Advancing Our Leadership and Differentiation

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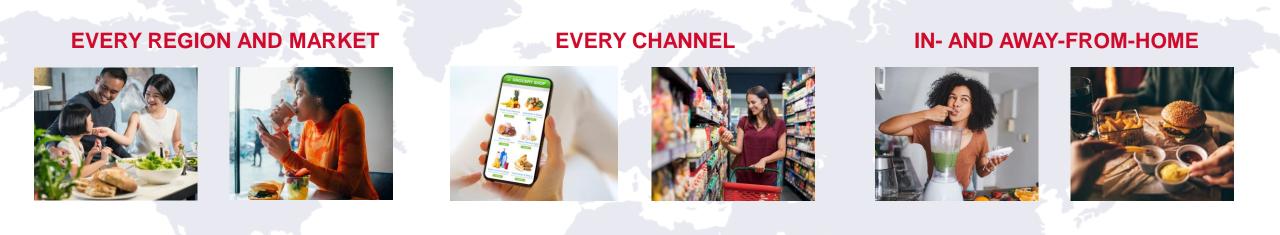
Building on Our Strong Foundation

Strengthening Our Competitive Advantages

Driving Growth and Value Creation



We Flavor Every Sip and Bite



EVERY OCCASION





EVERY CUISINE AND FLAVOR TREND









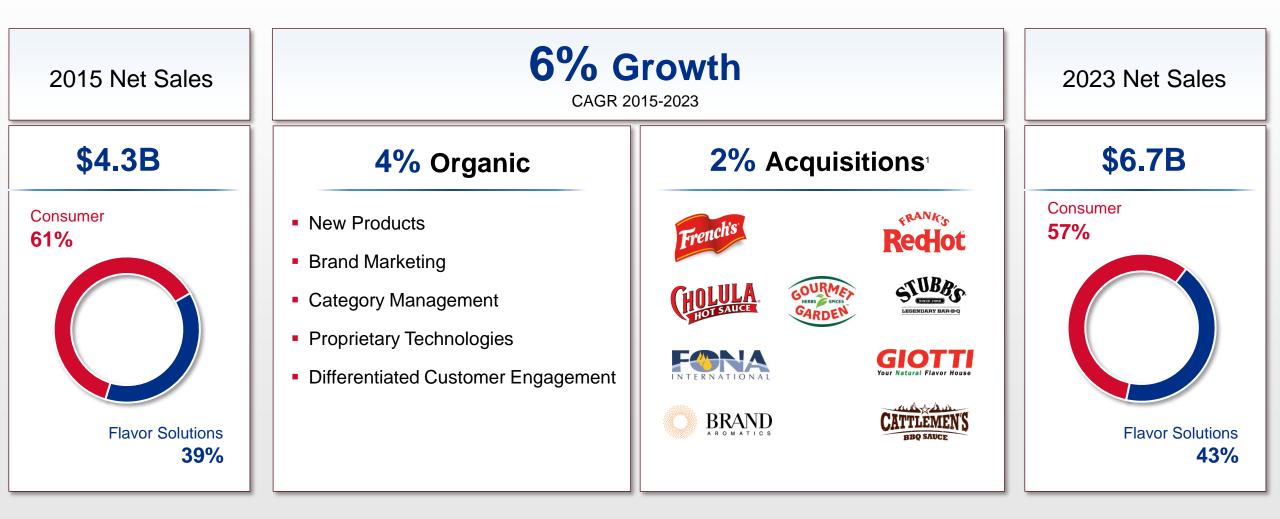
EVERY FORMAT AND APPLICATION





History of Driving Long-Term Growth

Intentionally Focused on Fast-Growing Categories



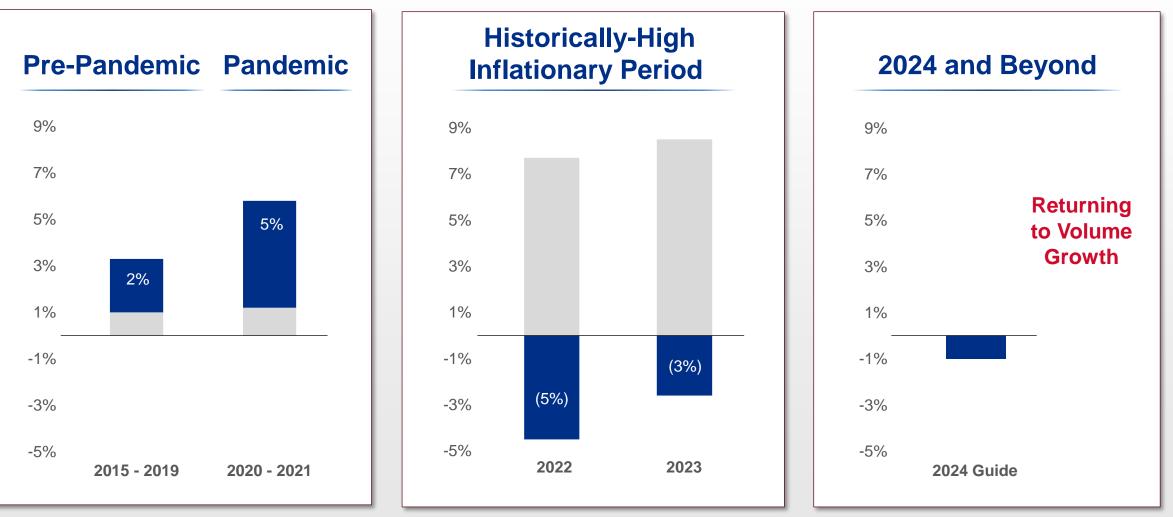


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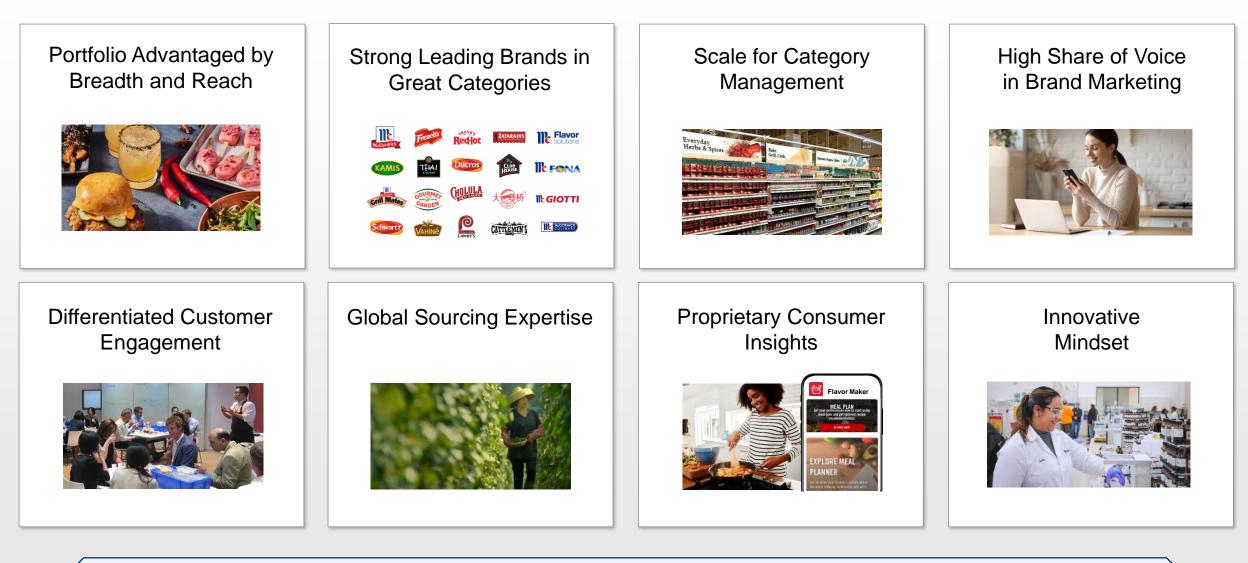
Strong Historical Volume Performance

Proven Initiatives to Return to Volume Growth





Well-Positioned with Our System of Competitive Growth Advantages



Enabled by Our High Performance and Power of People Culture

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Advancing Our Leadership and Differentiation

GROWTH



We Are a Different Kind of Flavor Company

\$6.7B 2023 Net Sales

CONSUMER

Share leader in core categories with iconic brands in >150 countries and territories

Industry leader in brand market support with significant share of voice

> Strong category management retailer partnerships

Digital leadership with strong consumer engagement





FLAVOR SOLUTIONS

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Broad and Advantaged Global Flavor Portfolio



Long-term Consumer Trends Remain a Tailwind



Sentiment

Cooking At Home Remains Elevated

80% believe cooking at home "allows me to prepare healthier, better-for-you meals"

> 75% are eating more at home to save¹

Desire to Explore & Discover New Flavors

>65%

Cook to explore new flavors¹

Think it's exciting to experiment with new flavors¹

64% of Gen Z meals are prepared at home²

Consider food and dining a hobby and a passion³

80% enjoy cooking³



Value-Seeking Behavior Is Increasing

Stretched Budgets

72% watch their household budget more now¹

> 85% are buying less food due to price increases¹

Since 2019...

Food and beverage prices are up 30%

And wages are only up **16%**²

Choiceful Spending

74% are conscious of waste and **72%** are trying to more fully use items in their pantry¹

50% delaying purchases and waiting for sales³

87% are shopping promotions¹





Selective Splurging

58% willing to pay extra for brands of condiments, spices, and seasonings²

Top category for splurging is eating out, followed by

groceries, apparel, beauty and personal care³



Continued Focus on Growth, Performance, and People

11 2026 STRATEGIC ROADMAP

GROWTH

Win With Consumers and Customers

- Drive undisputed global leadership in herbs, spices and seasonings
- Advance leadership in global flavors
- Strengthen global heat leadership
- Expand branded condiments
- Accelerate new product innovation

PERFORMANCE

Win With Purpose-led Performance

- Expand system of competitive advantages
- Accelerate digital transformation
- Create value through higher returns on investments
- Drive operational excellence
- Strengthen organizational resiliency

PEOPLE

Win With Talent and Engagement

- Leverage our Power of People culture
- Elevate organizational effectiveness
- Foster an innovative and learning organization
- Advance diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Build future leaders and capabilities

2024 Priorities to Advance Our Leadership and Differentiation

Strengthen global leadership in our core categories Drive profitable growth and higher returns on investments Accelerate our digital transformation

Build the next generation of leaders and capabilities Expand our system of competitive advantages













Our History, Categories, and Plans Underpin Our Long-Term Objectives

Proven Track	 Industry-leading organic and acquisition historical results Strong foundation and long-term fundamentals System of competitive advantages 	Sustainable Long-term Objectives
Record	by Stem of competitive advantages	Sales 4-6%
Broad and Advantaged Portfolio	 Global flavor category growth projection of 5% to 7% Breadth and reach of our global portfolio across two segments Differentiated global heat platform 	Operating Profit 7-9%
		Earnings Per Share 9-11%
Our Robust Plans	 Increased focus on core profitable categories Targeted high-return investments Proven cost savings programs 	Total Shareholder Return 11-13%



McCormick's Leadership Committed to Driving Sustainable Growth







Brendan Foley President and Chief Executive Officer

Mike Smith Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



Kasey Jenkins Chief Growth Officer



Ana Sanchez President - EMEA



Andrew Foust President - Americas



Sarah Piper Chief Human Relations Officer

Additional Operating Committee Members

President APAC Chief Marketing Officer Chief Science Officer Chief Supply Chain Officer Chief Information & Digital Officer

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary



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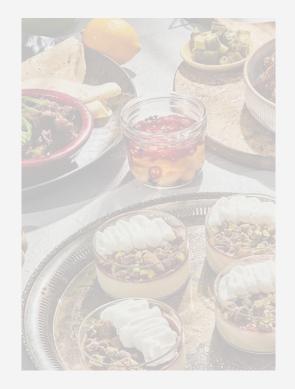
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History of Driving Long-Term Consumer Growth

Grew the Core and Expanded Our Consumer Portfolio



Spices & Seasonings

Condiments & Sauces

Recipe Mix

Regional Leaders



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Differentiated By the Power of Our Brands

Top Brands Are 85% of Our Portfolio



✓ Leading Brands Across Global Markets

✓ Broad Flavor Portfolio

✓ Wide Variety of Categories and Formats

Focused on Volume Growth with Our Proven Growth Levers





Increasing Brand Marketing



Driving Renovation



Accelerating New Products



Strengthening Category Management



Driving Global Leadership in Spices and Seasonings



Focused on Global Volume and Share Growth

Win at Every Price	Further Differentiate Our
Point	Brands
Maximize the Opportunity in Seasonings	Strengthen Distribution and Channel Penetration





Advancing Our U.S. Spices & Seasonings Leadership

Renovating Our Brands

Accelerating New Products





Driving Consumers to the Aisle





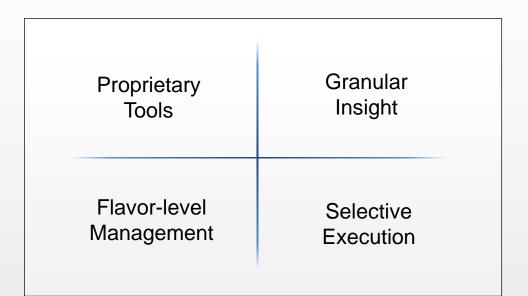






Strengthening Our Category Leadership and Value Proposition

Optimizing Price On-Shelf





Winning in the Discounter Channel



Growing in China Mini-Marts



Growing Household Penetration with Cooking Blends

Maximizing the Opportunity in Cooking Blends

\$1.2B¹ sub-category

Cooking blends sub-category growing **10%**

McCormick is **driving share** growth as the brand leader

Cooking blends household penetration lower than Spices

Unique flavor combinations people love



Enabling "Just Shake" Flavor



5-minute or less quick prep is fastest growing cooking occasion

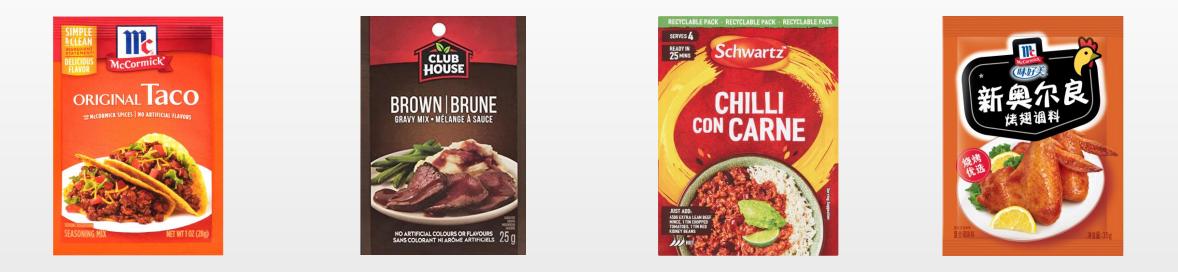
Reaching Loyal Built-in Audiences

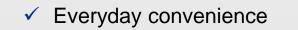




Strong Leadership in Recipe Mixes

#1 in U.S., Canada, U.K., and China





✓ Value offering

Frequent usage

✓ High loyalty



Fueling McCormick and Category Growth in Recipe Mixes

Innovating with Popular & Emerging Cuisines



Modernizing Offerings



Messaging Value & Convenience



✓ Reaching New Households

✓ Inspiring Younger Cooks



Growing Our Condiment Portfolio

Strengthening Mustard Leadership #2 Global Market Leader **#1** in U.S., Canada and Poland KAMIS THE CLASSIC SAREPSK YELLOW TANG FOR Everything NETWIT & GZ (CDE g) Increasing Advertising and FLAVORON! Promotions **BUY NOW** Launching New Flavors MUSTARD SPREAD and Formats SAREPSK

Accelerating Regional Growth



Expanding Distribution In Over-Indexed Hispanic Markets



Winning Grilling Occasions in All Regions



Reaching Consumers with Differentiated Brand Marketing







✓ Delivering industry-leading return on investments

Creating Digitally-Enabled Connected Consumer Experiences

A Proven Approach...

... To Win with the Next Generation



✓ Social Channels

Retail Media

Owned Properties

Accelerating Innovation Across Key Consumer Benefits

New Products Launching in First 6 Months of 2024

Convenience

Freshness





Flavor Exploration



Value Sizes



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Flavor Solutions Broad Global Reach Across Food & Beverage

Customers & Channels





Global and Regional: CPG Manufacturers, Restaurants, Retail Foodservice, Distributors, Consumer Health Companies

End Market Applications





Beverage, Performance Nutrition, Snacks, Bakery, Confectionary, Dairy, Health

Flavor solutions

Product Categories





Specialty Flavors, Seasonings, Branded Foodservice, Condiments, Coatings, Spices & Herbs

Occasions





At Home, At the Restaurant, Take-Out, At the Event, In the Cafeteria, On the Road



History of Driving Long-Term Flavor Solutions Growth

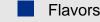
Migrating Our Portfolio to Technically Insulated and Value-added Solutions



Shifted the Portfolio with Flavor and Branded Foodservice 11% Growth

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Branded Foodservice

Custom Condiments

Coatings, Bulk Spices & Herbs

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Focused on Flavors an Attractive Product Category



Relavorsolutions

Attractive Flavor Industry Characteristics

- **Technical insulation**
- High innovation
- Attractive margin profile
- Tailored solutions with customer codevelopment
- Small % of retail price, but a key driver for consumer preference
- Diverse category and customer exposures



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Proprietary technology \checkmark platform

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Differentiated By Our Heritage in Flavors, Culinary, and Clean & Natural

FEMA Founder & 115 Year Stewardship



Clean & Natural Expertise



Culinary Foundation



Sustainability Leader

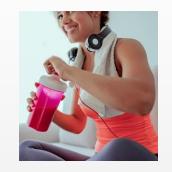


Developing Consumer-preferred Flavors for a Wide Range of Applications Meeting Customers' Needs in Attractive End-Market Categories

Snacks



Performance Nutrition



Beverage



Dairy



Bakery / Confectionary



Savory



Health





Continued Strong Performance in Targeted High-Growth End Markets

Savory Snack



+5% Market Growth¹

+14% McCormick²

Performance Nutrition



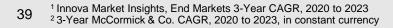
+5% Market Growth¹ +16%

McCormick²

Alcoholic Beverage



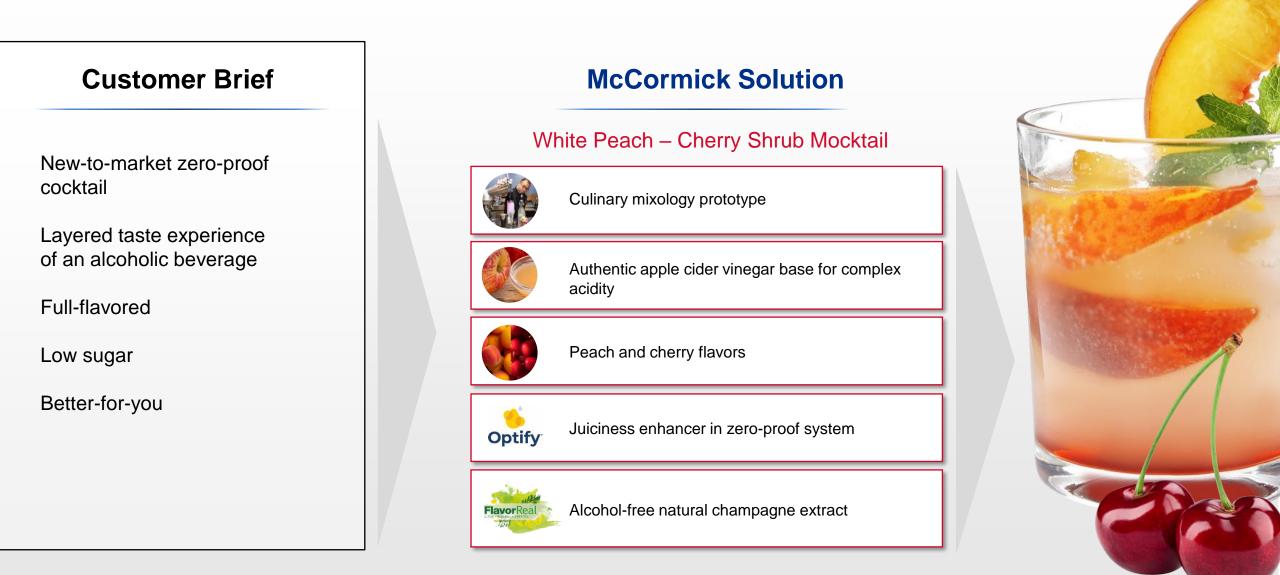
+6% Market Growth¹ +6% McCormick²



Innovating with Our Proprietary Technology Platforms

Clean Flavor	 Enabling transparency with clean, all-natural labelling Developing natural extracts with a proprietary platform 	
Flavor Encapsulation	 Releasing flavor where, when, and how needed with patented technology Delivering a true-to-nature flavor by retaining natural ingredients 	Figure Fi
Taste Modulation	 Solving for "low" or "no" challenges without sacrificing taste Covering off-notes and smoothing textures in plant-based proteins and health applications 	Favourzee Optify
Product Development	 Combining our unrivaled repository of consumer insights with industry-leading artificial intelligence Innovating with speed and scoring high on preference tests 	

Creating a Low-Sugar Fruity Cocktail Without Alcohol



Creating a Plant-based Protein Drink That Actually Tastes Good

Customer Brief

Protein from plant-based source

Better-for-you reduced sugar and sodium label

Indulgent experience in powdered format

Off-notes masked

Chocolate profile to suit target consumer base

McCormick Solution

McCormick's Plant-based Mexican Chocolate Protein



Consumer & sensory insights targeted chocolate profile



Natural cinnamon extract

🔞 True Taste

Chocolate top-notes amplified for preferred taste



Mouthfeel designed for indulgent experience



Balanced and masked pea protein and earthy off-notes

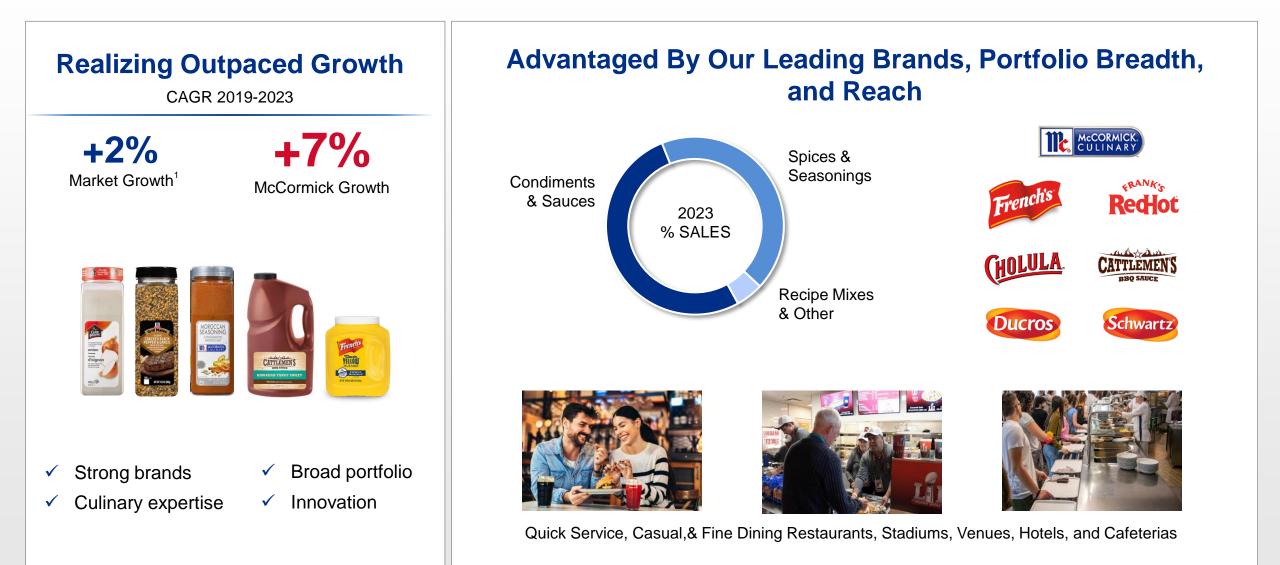


Driving Growth with End-to-End Customer Collaboration



Passion to deliver a flawless customer experience with speed, agility, and expert-to-expert collaboration

Strengthening Branded Foodservice Leadership



Driving Growth in Branded Foodservice

Further Differentiating Our Brands

New Products and Packaging



Menu Penetration



Operator Brand Awareness





Expanding in Retail Foodservice











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HEAT



Consumer Demand for Heat Continues to Rise

Gen Z and Millennials Driving the Demand

High-Growth Flavor Profile



60% describe their current taste preferences as 'spicy'³

>40% LOVE spicy food ... outpacing all other generations¹ Drove **57%** of hot sauce category growth since 2021²

Chili and Hot Sauce 9% 4-Year Category CAGR²

Heat Related Spices & Seasonings 11% 4-Year Category CAGR²

Top 3 fastest-growing menu flavors are spicy⁴



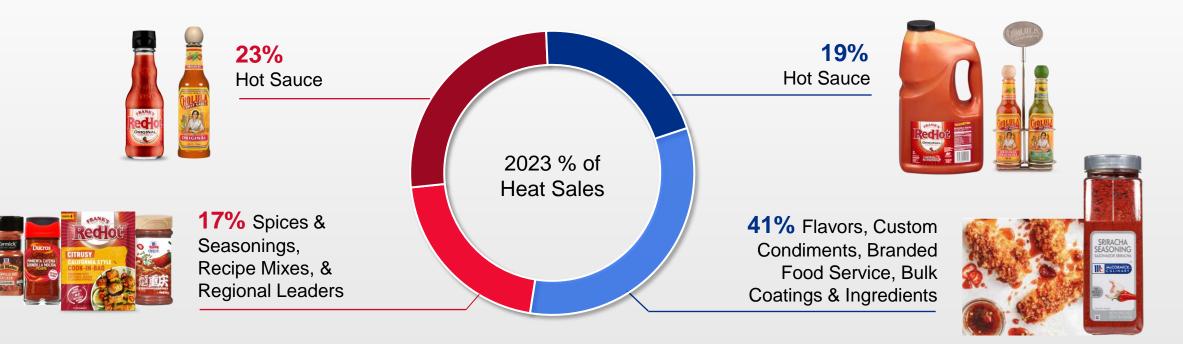
47 ¹ Datassential 2023. ² Circana All Outlets 52WE 12/31/23 ³ The Hartman Group, Tastes of Tomorrow Dec. 2023

Our Global Heat Platform Is ~20% of Our Portfolio

Realized Growth of 13% Historical 3-year CAGR

Consumer 40%

Flavor Solutions 60%



Heat is more than just Hot Sauce ... Opportunities to accelerate growth across the portfolio



Positioned to Win in Heat with Differentiated Brands and Capabilities

Global Iconic Brands



Unrivaled Consumer Insights



Science & Technology Advantages



Sourcing & Manufacturing Expertise





Building Hot Sauce to Be the Condiment of the Next Generation: Driving Our Undisputed Hot Sauce Leadership

#1 Hot Sauce Company in the World



- #1 Hot Sauce in the World
- **#1** in the U.S. & Canada
- ~70% of our Hot Sauce Portfolio
- The Hot Sauce for everything



Driving Category Growth







- **#1** Mexican Global Hot Sauce
- **#2** in the U.S.
- ~30% of our Hot Sauce Portfolio
- The Hot Sauce for Mexican occasions



✓ Fueling Innovation

ategory Growth

 Accelerating in International Markets

Creating Excitement and Reaching the Next Generation



4.6 Billion Impressions!

Winning the Tabletop and Driving Trial

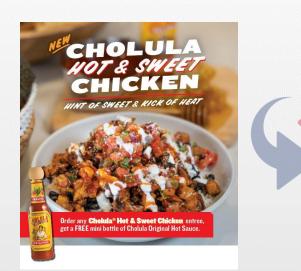
Launching Frank's New Always Red Packaging



Solving operators' desire for clean tabletop look

✓ Made with 100% Post Consumer Recyclable plastic

Driving Trial Away from Home... and Then At Home



Foodservice



Consumer

- ✓ Drives consumer and operator brand impressions
- Creates patron demand as leading factor when tabletop brands chosen

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Heating Up Restaurant Menus





Driving Growth with Co-Branded Menu Placements



Winning in the Mexican Aisle

Bringing New Consumers Into U.S. Category and Launching in 2024 in Canada

Expanding Into New Formats in the U.S.



Introducing Hot New Flavors in Seasonings

McCormick's 2023 Flavor of the Year



- Launched nationally following successful eCommerce pilot
- ✓ Inspired launches for flavor customers

Flavor Forecast 24th Edition







2024 Flavor of the Year Driving Early Results

McCormick Predicts This Flavor Will Dominate Menus in 2024



SPICIN' UP 2024 WITH THE MCCORMICK FLAVOR OF THE YEAR: TAMARIND

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Two iconic brands, two iconic limitededition specials: **TAMARIND CHILE JAM BURGER** served with Tamarind & Pasilla Chile Fries and **TAMARIND CHILE COCOA CHURRO CRAZYSHAKE®**

VIEW LOCATIONS

REALSIMPLE

This is the 2024 Flavor of the Year, According to McCormick

OVC Make room on your spice shelf.



Accelerating Global Heat New Products

Innovating and Renovating Across Our Heat Portfolio



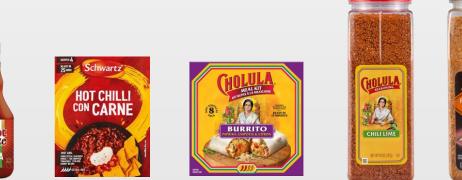






Over 80% win rate on customer heat briefs in 2023









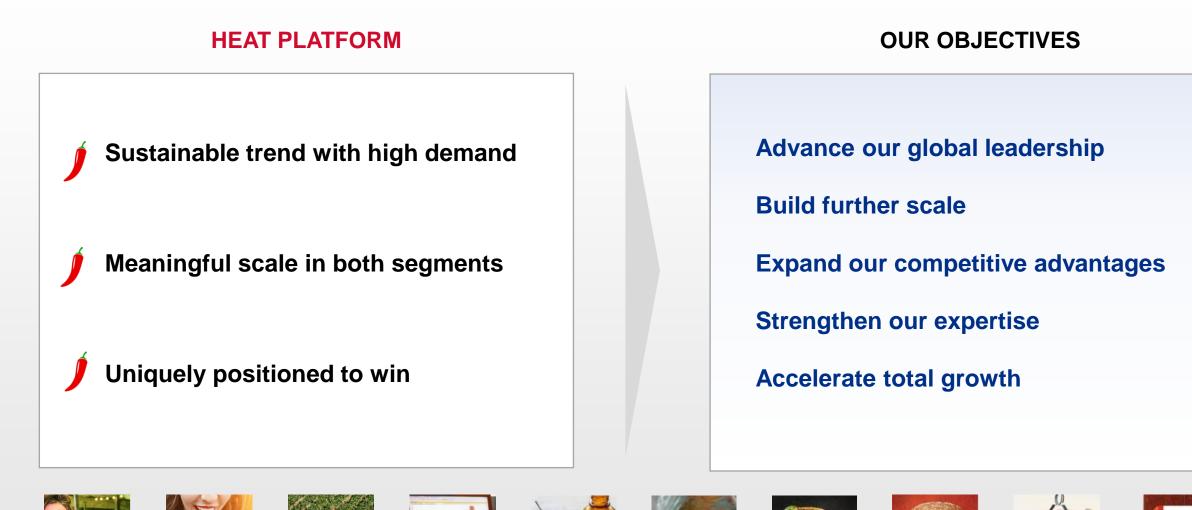


Continuing strong momentum with ~25% of flavors pipeline hot and spicy



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Differentiated Heat Platform Supports Long-term Growth Objectives



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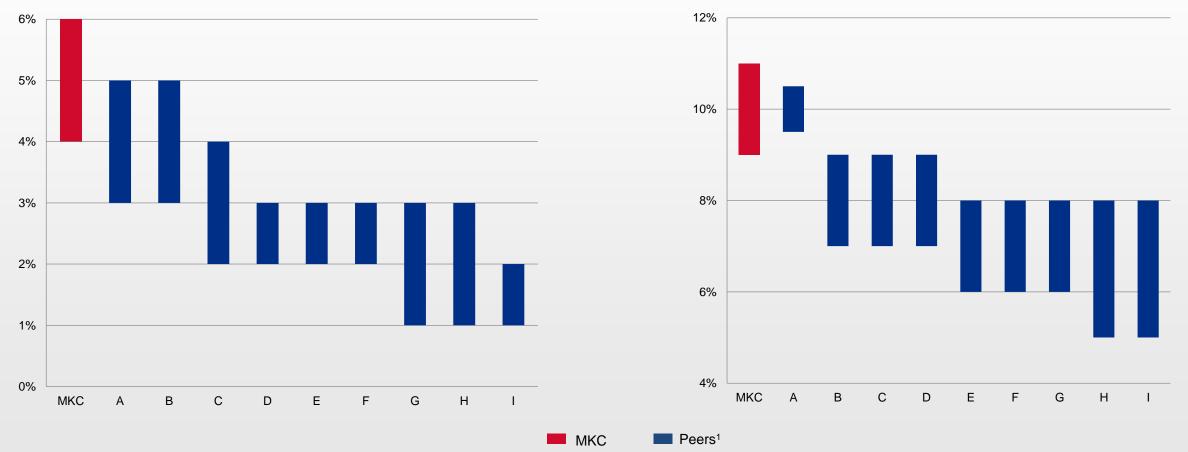
PERFORMANCE



Differentiated Top-Tier Growth Objectives

Long-Term Sales Growth Target



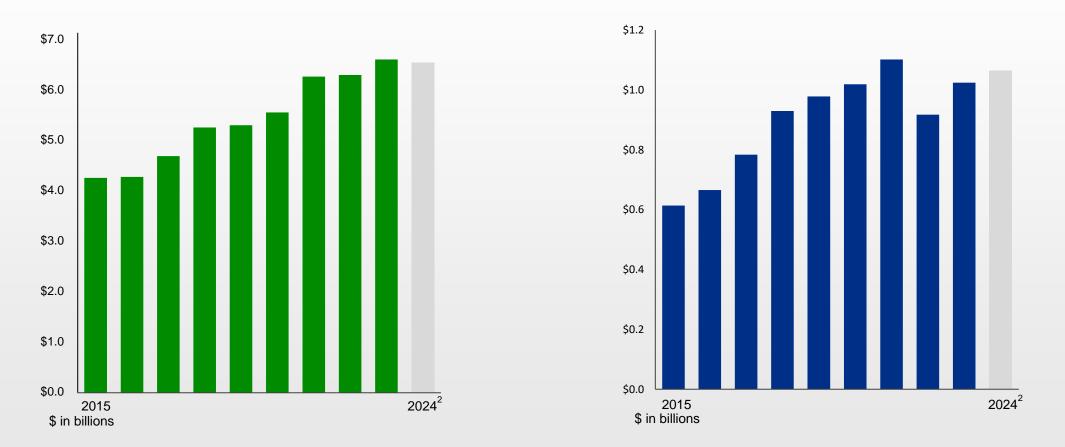




Strong Sales and Operating Income Trajectory

Net Sales¹

Adjusted Operating Income

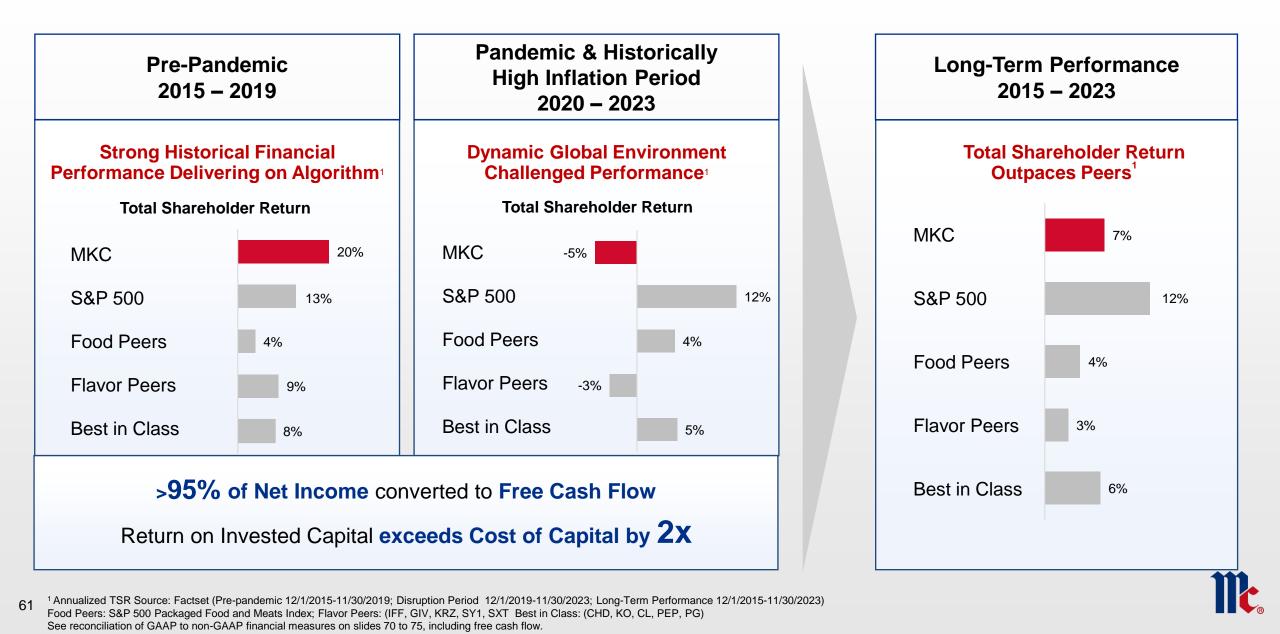




60 ¹Net sales amounts as reported prior to recast for adoption of Revenue Recognition ASU as recast information not available for 2015. Recast trend expected to be consistent. ²Represents midpoint of 2024 reported guidance

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Focused on Long-Term Shareholder Value Creation

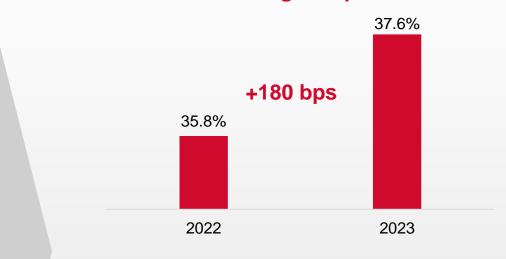


Benefiting From the Virtuous Flywheel of Margin Expansion

Drove Margin Expansion and Generated Fuel for Growth in 2023

- Recovered inflation pricing previously lagged
- Optimized portfolio and mix favorability
- Achieved GOE cost savings target
- Delivered CCI commitment





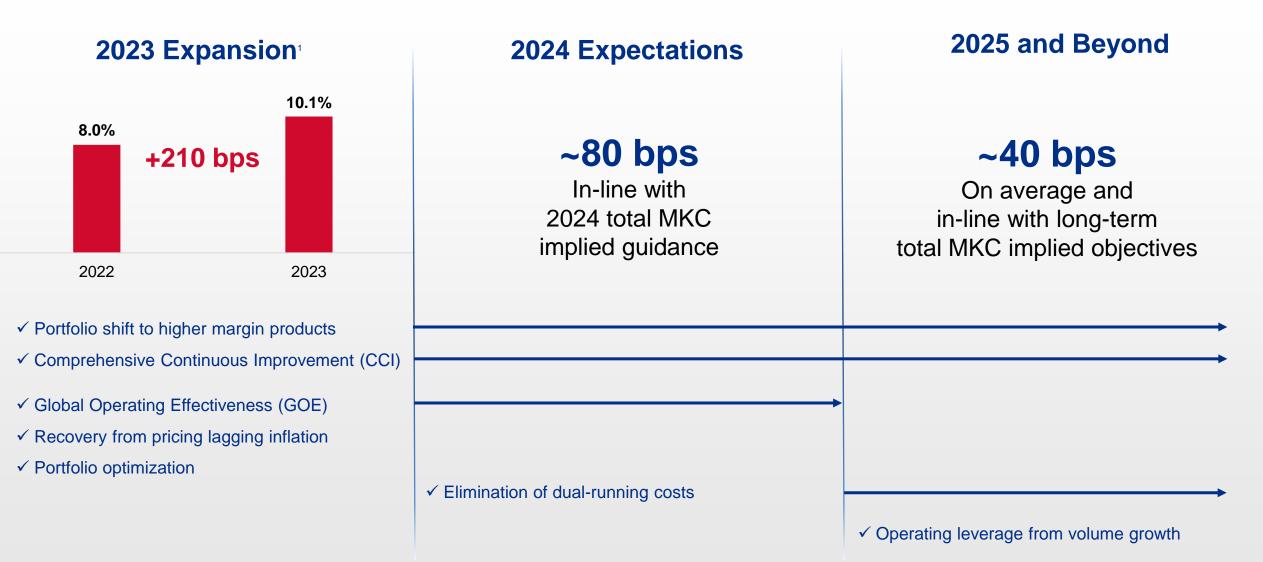
Adjusted Operating Margin Expansion

Gross Margin Expansion



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Committed to Improving Flavor Solutions Operating Margin



... Including investments to drive further growth and differentiation

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Accelerating Investments to Drive Volume Growth

Brand Marketing

- Connecting with consumers and fueling growth
- Supporting new products



Category Management



- Strengthening price pack architecture
- Managing price gaps

Innovation and R&D

- Expanding pipeline of new products
- Increasing research & development bench strength



Million in Incremental Investments

~\$80

Digital Transformation



- Enhancing how we serve consumers and customers
- Further leveraging data and insights



Driving Results with a Strong Balance Sheet and Disciplined Capital Allocation

Balanced Use of Cash: Drive Growth, Return to Shareholders and Pay Down Debt



Making Strategic Capital Investments to Support Growth

Invest in Capacity and Capabilities



Enable Profitable Growth In Core Categories

Accelerate Our Digital Transformation





Optimize Our Speed, Analytics, and Operational Efficiency

Advance Cost-effectiveness Initiatives





Generate Additional Fuel for Growth



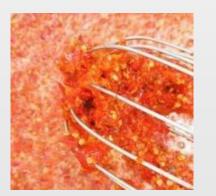
Expanding Heat Capacity and Capabilities to Meet Increasing Demand

Supply Expansion and Resiliency



Continued scale-up from origin pilot to commercialization

Chili Mash Processing



Expand capabilities close to new source

Heat Seasoning and Hot Sauce Manufacturing



Increase seasoning capacity with purposebuilt dedicated heat assets



Expand hot sauce capabilities across the network and increase capacity



Reaffirming Our 2024 Outlook

Reported Currency	Constant Currency
-2% to 0%	-1% to 1%
3% to 5%	4% to 6%
\$2.80 to \$2.85	
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We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures are important. The presentation of information on a constant currency basis, the exclusion of special charges, and transaction and integration expenses provide additional information that enables enhanced comparisons to prior periods and, accordingly, facilitates the development of future projections and earnings growth prospects. This information is also used by management to measure the profitability of our ongoing operations and analyze our business performance and trends.

These non-GAAP financial measures may be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP results. In addition, these non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies because other companies may not calculate them in the same manner that we do. We intend to continue to provide these non-GAAP financial measures as part of our future earnings discussions and, therefore, the inclusion of these non-GAAP financial measures will provide consistency in our financial reporting. A reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures is provided below.

Because we are a multi-national company, we are subject to variability of our reported U.S. dollar results due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Those changes can be volatile. The exclusion of the effects of foreign currency exchange, or what we refer to as amounts expressed "on a constant currency basis", is a non-GAAP measure. We believe that this non-GAAP measure provides additional information that enables enhanced comparison to prior periods excluding the translation effects of changes in rates of foreign currency exchange and provides additional insight into the underlying performance of our operations located outside of the U.S. It should be noted that our presentation herein of amounts and percentage changes on a constant currency basis does not exclude the impact of foreign currency transaction gains and losses (that is, the impact of transactions denominated in other than the local currency of any of our subsidiaries in their local currency reported results).

The following provides a reconciliation of our operating income to adjusted operating income:

(in millions except per share data)	Year Ended			
	11/30/2023 11/30/2022			
Operating income	\$ 963.0 \$ 863.6			
Impact of transaction and integration expenses	- 2.2			
Impact of special charges (1)	61.2 51.6			
Adjusted operating income	\$ 1,024.2 \$ 917.4			
% increase versus year-ago period	11.6%			

The following provides a reconciliation of our operating income margin to adjusted operating income margin by segment:

	Year Ended						
	11/30/2023		11/30/2022				
	Total	Consumer	Flavor Solutions		Total	Consumer	Flavor Solutions
Operating income margin (2)	14.5%	18.4%	9.2%		13.6%	18.3%	6.8%
Impact of transaction and integration expenses and special charges (2)	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%		0.8%	0.6%	1.2%
Adjusted operating income margin (2)	15.4%	19.3%	10.1%		14.4%	18.9%	8.0%

- Special charges for the year ended November 30, 2022 include a \$10.0 million non-cash intangible asset impairment charge associated with our exit of our business operations in Russia. Special charges for the year ended November 30, 2022 include a \$13.6 million gain associated with the sale of the Kohinoor brand name. We exited our Kohinoor rice product line in India in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2021.
- 2) Operating income margin, impact of transaction and integration expenses and special charges, and adjusted operating income margin is calculated as operating income, impact of transaction and integration expenses and special charges, and adjusted operating income as a percentage of net sales for each period presented.

Because we are a multi-national company, we are subject to variability of our reported U.S. dollar results due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Those changes have been volatile over the past several years. The exclusion of the effects of foreign currency exchange, or what we refer to as amounts expressed "on a constant currency basis", is a non-GAAP measure. We believe that this non-GAAP measure provides additional information that enables enhanced comparison to prior periods excluding the translation effects of changes in rates of foreign currency exchange and provides additional insight into the underlying performance of our operations located outside of the U.S. It should be noted that our presentation herein of amounts and percentage changes on a constant currency basis does not exclude the impact of foreign currency transaction gains and losses (that is, the impact of transactions denominated in other than the local currency of any of our subsidiaries in their local currency reported results).

Percentage changes in sales and adjusted operating income expressed on a constant currency basis are presented excluding the impact of foreign currency exchange. To present this information for historical periods, current period results for entities reporting in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are translated into U.S. dollars at the average exchange rates in effect during the corresponding period of the comparative year, rather than at the actual average exchange rates in effect during the current fiscal year. As a result, the foreign currency impact is equal to the current year results in local currencies multiplied by the change in the average foreign currency exchange rate between the current fiscal period and the corresponding period of the comparative year. Rates of constant currency growth (decline) follow:

	Year Ended November 30, 2023			
	Percentage Change as Reported	Impact of Foreign Currency Exchange	Percentage Change on Constant Currency Basis	
Net sales				
Consumer Segment	1.3%	(0.8)%	2.1%	
Flavor Solutions Segment	10.1%	(0.2)%	10.3%	
Total net sales	4.9%	(0.6)%	5.5%	
Adjusted operating income				
Consumer Segment	3.5%	(0.9)%	4.4%	
Flavor Solutions Segment	39.7%	1.2%	38.5%	
Total adjusted operating income	11.6%	(0.4)%	12.0%	

To present the compounded annual growth rates ("CAGR") percentages in sales on a constant currency basis, sales for entities reporting in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are translated into U.S. dollars at the company's budgeted exchange rates for 2023 for all periods. The following provides a reconciliation of our actual CAGR and constant currency CAGR for sales:

	For the period from December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2023			
Net Sales	Total	Consumer	Flavor Solutions	
CAGR (2015-2023) - Reported	5.6%	4.7%	7.0%	
Impact of Foreign Currency Exchange	1.1%	0.9%	1.4%	
CAGR (2015-2023) - Constant Currency Basis*	6.7%	5.6%	8.4%	
*Includes:				
Growth due to Acquisitions/Divestitures	2.3%	2.1%	2.6%	
Organic Growth	4.4%	3.5%	5.8%	
CAGR (2015-2023) - Constant Currency Basis	6.7%	5.6%	8.4%	

We define free cash flow as net cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures (including expenditures for capitalized software) for a period. Free cash flow is considered a non-GAAP financial measure. Management believes, however, that free cash flow, which measures our ability to generate additional cash from our business operations, is an important financial measure for use in evaluating the company's financial performance. Free cash flow should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, consolidated net income as a measure of our performance and net cash provided by operating activities as a measure of our liquidity. Additionally, our definition of free cash flow is limited, in that it does not represent residual cash flows available for discretionary expenditures, due to the fact that the measure does not deduct the payments required for debt service and other contractual obligations or payments made for business acquisitions. Therefore, we believe it is important to view free cash flow as a measure that provides supplemental information to our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of Free Cash Flow, a non-GAAP financial measure, to net cash provided by operating activities, which we believe to be the GAAP financial measure most directly comparable to Free Cash Flow as well as information regarding our free cash flow as a percentage of net income:

	For the	For the period from	
	Decemb	per 1, 2014 to	
	Novem	ber 30, 2023	
Net Cash provided by operating activities	\$	7,589.8	
Less: Capital expenditures		(1,836.6)	
Free Cash Flow	\$	5,753.2	
Net Income	\$	5,852.7	
Free cash flow as a percentage of net income		98%	

To present "constant currency" information for the fiscal year 2024 projection, projected sales and adjusted operating income for entities reporting in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are translated into U.S. dollars at the company's budgeted exchange rates for 2024 and are compared to the 2023 results, translated into U.S. dollars using the same 2024 budgeted exchange rates, rather than at the average actual exchange rates in effect during fiscal year 2023. To estimate the percentage change in adjusted earnings per share on a constant currency basis, a similar calculation is performed to arrive at adjusted net income divided by historical shares outstanding for fiscal year 2023 or projected shares outstanding for fiscal year 2024, as appropriate.

	Projections for the Year Ending November 30, 2024
Percentage change in net sales	(2)% to 0%
Impact of unfavorable foreign currency exchange	1 %
Percentage change in net sales in constant currency	(1)% to 1%
Percentage change in adjusted operating income	3% to 5%
Impact of unfavorable foreign currency exchange	1 %
Percentage change in adjusted operating income in constant currency	4% to 6%
Percentage change in adjusted earnings per share - diluted	4% to 6%
Impact of unfavorable foreign currency exchange	1 %
Percentage change in adjusted earnings per share - diluted in constant currency	5% to 7%

The following provides a reconciliation of our estimated earnings per share to adjusted earnings per share for 2024 and actual results for 2023:

	Year Ended		
	2024 Projection	11/30/2023	
Earnings per share - diluted	\$2.76 to \$2.81	\$ 2.52	
Impact of special charges	0.04	0.18	
Adjusted earnings per share - diluted	\$2.80 to \$2.85	\$ 2.70	