reflect only the Company's current beliefs and assumptions with respect to future operating results, performance, business plans, prospects, guidance and other matters, and are based on information currently available to the Company. Accordingly, the statements are subject to significant risks, uncertainties and contingencies, which could cause the Company's actual operating results, performance, business plans, prospects or guidance to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these statements.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations include the risks and other factors described under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and in the Company's other publicly available reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Such risks and other factors, which in some instances are beyond the Company's control, include: adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; the industry-wide decline in demand for paper and related products; increased competition from existing and non-traditional sources; procurement and other risks in obtaining packaging, facility products and paper from our suppliers for resale to our customers; changes in prices for raw materials; changes in trade policies and regulations; increases in the cost of fuel and third-party freight and the availability of third-party freight providers; the loss of any of our significant customers; inability to realize expected benefits of restructuring plans; adverse developments in general business and economic conditions that could impair our ability to use net operating loss carryforwards and other deferred tax assets; our ability to adequately protect our material intellectual property and other proprietary rights, or to defend successfully against intellectual property infringement claims by third parties; our ability to attract, train and retain highly qualified employees; our pension and health care costs and participation in multi-employer pension, health and welfare plans; the effects of work stoppages, union negotiations and labor disputes; our ability to generate sufficient cash to service our debt; increasing interest rates; our ability to refinance or restructure our debt on reasonable terms and conditions as might be necessary from time to time; our ability to comply with the covenants contained in our debt agreements; costs to comply with laws, rules and regulations, including environmental, health and safety laws, and to satisfy any liability or obligation imposed under such laws; changes in tax laws; adverse results from litigation, governmental investigations or audits, or tax-related proceedings or audits; regulatory changes and judicial rulings impacting our business; the impact of adverse developments in general business and economic conditions as well as conditions in the global capital and credit markets on demand for our products and services, our business including our international operations, and our customers; foreign currency fluctuations; inclement weather, widespread outbreak of an illness, anti-terrorism measures and other disruptions to our supply chain, distribution system and operations; our dependence on a variety of information technology and telecommunications systems and the Internet; our reliance on third-party vendors for various services; cybersecurity risks; and other events of which we are presently unaware or that we currently deem immaterial that may result in unexpected adverse operating results.

The Company is not responsible for updating the information contained in this press release beyond the published date, or for changes made to this document by wire services or Internet service providers. This press release is being furnished to the SEC through a Form 8-K. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 to be filed with the SEC may contain updates to the information included in this release.

# **Financial Statements**

# VERITIV CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in millions, except per share data, unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31,				Ended nber 31,		
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2021		2020	2021		2020
Net sales	\$	1,864.8	\$	1,642.3	\$ 6,850.5	\$	6,345.6
Cost of products sold (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown							
separately below)		1,458.7		1,311.4	5,417.9		5,040.2
Distribution expenses		110.4		105.9	419.3		429.8
Selling and administrative expenses		198.8		172.5	732.7		717.9
Depreciation and amortization		13.1		14.6	55.2		57.7
Restructuring charges, net		3.4		11.8	15.4		52.2
Operating income (loss)		80.4		26.1	210.0		47.8
Interest expense, net		3.8		5.4	17.2		25.1
Other (income) expense, net		(0.9)		(20.3)	(4.7)		(20.3)
Income (loss) before income taxes		77.5		41.0	197.5		43.0
Income tax expense (benefit)		20.6		9.0	52.9		8.8
Net income (loss)	\$	56.9	\$	32.0	\$ 144.6	\$	34.2
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Earnings (loss) per share:							
Basic	\$	3.90	\$	2.01	\$ 9.50	\$	2.14
Diluted	\$	3.67	\$	1.90	\$ 9.01	\$	2.08
Weighted-average shares outstanding:							
Basic		14.59		15.89	15.22		15.96
Diluted		15.51		16.80	16.05		16.48

# VERITIV CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(dollars in millions, except par value)

	December 31, 2021		<b>December 31, 2020</b>		
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	49.3	\$	120.6	
Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$34.4 and \$41.6, respectively		1,011.2		849.5	
Inventories		484.5		465.4	
Other current assets		132.7		119.5	
Total current assets		1,677.7		1,555.0	
Property and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$332.4 and \$375.9, respectively)		162.9		194.7	
Goodwill		99.6		99.6	
Other intangibles, net		42.7		47.4	
Deferred income tax assets		47.1		60.0	
Other non-current assets		408.4		378.3	
Total assets	\$	2,438.4	\$	2,335.0	
Liabilities and shareholders' equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	561.9	\$	471.9	
Accrued payroll and benefits		110.0		80.6	
Other accrued liabilities		185.7		182.2	
Current portion of debt		16.0		14.7	
Total current liabilities		873.6		749.4	
Long-term debt, net of current portion		499.7		589.1	
Defined benefit pension obligations		7.2		18.2	
Other non-current liabilities		422.1		395.2	
Total liabilities		1,802.6		1,751.9	
Commitments and contingencies					
Shareholders' equity:					
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 10.0 million shares authorized, none issued		_		_	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 100.0 million shares authorized; shares issued - 17.0 million and 16.6 million,					
respectively; shares outstanding - 14.6 million and 15.9 million, respectively		0.2		0.2	
Additional paid-in capital		633.8		634.9	
Accumulated earnings (deficit)		143.2		(1.4)	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(24.3)		(33.5)	
Treasury stock at cost - 2.4 million and 0.7 million shares, respectively		(117.1)		(17.1)	
Total shareholders' equity		635.8		583.1	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	2,438.4	\$	2,335.0	

# VERITIV CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in millions)

		Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2	020	
Operating activities				
Net income (loss)	\$ 144.6	\$	34.2	
Depreciation and amortization	55.2		57.7	
Amortization and write-off of deferred financing fees	1.5		2.1	
Net losses (gains) on disposition of assets and sale of a business	(9.2)	)	(8.2	
Long-lived asset impairment charges	0.5		0.5	
Provision for expected credit losses	4.7		12.4	
Deferred income tax provision (benefit)	9.2		(1.8)	
Stock-based compensation	7.4		17.7	
Other non-cash items, net	9.8		(12.4)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities				
Accounts receivable and related party receivable	(172.6)	)	56.5	
Inventories	(22.1)		89.7	
Other current assets	(9.3)	)	(3.2)	
Accounts payable and related party payable	110.0		5.5	
Accrued payroll and benefits	19.9		17.1	
Other accrued liabilities	(1.3)	)	(1.0)	
Other	6.4		22.4	
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	154.7		289.2	
Investing activities				
Property and equipment additions	(20.4)	)	(23.6)	
Proceeds from asset sales and sale of a business	16.1		18.3	
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	(4.3)	)	(5.3)	
Financing activities		-		
Change in book overdrafts	(16.5)	)	(16.6)	
Borrowings of long-term debt	5,734.4		5,566.0	
Repayments of long-term debt	(5,814.5	)	(5,719.2)	
Payments under right-of-use finance leases	(13.8)		(13.0)	
Deferred financing fees	(3.3)	)	(3.4)	
Purchase of treasury stock	(100.0)	)	(3.5)	
Payments under Tax Receivable Agreement			(12.3)	
Impact of tax withholding on share-based compensation	(8.5)	)	(0.8)	
Other	0.8		0.2	
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	(221.4)	)	(202.6)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(0.3)		1.3	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(71.3)		82.6	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	120.6	<b>,</b>	38.0	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 49.3	\$	120.6	
	\$ 77.3	φ	120.0	
Supplemental cash flow information	Φ 40.1	ф	7.0	
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds	\$ 40.1	\$	7.8	
Cash paid for interest	15.0		22.0	
Non-cash investing and financing activities		Ф	140	
Non-cash additions to property and equipment for right-of-use finance leases	\$ 4.1	\$	14.8	
Non-cash additions to other non-current assets for right-of-use operating leases	111.6		20.1	

### **Non-GAAP Measures**

We supplement our financial information prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP with certain non-GAAP measures including Adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, restructuring charges, net, integration and acquisition expenses and other similar charges including any severance costs, costs associated with warehouse and office openings or closings, consolidation, and relocation and other business optimization expenses, stock-based compensation expense, changes in the LIFO reserve, non-restructuring asset impairment charges, non-restructuring severance charges, non-restructuring pension charges, net, fair value adjustments related to contingent liabilities assumed in mergers and acquisitions and certain other adjustments), free cash flow and other non-GAAP measures such as the Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio. We believe investors commonly use Adjusted EBITDA, free cash flow and these other non-GAAP measures as key financial metrics for valuing companies. In addition, the credit agreement governing our Asset-Based Lending Facility (the "ABL Facility") permits us to exclude the foregoing and other charges in calculating "Consolidated EBITDA", as defined in the ABL Facility.

Adjusted EBITDA, free cash flow and these other non-GAAP measures are not alternative measures of financial performance or liquidity under U.S. GAAP. Non-GAAP measures do not have definitions under U.S. GAAP and may be defined differently by, and not be comparable to, similarly titled measures used by other companies. As a result, we consider and evaluate non-GAAP measures in connection with a review of the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. We caution investors not to place undue reliance on such non-GAAP measures and to consider them with the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measures. Adjusted EBITDA, free cash flow and these other non-GAAP measures have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analyzing our results as reported under U.S. GAAP. Please see the following tables for reconciliations of non-GAAP measures to the most comparable U.S. GAAP measures.

# Table I VERITIV CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED EBITDA; ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN

	Three Months Ended December 31,			Year En Decembe				
		2021		2020		2021		2020
Net income (loss)	\$	56.9	\$	32.0	\$	144.6	\$	34.2
Interest expense, net		3.8		5.4		17.2		25.1
Income tax expense (benefit)		20.6		9.0		52.9		8.8
Depreciation and amortization		13.1		14.6		55.2		57.7
EBITDA		94.4		61.0		269.9		125.8
Restructuring charges, net		3.4		11.8		15.4		52.2
Facility closure charges, including (gain) loss from asset disposition		1.1		1.7		0.1		(3.7)
Stock-based compensation		1.7		2.8		7.4		17.7
LIFO reserve (decrease) increase		12.4		3.1		43.6		(1.5)
Non-restructuring severance charges		2.3		0.9		7.8		4.1
Non-restructuring pension charges, net		0.5		_		0.5		7.2
Fair value adjustment on Tax Receivable Agreement contingent liability		_		(20.1)		_		(19.1)
Fair value adjustment on contingent consideration liability		_		_		_		1.0
Escheat audit contingent liability		_		(0.2)				(0.2)
Other		0.1		0.7		(2.1)		4.1
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	115.9	\$	61.7	\$	342.6	\$	187.6
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Net sales	\$	1,864.8	\$	1,642.3	\$	6,850.5	\$	6,345.6
Adjusted EBITDA as a % of net sales		6.2%	, D	3.8%	,	5.0%	)	3.0%

# Table I.a. VERITIV CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED EBITDA GUIDANCE

	Low		High
come (loss)	\$ 2	10	\$ 250
nterest expense, net		15	15
ncome tax expense (benefit)		80	90
Depreciation and amortization		50	50
Other reconciling items		40	30
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 3	95	\$ 435

# Table II VERITIV CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES FREE CASH FLOW

	Three Moi	Three Months Ended		Ended	
	Decembe	r 31, 2021	<b>December 31, 2021</b>		
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$	63.1	\$	154.7	
Less: Capital expenditures		(6.3)		(20.4)	
Free cash flow	\$	56.8	\$	134.3	

# Table II.a VERITIV CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES FREE CASH FLOW GUIDANCE

	Forecast for Year Ending December 31, 2022
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	approximately \$235
Less: Capital expenditures	(35)
Free cash flow	approximately \$200

# Table III VERITIV CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES NET DEBT TO ADJUSTED EBITDA

	1	December 31, 2021
Amount drawn on ABL Facility	\$	440.8
Less: Cash and cash equivalents		(49.3)
Net debt	\$	391.5
Last Twelve Months Adjusted EBITDA	\$	342.6
Net debt to Adjusted EBITDA		1.1x
	]	Last Twelve Months
		December 31, 2021
Net income (loss)	\$	144.6
Interest expense, net		17.2
Income tax expense (benefit)		52.9
Depreciation and amortization		55.2
EBITDA		269.9
Restructuring charges, net		15.4
Facility closure charges, including (gain) loss from asset disposition		0.1
Stock-based compensation		7.4
LIFO reserve (decrease) increase		43.6
Non-restructuring severance charges		7.8
Non-restructuring pension charges, net		0.5
Other		(2.1)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	342.6

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# **Financial Results**

Fourth Quarter 2021 Compared to Prior Year

Strong Packaging sales growth and improvements across the enterprise drove record earnings and Adjusted EBITDA margins in the fourth quarter

NET SALES \$1.9B +13.5% UP \$0.3B











# **Financial Results**

Full Year 2021 Compared to Prior Year

Sustainable and stepwise improvements in net income and diluted earnings per share are the result of fundamental changes to the business and diligent efforts to improve the quality of earnings

NET SALES \$6.9B +8.0% UP \$0.5B











# **Business Update**



# Comments:

- Inflationary market price increases across product portfolio continued into fourth quarter
- Pass-through of market price increases managed effectively and with proper notice
- Continued demand and constrained supply expected to support prices at current levels
- Wage inflation consistent with broader market and supply chain challenges



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# **Packaging Segment Performance**



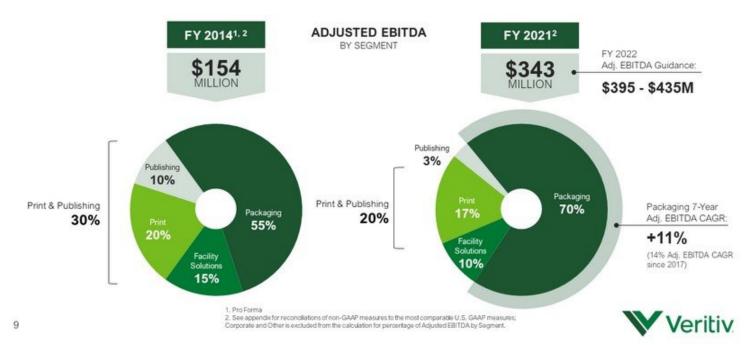
### Comments:

- Eleventh consecutive quarter of YoY improvement in Adjusted EBITDA margin.
- Record high Adjusted EBITDA of \$113 million and Adjusted EBITDA margin of 11.1%
- Packaging sales growth of 15% due to supplier-driven price increases and volume growth, after adjusting for day count differences.
- Strong sales growth across all customer sectors and abovemarket volume growth.
- Further established position as the leading provider of Packaging solutions in North America.



# **Segment Mix Transformation**

Strategic Shift to Packaging





# Segment and Consolidated Financial Results Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2021

	Adj. EBITDA Net Sales Change from PY Change from P						
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Packaging	\$113M +33.7%	11.1% +150 bps					
Facility Solutions	\$17M +114.8%	<b>7.5%</b> +400 bps					
Print	\$39M +212.9%	<b>9.2%</b> +570 bps					
Publishing	\$6M -1.7%	<b>3.6%</b> -50 bps					
Corporate & Other	(\$59M)						
Veritiv Consolidated	\$116M <sup>1</sup> +87.8%	6.2% +240 bps					

Adj. EBITDA Change from PY	Adj. EBITDA % o Net Sales Change from PY			
\$394M	10.5%			
+31.2%	+150 bps			
\$53M	5.9%			
+26.7%	+140 bps			
\$96M	6.5%			
+184.9%	+420 bps			
\$19M	3.1%			
+46.1%	+70 bps			
(\$218M)				
\$343M <sup>1, 2</sup>	5.0%			
+82.6%	+200 bps			

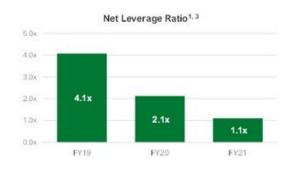


Please see the appendix for reconciliations of non-GAAP measures to the most comparable U.S. GAAP measures.
 Adjusted EBITDA does not sum to the year-to-date amount due to rounding.

# Cash Flow; Low Leverage

Significant net leverage reduction since 2019 driven by healthy free cash flow generated from increased earnings and disciplined working capital reductions





- Calculated as net debt divided by trailing twelve months of Adjusted EBITDA.
   Cash flow from operations less capital expenditures.
   See appendix for recondiliations of non-GAAP measures to the most comparable U.S. GAAP measures.



# **Capital Allocation**

Reduction in net leverage below long-term target of 3x enabled successful completion of share repurchase program and investments in growth. Record low net leverage provides both financial and strategic optionality.

## **Capital Allocation Priorities:**

· Invest in the business:

Organic 2022 CapEx: Approximately \$35M

Inorganic Scope and/or Scale Acquisitions
Disciplined Approach

Return value to shareholders \$200M Share Repurchase Program in 2022 \$100M Share Repurchase Program Completed in 3Q 2021

Support restructuring initiatives
 Support restructuring initiatives
 Substantially completed in 4Q 2021





# Outlook Full Year 2022

# **Net Income**

\$210 - \$250 Million (estimated 26 - 28% effective tax rate)

# Diluted Earnings per Share

\$13.50 - \$16.25 (approximately 15.5 million shares)

# Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

\$395 - \$435 Million

# Free Cash Flow<sup>1,2</sup>

Approximately \$200 Million

# Capital Expenditures Approximately \$35 Million

## Comments:

- Board of Directors authorized \$200 million share repurchase program.
- · Segment Adjusted EBITDA margins expected to be at or above prior year levels.
- · Packaging demand expected to continue but at a more modest level than prior year.
- · Favorable Print market dynamics will likely continue throughout 2022.
- · Will continue to work closely with suppliers and customers to ensure efficient and timely pass through of supplierdriven price increases.
- · Supply chain challenges and inflationary factors expected to continue throughout 2022.



# Questions





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# **Appendix**

# Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We supplement our financial information prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP with certain non-GAAP measures including Adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, restructuring charges, net, integration and acquisition expenses and other similar charges including any severance costs, costs associated with warehouse and office openings or closings, consolidation, and relocation and other business optimization expenses, stock-based compensation expense, changes in the LIFO reserve, non-restructuring asset impairment charges, non-restructuring severance charges, non-restructuring pension charges, net, fair value adjustments related to contingent liabilities assumed in mergers and acquisitions and certain other adjustments), free cash flow and other non-GAAP measures such as the Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio. We believe investors commonly use Adjusted EBITDA, free cash flow and these other non-GAAP measures as key financial metrics for valuing companies. In addition, the credit agreement governing our Asset-Based Lending Facility (the "ABL Facility") permits us to exclude the foregoing and other charges in calculating "Consolidated EBITDA", as defined in the ABL Facility. We approximate foreign currency effects by applying the foreign currency exchange rate for the prior period to the local currency results for the current period.

Adjusted EBITDA, free cash flow and these other non-GAAP measures are not alternative measures of financial performance or liquidity under U.S. GAAP. Non-GAAP measures do not have definitions under U.S. GAAP and may be defined differently by, and not be comparable to, similarly titled measures used by other companies. As a result, we consider and evaluate non-GAAP measures in connection with a review of the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. We caution investors not to place undue reliance on such non-GAAP measures and to consider them with the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measures. Adjusted EBITDA, free cash flow and these other non-GAAP measures have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analyzing our results as reported under U.S. GAAP. Please see the following tables for reconciliations of non-GAAP measures to the most comparable U.S. GAAP measures.



### Table I.a VERITIV CORPORATION NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED EBITDA; ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN

	Three Months Ended						
	Decem	nber 31, 2021	Decen	mber 31, 2020			
Net income (loss)	S	56.9	\$	32.0			
Interest expense, net		3.8		5.4			
Income tax expense (benefit)		20.6		9.0			
Depreciation and amortization		13.1		14.6			
EBITDA	0	94.4		61.0			
Restructuring charges, net		3.4		11.8			
Facility dosure charges, including (gain) loss from asset disposition		1.1		1.7			
Stock-based compensation		1.7		2.8			
UFO reserve (decrease) increase		12.4		3.1			
Non-restructuring severance charges		2.3		0.9			
Non-restructuring pension charges, net		0.5					
Fair value adjustment on Tax Receivable Agreement contingent liability		-		(20.1)			
Escheat audit contingent liability				(0.2)			
Other		0.1		0.7			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	115.9	\$	61.7			
Net sales	s	1,864.8	s	1,642.3			
Adjusted EBITDA as a % of net sales		6.2%		3.8%			



### Table I.b. VERITIV CORPORATION NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED EBITDA GUIDANCE

	Forecast for Year Ending December 31, 2022						
	V-10-0	Low	02-21	High			
Net income (loss)	\$	210	S	250			
Interest expense, net		15		15			
Income tax expense (benefit)		80		90			
Depreciation and amortization		50		50			
Other reconciling items		40		30			
Adjusted EBITDA	5	395	S	435			



# Table I.c VERITIV CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED EBITDA: ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN (in millions, unaudited)

	366	Year Ended December 31, 20							
		Veritiv As Reported	Pro Forma Adjustments*		Veritiv Pro Forms				
Net income (loss)	s	(19.6)	s	(16.2) \$	(35.8)				
Interest expense, net		14.0		12.4	26.4				
Income tax expense (benefit)		(21)		6.8	4.7				
Depreciation and amortization		37.6		16.8	54.4				
EBITDA		29.9		19.8	49.7				
Restructuring charges, net		4.0		0.2	4.2				
Stock-based compensation		4.0		0.1	4.1				
LIFO reserve (decrease) increase		6.3		1.3	7.6				
Non-restructuring severance charges		2.6		0.4	3.0				
Gain on sale of joint venture				(6.6)	(6.6)				
Integration, acquisition and merger expenses		75.1		14.1	89.2				
Fair value adjustment on Tax Receivable Agreement									
contingent liability		1.7		1.6	1.7				
Other		(1.7)		2.3	0.6				
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income									
taxes		0.1			0.1				
Adjusted E BITD A	\$	122.0	\$	31.6 \$	153.6				
Net Sales	\$	7,406.5	\$	1,907.6 \$	9,314.1				
Adjusted EBITD A/Pro Forma Adjusted EBITD A as a									
% ofnet sales		1.6%			1.6%				

<sup>\*</sup> Pro forma adjustments take into account the merger with UWW Holdings, Inc. and the related financing as if they occurred on January 1, 2014, as well as purchase accounting adjustments and adjustments for one-time costs related to the merger.



# Table II VERITIV CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEA SURES FREE CASH FLOW (in millions, unaudited)

Three Months Ended

Net cash flows provided by operating activities
Less: Capital expenditures
Free cash flow

Dece	mber 31,		Year Ended December 31,							
	2021		2021		2020		2019			
s	63.1	S	154.7	\$	289.2	s	281.0			
	(6.3)	100	(20.4)		(23.6)	-	(34.1)			
\$	56.8	S	134.3	\$	265.6	S	246.9			



### Table II.a VERITIV CORPORATION FREE CASH FLOW GUIDANCE

(in millions, unaudited)

Forecast for Year Ending December 31, 2022

Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities Less: Capital expenditures Free cash flow

approximately \$235 (35) approximately \$200



# VERITIV CORPORATION NET DEBT TO ADJUSTED EBITDA (in millions, unaudited)

	Decem	ber 31, 2021
Amount drawn on ABL Facility	\$	440.8
Less: Cash and cash equivalents		(49.3)
Net debt	\$	391.5
Last Twelve Months Adjusted EBITDA	S	342.6
Net debt to Adjusted EBITDA		1.1x

	Last Twelve Months December 31, 2021		
Net income (loss)	\$	144.6	
Interest expense, net		17.2	
Income tax expense (benefit)		52.9	
Depreciation and amortization	(4)	55.2	
EBITDA		269.9	
Restructuring charges, net		15.4	
Facility closure charges, including (gain) loss from asset disposition		0.1	
Stock-based compensation		7.4	
LIFO reserve (decrease) increase		43.6	
Non-restructuring severance charges		7.8	
Non-restructuring pension charges, net		0.5	
Other		(2.1)	
Adjusted EBITDA	S	342.6	

6,850.5 Net Sales Adjusted EBITDA as a % of Net Sales 5.0%



# Table III.a VERTITY CORPORATION NET DEBT TO ADJUSTED EBITDA | ADJUSTED EBITDA % OF NET SALES (in millions, unaudited)

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2020			2019		
Amount drawn on ABL Facility	\$	520.2	\$	673.2		
Less: Cash and cash equivalents		(120.6)		(38.0)		
Net debt	\$	399.6	\$	635.2		
Last twelve months Adjusted EBITDA	S	187.6	S	155.9		
Net debt to Adjusted E BITDA		2.1		4.1		
Last Twelve Months December 31,	100	2020		2019		
Net income (loss)	\$	34.2	\$	(29.5)		
Interest expense, net		25.1		38.1		
Income tax expense (benefit)		8.8		0.7		
Depreciation and amortization		57.7		53.5		
EBITDA		125.8		62.8		
Restructuring charges, net		52.2		28.8		
Facility closure charges, including (gain) loss from asset disposition		(3.7)		-		
Stock-based compensation		17.7		14.6		
LIFO reserve (decrease) increase		(1.5)		(3.7)		
Non-restructuring asset impairment charges						
Non-restructuring severance charges		4.1		8.4		
Non-restructuring pension charges, net		7.2		6.6		
Integration, acquisition and merger expenses				17.5		
Fair value adjustment on Tax Receivable Agreement contingent liability		(19.1)		0.3		
Fair value adjustment on contingent consideration liability		1.0		13.1		
Escheat audit contingent liability		(0.2)		3.7		
Other		4.1		3.8		
Adjusted EBITDA	S	187.6	\$	155.9		
Net Sales	s	6,345.6	s	7.659.4		
Adjusted EBITD APro Forma Adjusted EBITDA as a % of net sales		3.0%		2.0%		



Table IV VERITIV CORPORATION Organic Growth

### Three Months Ended December 31,

	Total Co	mpany	Packaging		Facility Solutions		Print		Publishing	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Reported sales growth	13.5%	(10.5%)	15.3%	4.3%	1.0%	(13.3%)	18.0%	(28.1%)	13.4%	(26.8%)
Daily impact	1.9%	0.0%	1.9%	(0.0%)	1.7%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%
Sales per day growth	15.4%	(10.5%)	17.2%	4.3%	2.6%	(13.3%)	19.9%	(28.1%)	15.3%	(26.8%)
Business divestitures <sup>1</sup>	1.1%	(0.0%)	120	- 1	532%	-	5.3%	(0.7%)	5320	23
Organic daily sales growth	16.5%	(10.5%)	17.2%	4.3%	2.6%	(13.3%)	25.3%	(28.8%)	15.3%	(26.8%)
Foreign exchange	(0.4%)	(0.2%)	(0.3%)	(0.3%)	(1.0%)	(0.3%)	(0.5%)	(0.1%)	C 800000	-
Organic constant currency sales growth <sup>2</sup>	16.1%	(10.7%)	16.9%	4.1%	1.7%	(13.6%)	24.8%	(28.9%)	15.3%	(26.8%)

### Twelve Months Ended December 31,

	Total Company		Packaging		Facility Solutions		Print		Publishing	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Reported sales growth	8.0%	(17.2%)	13.4%	(3.8%)	(3.1%)	(22.0%)	1.8%	(30.7%)	9.8%	(31.9%)
Daily impact	0.9%	(0.3%)	0.9%	(0.4%)	0.8%	(0.3%)	0.8%	(0.3%)	0.9%	(0.3%)
Sales per day growth	8.0%	(17.5%)	14.3%	(4,1%)	(2.3%)	(22.3%)	2.6%	(31.0%)	10.6%	(32.2%)
Business divestitures <sup>1</sup>	0.8%	0.0%	-	-	- 1	*	3.4%	(0.5%)		
Organic daily sales growth	9.6%	(17.5%)	14.3%	(4.1%)	(2.3%)	(22.3%)	6.0%	(31.4%)	10.6%	(32.2%)
Foreign exchange	(0.8%)	0.1%	(0.7%)	0.0%	(1.8%)	0.2%	(0.8%)	0.1%		
Organic constant currency sales growth	8.8%	(17.4%)	13.6%	(4.1%)	(4.1%)	(22.0%)	5.2%	(31.4%)	10.6%	(32.2%)



