Accenture Reports Strong Third-Quarter Fiscal 2023 Results

- -- Revenues are \$16.6 billion, an increase of 3% in U.S. dollars and 5% in local currency --
- -- GAAP operating margin is 14.2% compared to 16.1% in the third quarter of fiscal 2022; adjusted¹ operating margin is 16.3%, an expansion of 20 basis points --
- -- Very strong GAAP EPS of \$3.15, a 13% increase compared to \$2.79 in the third quarter of fiscal 2022; adjusted EPS of \$3.19, a 14% increase --
- -- New bookings are \$17.2 billion, an increase of 2% in U.S. dollars and 4% in local currency --
- -- Free cash flow is \$3.15 billion for the quarter compared to \$2.87 billion in the third quarter of fiscal 2022 --
- -- Company declares quarterly cash dividend of \$1.12 per share, an increase of 15% year-overyear --
- -- Accenture updates business outlook for fiscal 2023, now expects: full-year revenue growth of 8% to 9% in local currency and foreign-exchange impact of negative 4%; GAAP operating margin of 14.2%; adjusted operating margin of 15.4%; GAAP EPS of \$10.94 to \$11.05; adjusted EPS of \$11.52 to \$11.63; and free cash flow of \$8.1 billion to \$8.6 billion --

NEW YORK; June 22, 2023 — Accenture (NYSE: ACN) reported financial results for the third quarter of fiscal 2023, ended May 31, 2023, with revenues of \$16.6 billion, an increase of 3% in U.S. dollars and 5% in local currency over the same period last year.

GAAP operating income was \$2.36 billion, compared to \$2.60 billion for the third quarter last year, and operating margin was 14.2% compared to 16.1% for the third quarter last year. Adjusted operating income was \$2.71 billion and adjusted operating margin was 16.3%, an expansion of 20 basis points from the third quarter of fiscal 2022.

GAAP diluted earnings per share were \$3.15, compared to \$2.79 for the third quarter last year. Adjusted EPS were \$3.19, an increase of 14% from the third quarter of fiscal 2022.

New bookings for the quarter were \$17.2 billion, with consulting bookings of \$8.9 billion and managed services bookings of \$8.3 billion.

Julie Sweet, chair and CEO, Accenture, said, "Our third quarter results reflect solid bookings and revenue and very strong adjusted operating margin, earnings per share and free cash flow, which demonstrates the rigor and discipline with which we run our business. The strength of our strategy to be our clients' transformation partner of choice continues to resonate, with 26 clients with quarterly bookings of \$100 million or more; and our business model — which for decades has been built around the diversity of our markets, industries and services — along with our more than 730,000 talented people position us well to continue to deliver 360° value for our clients and stakeholders every day."

¹Adjusted financial measures presented in this release are non-GAAP financial measures that exclude business optimization costs and a gain related to our investment in Duck Creek Technologies, as further described in this release.

Financial Review

Revenues for the third quarter of fiscal 2023 were \$16.56 billion, compared with \$16.16 billion for the third quarter of fiscal 2022, an increase of 3% in U.S. dollars and 5% in local currency.

Revenues for the quarter reflect a foreign-exchange impact of approximately negative 2.5% compared with the negative 3.5% impact previously assumed. Adjusting for the actual foreign-exchange impact, the company's guided range for quarterly revenues was approximately \$16.25 billion to \$16.85 billion. Accenture's third quarter fiscal 2023 revenues were at the midpoint of this adjusted range.

- Consulting revenues for the quarter were \$8.69 billion, a decrease of 4% in U.S. dollars and 1% in local currency compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2022.
- Managed Services revenues were \$7.87 billion, an increase of 10% in U.S. dollars and 13% in local currency compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2022.

GAAP diluted EPS for the quarter were \$3.15 compared with \$2.79 for the third quarter of fiscal 2022. Excluding a \$0.42 decrease for business optimization costs and \$0.38 increase for a gain on an investment, adjusted EPS were \$3.19, an increase of 14% from the third quarter of fiscal 2022. The \$0.40 increase in EPS on an adjusted basis reflects:

- a \$0.12 increase from higher revenue and operating results;
- a \$0.15 increase from the loss on the disposition of the company's business in Russia recorded in fiscal 2022;
- a \$0.09 increase from a lower effective tax rate;
- a \$0.04 increase from higher non-operating income; and
- a \$0.01 increase from lower share count;

partially offset by

• a \$0.01 decrease from higher noncontrolling interests.

Gross margin (gross profit as a percentage of revenues) for the quarter was 33.4% compared to 32.9% in the third quarter of fiscal 2022. Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses for the quarter were \$2.82 billion, or 17.0% of revenues, compared with \$2.71 billion, or 16.8% of revenues, for the third quarter of fiscal 2022.

GAAP operating income for the quarter decreased 9%, to \$2.36 billion, or 14.2% of revenues, compared with \$2.60 billion, or 16.1% of revenues, for the third quarter of fiscal 2022. Adjusted operating income for the quarter was \$2.71 billion, or 16.3% of revenues, an expansion of 20 basis points from the third quarter of fiscal 2022.

The company's GAAP effective tax rate for the quarter was 22.2%, compared with 27.1% for the third quarter last year. On an adjusted basis, our effective tax rate for the third quarter of fiscal 2023 was 24.0%.

GAAP net income for the quarter was \$2.05 billion, compared with \$1.82 billion for the third quarter of fiscal 2022. Adjusted net income for the quarter was \$2.07 billion.

Operating cash flow for the quarter was \$3.29 billion, and property and equipment additions were \$142 million. Free cash flow, defined as operating cash flow net of property and equipment

additions, was \$3.15 billion. For the same period last year, operating cash flow was \$3.06 billion; property and equipment additions were \$195 million; and free cash flow was \$2.87 billion.

Days services outstanding, or DSOs, were 42 days at May 31, 2023, compared with 43 days at August 31, 2022 and 44 days at May 31, 2022.

Accenture's total cash balance at May 31, 2023 was \$8.5 billion, compared with \$7.9 billion at August 31, 2022.

New Bookings

New bookings for the third quarter of fiscal 2023 were \$17.25 billion, a 2% increase in U.S. dollars and a 4% increase in local currency over the third quarter of fiscal 2022.

- Consulting new bookings were \$8.93 billion, or 52% of total new bookings.
- Managed Services new bookings were \$8.32 billion, or 48% of total new bookings.

Revenues by Geographic Market

Revenues by geographic market were as follows:

- North America: \$7.72 billion, an increase of 1% in U.S. dollars and in 2% local currency compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2022.
- Europe: \$5.62 billion, an increase of 5% in U.S. dollars and 7% in local currency compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2022.
- Growth Markets: \$3.23 billion, an increase of 1% in U.S. dollars and 9% in local currency compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2022.

Revenues by Industry Group

Revenues by industry group were as follows:

- Communications, Media & Technology: \$2.88 billion, a decrease of 11% in U.S. dollars and 8% in local currency compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2022.
- Financial Services: \$3.14 billion, an increase of 2% in U.S. dollars and 5% in local currency compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2022.
- Health & Public Service: \$3.27 billion, an increase of 12% in U.S. dollars and 14% in local currency compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2022.
- Products: \$4.97 billion, an increase of 3% in U.S. dollars and 6% in local currency compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2022.
- Resources: \$2.31 billion, an increase of 8% in U.S. dollars and 12% in local currency compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2022.

Returning Cash to Shareholders

Accenture continues to return cash to shareholders through cash dividends and share repurchases.

Dividend

On May 15, 2023, a quarterly cash dividend of \$1.12 per share was paid to shareholders of record at the close of business on April 13, 2023. These cash dividend payments totaled \$708 million.

Accenture plc has declared another quarterly cash dividend of \$1.12 per share for shareholders of record at the close of business on July 13, 2023. This dividend, which is payable on August 15, 2023, represents a 15% increase over the quarterly dividend rate of \$0.97 per share in fiscal 2022.

Share Repurchase Activity

During the third quarter of fiscal 2023, Accenture repurchased or redeemed 2.8 million shares for a total of \$789 million, including approximately 2.6 million shares repurchased in the open market. This brings Accenture's total share repurchases and redemptions for the first three quarters of fiscal 2023 to 12.1 million shares for a total of \$3.33 billion, including approximately 9.6 million shares repurchased in the open market.

Accenture's total remaining share repurchase authority at May 31, 2023 was approximately \$3.5 billion.

At May 31, 2023, Accenture had approximately 631 million total shares outstanding.

Business Outlook

Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2023

Accenture expects revenues for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023 to be in the range of \$15.75 billion to \$16.35 billion, an increase of 2% to 6% in local currency, reflecting the company's assumption of a flat foreign-exchange impact compared with the fourth quarter of fiscal 2022.

Fiscal Year 2023

Accenture's business outlook for fiscal 2023 now assumes that the foreign-exchange impact on its results in U.S. dollars will be approximately negative 4% compared with fiscal 2022; the company previously expected a negative 4.5% foreign-exchange impact.

For fiscal 2023, the company now expects revenue growth to be in the range of 8% to 9% in local currency, compared to 8% to 10% previously.

Accenture now expects GAAP operating margin for fiscal 2023 to be 14.2% compared to a range of 14.1% to 14.3% previously, and adjusted operating margin, which excludes an estimated \$800 million for business optimization costs, to be 15.4%, an expansion of 20 basis points from fiscal 2022. The company previously expected adjusted operating margin to be in the range of 15.3% to 15.5%.

The company now expects its GAAP annual effective tax rate to be in the range of 23.0% to 24.0%, compared to 22.5% to 24.5% previously, and its adjusted annual effective tax rate, which excludes the tax impacts of business optimization costs and a gain on an investment, to be in the range of 23.5% to 24.5%. The company previously expected its adjusted annual effective tax rate to be in the range of 23% to 25%.

The company now expects GAAP diluted EPS to be in the range of \$10.94 to \$11.05, compared to \$10.84 to \$11.06 previously, and adjusted EPS to be in the range of \$11.52 to \$11.63, an increase of 8% to 9% over fiscal 2022 diluted EPS of \$10.71. This excludes \$0.96 for business optimization costs and \$0.38 for a gain on an investment. The company previously expected adjusted EPS to be in the range of \$11.41 to \$11.63.

For fiscal 2023, the company continues to expect operating cash flow to be in the range of \$8.7 billion to \$9.2 billion; now expects property and equipment additions to be \$600 million,

compared to \$700 million previously; and now expects free cash flow to be in the range of \$8.1 billion to \$8.6 billion, compared to \$8.0 billion and \$8.5 billion previously.

The company continues to expect to return at least \$7.1 billion in cash to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases.

360° Value Reporting

Accenture's goal is to create 360° value for our clients, people, shareholders, partners, and communities. Our reporting captures how we deliver unique value across six vital dimensions and offers a comprehensive view of our financial and environmental, social and governance (ESG) measures, and our goals, progress and performance for each. Our full 360° Value Report and online 360° Value Reporting Experience provide customizable reporting. To access please visit the Accenture 360° Value Reporting Experience at www.accenture.com/ reportingexperience.

Conference Call and Webcast Details

Accenture will host a conference call at 8:00 a.m. EDT today to discuss its third quarter of fiscal 2023 financial results. To participate, please dial +1 (877) 692-8955 [+1 (234) 720-6979 outside the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada] and enter access code 3264013 approximately 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the call. The conference call will also be accessible live on the Investor Relations section of the Accenture website at www.accenture.com.

A replay of the conference call will be available at www.accenture.com beginning at 11:00 a.m. EDT today, June 22, and continuing through September 27, 2023. The replay will also be available via telephone by dialing +1 (866) 207-1041 [+1 (402) 970-0847 outside the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada] and entering access code 4564655 from 11:00 a.m. EDT today, June 22, through Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

About Accenture

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Non-GAAP Financial Information

This news release includes certain non-GAAP financial information as defined by Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation G. Pursuant to the requirements of this regulation, reconciliations of this non-GAAP financial information to Accenture's financial statements as prepared under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) are included in this press release. Financial results "in local currency" are calculated by restating current-period activity into U.S. dollars using the comparable prior-year period's foreign-currency exchange rates. Accenture's management believes providing investors with this information gives additional insights into Accenture's results of operations. While Accenture's management believes that the non-GAAP financial measures herein are useful in evaluating Accenture's operations, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as a substitute for the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Accenture provides full-year revenue guidance on a local-currency basis and not in U.S. dollars because the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations could vary significantly from the company's stated assumptions.

Forward-Looking Statements

Except for the historical information and discussions contained herein, statements in this news release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "may," "will," "should," "likely," "anticipates," "aspires," "expects," "intends," "plans," "projects," "believes," "estimates," "positioned," "outlook," "goal," "target," and similar expressions are used to identify these forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance nor promises that goals or targets will be met, and involve a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that are difficult to predict and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied. These risks include, without limitation, risks that: Accenture's results of operations have been, and may in the future be, adversely affected by volatile, negative or uncertain economic and political conditions and the effects of these conditions on the company's clients' businesses and levels of business activity; Accenture's business depends on generating and maintaining client demand for the company's services and solutions including through the adaptation and expansion of its services and solutions in response to ongoing changes in technology and offerings, and a significant reduction in such demand or an inability to respond to the evolving technological environment could materially affect the company's results of operations; if Accenture is unable to match people and their skills with client demand around the world and attract and retain professionals with strong leadership skills, the company's business, the utilization rate of the company's professionals and the company's results of operations may be materially adversely affected; Accenture faces legal, reputational and financial risks from any failure to protect client and/or company data from security incidents or cyberattacks; the markets in which Accenture operates are highly competitive, and Accenture might not be able to compete effectively; Accenture's ability to attract and retain business and employees may depend on its reputation in the marketplace; Accenture's environmental, social and governance (ESG) commitments and disclosures may expose it to reputational risks and legal liability; if Accenture does not successfully manage and develop its relationships with key ecosystem partners or fails to anticipate and establish new alliances in new technologies, the company's results of operations could be adversely affected; Accenture's profitability could materially suffer if the company is unable to obtain favorable pricing for its services and solutions, if the company is unable to remain competitive, if its cost-management strategies are unsuccessful or if it experiences delivery inefficiencies or fail to satisfy certain agreed-upon targets or specific service levels; changes in Accenture's level of taxes, as well as audits, investigations and tax proceedings, or changes in tax laws or in their interpretation or enforcement, could have a material adverse effect on the company's effective tax rate, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition; Accenture's results of operations could be materially adversely affected by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; changes to accounting standards or in the estimates and assumptions Accenture makes in connection with the preparation of its consolidated financial statements could adversely affect its financial results; as a result of Accenture's geographically diverse operations and strategy to continue to grow in key markets around the world, the company is more susceptible to certain risks; if Accenture is unable to manage the organizational challenges associated with its size, the company might be unable to achieve its business objectives; Accenture might not be successful at acquiring, investing in or integrating businesses, entering into joint ventures or divesting businesses: Accenture's business could be materially adversely affected if the company incurs legal liability; Accenture's global operations expose the company to numerous and sometimes conflicting legal and regulatory requirements; Accenture's work with government clients exposes the company to additional risks inherent in the government contracting environment; if Accenture is unable to protect or enforce its intellectual property rights or if Accenture's services or solutions infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others or the company loses its ability to utilize the intellectual property of others, its business could be adversely affected; Accenture may be subject to criticism and negative publicity related to its incorporation in Ireland; as well as the risks, uncertainties and other factors discussed under the "Risk Factors" heading in Accenture plc's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and other documents filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, the timing and amount of costs related to our business optimization actions and the nature and extent of benefits realized from such actions are subject to uncertainties and other factors, including local country consultation processes and regulations, and may differ from our current expectations and estimates. Statements in this news release speak only as of the date they were made, and Accenture undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statements made in this news release or to conform such statements to actual results or changes in Accenture's expectations.

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Accenture plc Consolidated Income Statements

(In thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

		Three Mor	nths Ended		Nine Months Ended						
	May 31, 2023	% of Revenues	May 31, 2022	% of Revenues	May 31, 2023	% of Revenues	May 31, 2022	% of Revenues			
REVENUES:											
Revenues	\$ 16,564,585	100.0 %	\$ 16,158,803	100.0 %	\$ 48,126,545	100.0 %	\$ 46,170,649	100.0 %			
OPERATING EXPENSES:											
Cost of services	11,035,515	66.6 %	10,844,069	67.1 %	32,576,567	67.7 %	31,415,167	68.0 %			
Sales and marketing	1,738,621	10.5 %	1,660,919	10.3 %	4,852,207	10.1 %	4,530,158	9.8 %			
General and administrative costs	1,084,288	6.5 %	1,050,697	6.5 %	3,209,539	6.7 %	3,126,332	6.8 %			
Business optimization costs	346,873	2.1 %		— %	591,263	1.2 %	_	— %			
Total operating expenses	14,205,297		13,555,685		41,229,576		39,071,657				
OPERATING INCOME	2,359,288	14.2 %	2,603,118	16.1 %	6,896,969	14.3 %	7,098,992	15.4 %			
Interest income	81,818		8,727		176,782		22,046				
Interest expense	(11,208)		(12,050)		(30,122)		(34,449)				
Other income (expense), net	201,783		(8,877)		136,576		(39,089)				
Loss on disposition of Russia business	_		(96,294)		_		(96,294)				
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	2,631,681	15.9 %	2,494,624	15.4 %	7,180,205	14.9 %	6,951,206	15.1 %			
Income tax expense	583,346		675,308		1,584,887		1,654,631				
NET INCOME	2,048,335	12.4 %	1,819,316	11.3 %	5,595,318	11.6 %	5,296,575	11.5 %			
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest in Accenture Canada Holdings Inc.	(2,101)		(1,902)		(5,790)		(5,578)				
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests – other (1)	(36,238)		(31,339)		(90,934)		(78,956)				
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO ACCENTURE PLC	\$ 2,009,996	12.1 %	\$ 1,786,075	11.1 %	\$ 5,498,594	11.4 %	\$ 5,212,041	11.3 %			
CALCULATION OF EARNINGS PER SHARE:											
Net income attributable to Accenture plc	\$ 2,009,996		\$ 1,786,075		\$ 5,498,594		\$ 5,212,041				
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest in Accenture Canada Holdings Inc. (2)	2,101		1,902		5,790		5,578				
Net income for diluted earnings per share calculation	\$ 2,012,097		\$ 1,787,977		\$ 5,504,384		\$ 5,217,619				
EARNINGS PER SHARE:											
Basic	\$ 3.18		\$ 2.82		\$ 8.72		\$ 8.23				
Diluted	\$ 3.15		\$ 2.79		\$ 8.62		\$ 8.11				
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES:											
Basic	631,535,162		632,749,442		630,826,230		632,969,487				
Diluted	638,743,434		641,004,741		638,404,751		643,692,440				
Cash dividends per share	\$ 1.12		\$ 0.97		\$ 3.36		\$ 2.91				

(1) Comprised primarily of noncontrolling interest attributable to the noncontrolling shareholders of Avanade, Inc.

(2) Diluted earnings per share assumes the exchange of all Accenture Canada Holdings Inc. exchangeable shares for Accenture plc Class A ordinary shares on a one-for-one basis. The income effect does not take into account "Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests — other," since those shares are not redeemable or exchangeable for Accenture plc Class A ordinary shares.

Accenture plc Summary of Revenues

(In thousands of U.S. dollars) (Unaudited)

				Percent Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)		
	_	Three Mor	nths		`U.S. ´	` Local ´	
		May 31, 2023		May 31, 2022	Dollars	Currency	
GEOGRAPHIC MARKETS							
North America	\$	7,720,903	\$	7,613,629	1 %	2 %	
Europe		5,615,466		5,350,360	5	7	
Growth Markets		3,228,216		3,194,814	1	9	
Total Revenues	\$	16,564,585	\$	16,158,803	3 %	5 %	
INDUSTRY GROUPS (1)							
Communications, Media & Technology	\$	2,880,187	\$	3,222,525	(11)%	(8)%	
Financial Services		3,138,181		3,079,418	2	5	
Health & Public Service		3,266,347		2,917,028	12	14	
Products		4,968,399		4,806,180	3	6	
Resources		2,311,471		2,133,652	8	12	
Total Revenues	\$	16,564,585	\$	16,158,803	3 %	5 %	
TYPE OF WORK							
Consulting	\$	8,693,030	\$	9,032,484	(4)%	(1)%	
Managed Services (2)		7,871,555		7,126,319	10	13	
Total Revenues	\$	16,564,585	\$	16,158,803	3 %	5 %	

	Nine Mon	Ended	Percent Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)		
	May 31, 2023		May 31, 2022	U.S. Dollars	Local Currency	
GEOGRAPHIC MARKETS						
North America	\$ 22,741,597	\$	21,597,880	5 %	6 %	
Europe	15,987,685		15,460,313	3	12	
Growth Markets	9,397,263		9,112,456	3	14	
Total Revenues	\$ 48,126,545	\$	46,170,649	4 %	10 %	
INDUSTRY GROUPS (1)						
Communications, Media & Technology	\$ 8,745,192	\$	9,118,790	(4)%	1 %	
Financial Services	9,104,444		8,869,296	3	9	
Health & Public Service	9,289,961		8,333,915	11	15	
Products	14,352,759		13,797,044	4	10	
Resources	6,634,189		6,051,604	10	16	
Total Revenues	\$ 48,126,545	\$	46,170,649	4 %	10 %	
TYPE OF WORK						
Consulting	\$ 25,416,160	\$	25,747,095	(1)%	4 %	
Managed Services (2)	22,710,385		20,423,554	11	16	
Total Revenues	\$ 48,126,545	\$	46,170,649	4 %	10 %	

(1) Effective June 1, 2022, we revised the reporting of our industry groups for the movement of Aerospace & Defense from Communications, Media & Technology to Products. Prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current period presentation.

(2) Previously referred to as our outsourcing business.

Accenture plc Operating Income by Geographic Market

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

(Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended						
	May 3 ⁴	I, 2023	May 31					
	Operating Income	Operating Margin	Operating Income	Operating Margin	Increase (Decrease)			
North America	\$ 1,241,245	16 %	\$ 1,379,828	18 %	\$ (138,583)			
Europe	631,547	11	693,512	13	(61,965)			
Growth Markets	486,496	15	529,778	17	(43,282)			
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,359,288	14.2 %	\$ 2,603,118	16.1 %	\$ (243,830)			

		Nine Months Ended							
	May 3 [°]	1, 2023	May 3 ²						
	Operating Income	Operating Margin	Operating Income	Operating Margin	Increase (Decrease)				
North America	\$ 3,374,986	15 %	\$ 3,715,155	17 %	\$ (340,169)				
Europe	1,895,180	12	1,969,997	13	(74,817)				
Growth Markets	1,626,803	17	1,413,840	16	212,963				
Total Operating Income	\$ 6,896,969	14.3 %	\$ 7,098,992	15.4 %	\$ (202,023)				

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Reconciliation of Operating Income (GAAP) to Operating Income As Adjusted (Non-GAAP)

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended								
		May 31,	2023	May 31					
	As Reported (GAAP)	Business Optimization (1)	Adjusted (Non-GAAP)	Operating Margin (Non-GAAP)	As Reported (GAAP)	Operating Margin (GAAP)	Increase (Decrease)		
North America	\$ 1,241,245	\$ 96,349	\$ 1,337,594	17 %	\$ 1,379,828	18 %	\$ (42,234)		
Europe	631,547	166,463	798,010	14	693,512	13	104,498		
Growth Markets	486,496	84,061	570,557	18	529,778	17	40,779		
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,359,288	\$ 346,873	\$ 2,706,161	16.3 %	\$ 2,603,118	16.1 %	\$ 103,043		

		Nine Months Ended													
		May 31, 2023							May 31, 2022						
	A	s Reported (GAAP)	0	Business ptimization (1)		Adjusted Ion-GAAP)	Operating Margin (Non-GAAP)	A	As Reported Margin		Operating d Margin (GAAP)		Margin Ir		ncrease)ecrease)
North America	\$	3,374,986	\$	273,329	\$	3,648,315	16 %	\$	3,715,155		17 %	\$	(66,840)		
Europe		1,895,180		206,840		2,102,020	13		1,969,997		13		132,023		
Growth Markets		1,626,803		111,094		1,737,897	18		1,413,840		16		324,057		
Total Operating Income	\$	6,896,969	\$	591,263	\$	7,488,232	15.6 %	\$	7,098,992		15.4 %	\$	389,240		

(1) Costs recorded in connection with our business optimization initiatives, primarily for employee severance.

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Reconciliation of Operating Income and Diluted Earnings Per Share, as Reported (GAAP), to Operating Income and Diluted Earnings Per Share, as Adjusted (Non-GAAP)

(In thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended								
		May 31, 2023								
	As Reported (GAAP)		Business otimization (1)		Investment Gain (2)	(Adjusted Non-GAAP)		As Reported (GAAP)	
Operating Income	\$ 2,359,288	\$	346,873	\$	_	\$	2,706,161	\$	2,603,118	
Operating Margin	14.2 %	6	2.1 %	b	— %	5	16.3 %		16.1 %	
Income before income taxes	2,631,681		346,873		(252,920)		2,725,634		2,494,624	
Income tax expense	583,346		80,336		(8,840)		654,842		675,308	
Net Income	\$ 2,048,335	\$	266,537	\$	(244,080)	\$	2,070,792	\$	1,819,316	
Effective tax rate	22.2 %	6	23.2 %	b	3.5 %	5	24.0 %		27.1 %	
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 3.15	\$	0.42	\$	(0.38)	\$	3.19	\$	2.79	

	Nine Months Ended								
		Ма			May 31, 2022				
	As Reported (GAAP)	Business Optimization	(1)	Investment Gain (2)	Adjusted (Non-GAAP)		As Reported (GAAP)		
Operating Income	\$ 6,896,969	\$ 591,263	3 \$		\$ 7,488,232	\$	7,098,992		
Operating Margin	14.3 %	5 1.5	3 %	— %	6 15.6 %	,	15.4 %		
Income before income taxes	7,180,205	591,263	3	(252,920)	7,518,548		6,951,206		
Income tax expense	1,584,887	131,85	1	(8,840)	1,707,898		1,654,631		
Net Income	\$ 5,595,318	\$ 459,412	2 \$	(244,080)	\$ 5,810,650	\$	5,296,575		
Effective tax rate	22.1 %	. 22.	3 %	3.5 %	% 22.7 %		23.8 %		
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 8.62	\$ 0.72	2 \$	(0.38)	\$ 8.96	\$	8.11		

(1) Costs recorded in connection with our business optimization initiatives, primarily for employee severance.

(2) Represents gain related to our investment in Duck Creek Technologies.

Accenture plc Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

	May 31, 2023	A	ugust 31, 2022
ASSETS	(Unaudited)		
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,535,446	6 \$	7,889,833
Short-term investments	4,482	2	3,973
Receivables and contract assets	12,582,660)	11,776,775
Other current assets	2,257,48	5	1,940,290
Total current assets	23,380,073	3	21,610,871
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:			
Contract assets	66,432	2	46,844
Investments	176,259)	317,972
Property and equipment, net	1,534,92	7	1,659,140
Lease assets	2,743,382	2	3,018,535
Goodwill	14,461,094	Ļ	13,133,293
Other non-current assets	7,766,108	3	7,476,735
Total non-current assets	26,748,202	2	25,652,519
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 50,128,27	5 \$	47,263,390
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Current portion of long-term debt and bank borrowings	\$ 10,38) \$	9,175
Accounts payable	2,388,474	Ļ	2,559,485
Deferred revenues	5,101,692	2	4,478,048
Accrued payroll and related benefits	6,632,448	3	7,611,794
Lease liabilities	690,584	Ļ	707,598
Other accrued liabilities	2,268,94		2,157,396
Total current liabilities	17,092,52	3	17,523,496
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Long-term debt	43,865	5	45,893
Lease liabilities	2,351,37	5	2,563,090
Other non-current liabilities	4,578,578	3	4,383,823
Total non-current liabilities	6,973,81	3	6,992,806
Total Accenture plc shareholders' equity	25,332,43 ⁻	1	22,106,097
Noncontrolling interests	729,498	3	640,991
Total shareholders' equity	26,061,929)	22,747,088
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 50,128,27	5 \$	47,263,390

Accenture plc Consolidated Cash Flows Statements

(In thousands of U.S. dollars) (Unaudited)

		Three Mor	ths Ended	Nine Mor	ths Ended
	Ма	y 31, 2023	May 31, 2022	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
Net income	\$	2,048,335	\$ 1,819,316	\$ 5,595,318	\$ 5,296,575
Depreciation, amortization and other		601,099	524,186	1,639,804	1,553,311
Share-based compensation expense		472,695	407,257	1,530,034	1,319,555
Change in assets and liabilities/other, net		167,242	313,896	(2,650,276)	(2,418,422)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		3,289,371	3,064,655	6,114,880	5,751,019
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:					
Purchases of property and equipment		(141,500)	(194,616	(347,878)	(540,947)
Purchases of businesses and investments, net of cash acquired		(257,020)	(363,614	(1,334,007)	(2,212,388)
Proceeds from the sale of businesses and investments, net of cash transferred		400,238	(111,660	418,113	(108,099)
Other investing, net		3,273	2,936	8,392	9,397
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		4,991	(666,954	(1,255,380)	(2,852,037)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares		537,016	497,974	1,344,637	1,199,851
Purchases of shares		(788,937)	(972,171	(3,325,850)	(3,510,891)
Cash dividends paid		(707,742)	(613,785	(2,121,331)	(1,843,576)
Other financing, net		(13,161)	(15,457	(62,481)	(54,998)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(972,824)	(1,103,439	(4,165,025)	(4,209,614)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(24,879)	(56,810	(48,862)	(153,974)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		2,296,659	1,237,452	645,613	(1,464,606)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period		6,238,787	5,466,116	7,889,833	8,168,174
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$	8,535,446	\$ 6,703,568	\$ 8,535,446	\$ 6,703,568