

FIRST QUARTER FISCAL 2019

### EARNINGS CALL

AUGUST 28, 2018

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We refer to certain Non-GAAP financial measures in this presentation, including earnings from continuing operations before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA"), EBITDA Margin from continuing operations, calculated as EBITDA from continuing operations divided by revenues from continuing operations ("EBITDA Margin"), and Free Cash Flow. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as a substitute for, or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). Because these measures are not measures of financial performance under GAAP and are susceptible to varying calculations, they may not be comparable to similarly titled measures for other companies. For a description of these non-GAAP financial measures, including the reasons management uses each measure, and reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP, please refer to our press release filed on August 28, 2018 and our previously filed press releases, both of which are posted on our investor relations website at http://investors.hrblock.com.

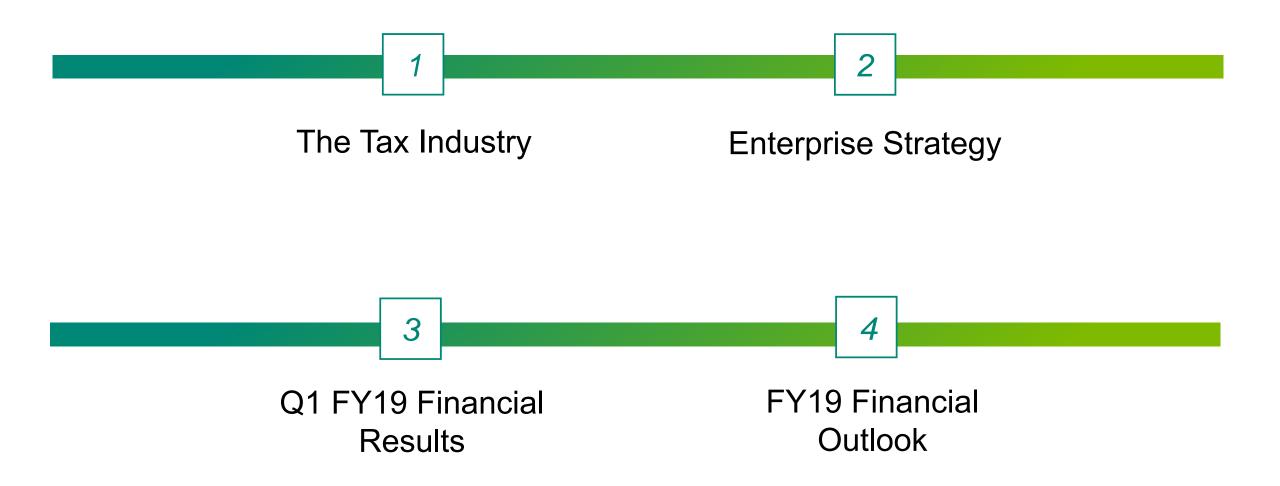
#### **Market and Industry Data**

The data included in this presentation regarding the tax preparation services industry, including trends in the market and the company's position and the position of its competitors within this industry, are based on the company's estimates, which have been derived from management's knowledge and experience in the industry, and information obtained from customers, trade and business organizations, internal research, publicly available information, industry publications and surveys and other contacts in the industry. The company has also cited information compiled by industry publications, governmental agencies and publicly available sources. Although the company believes these third-party sources to be reliable, it has not independently verified the data obtained from these sources and it cannot assure you of the accuracy or completeness of the data. Estimates of market size and relative positions in a market are difficult to develop and inherently uncertain and the company cannot assure you that it is accurate. Accordingly, you should not place undue weight on the industry and market share data presented in this presentation.

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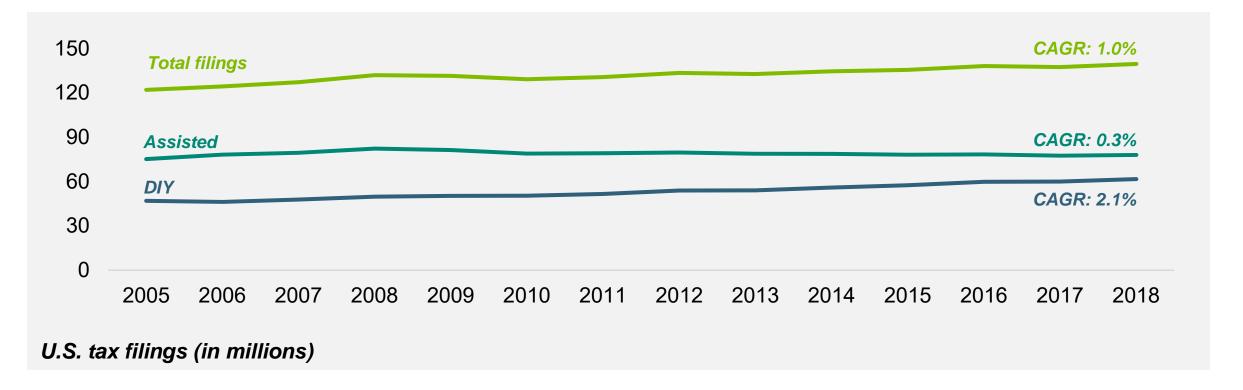
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### **Today's Call**



## THE TAX INDUSTRY

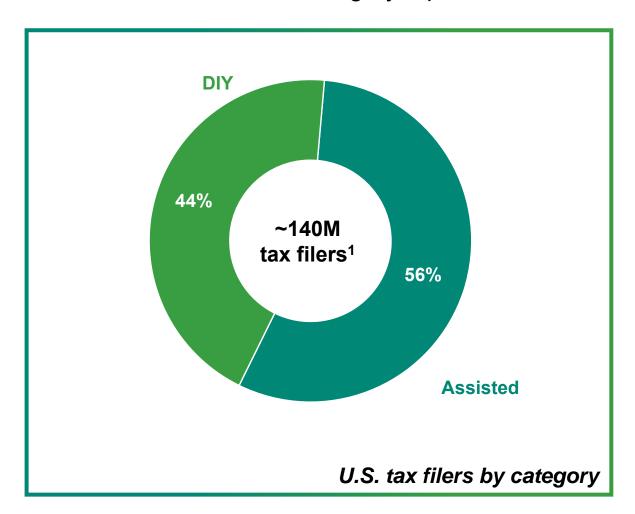
- ➤ Since 2005, total U.S. filings have grown 1% annually and are highly correlated to non-farm employment
- ➤ The Assisted channel, which represents ~56% of U.S. tax filings, is growing, albeit at a lower rate than DIY

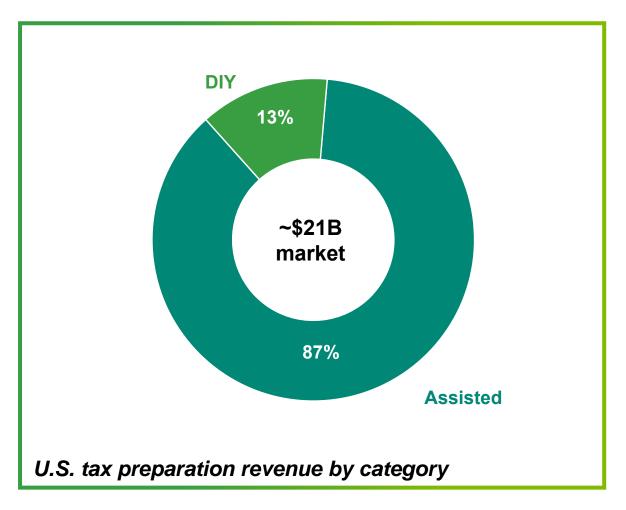


Source: IRS data and company estimates.

### Assisted category generates majority of both filings and revenue in the industry

While the Assisted category represents ~56% of total filings, it represents ~87% of total revenues



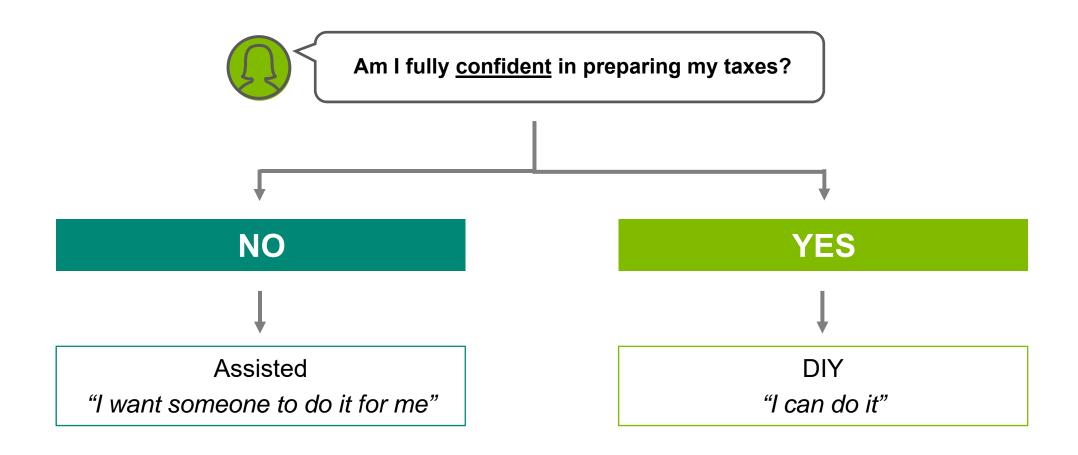


Source: H&R Block estimates based on IRS data, competitor public filings, and competitive intelligence data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Represents approximate number of tax filers during the tax season, not the full calendar year.

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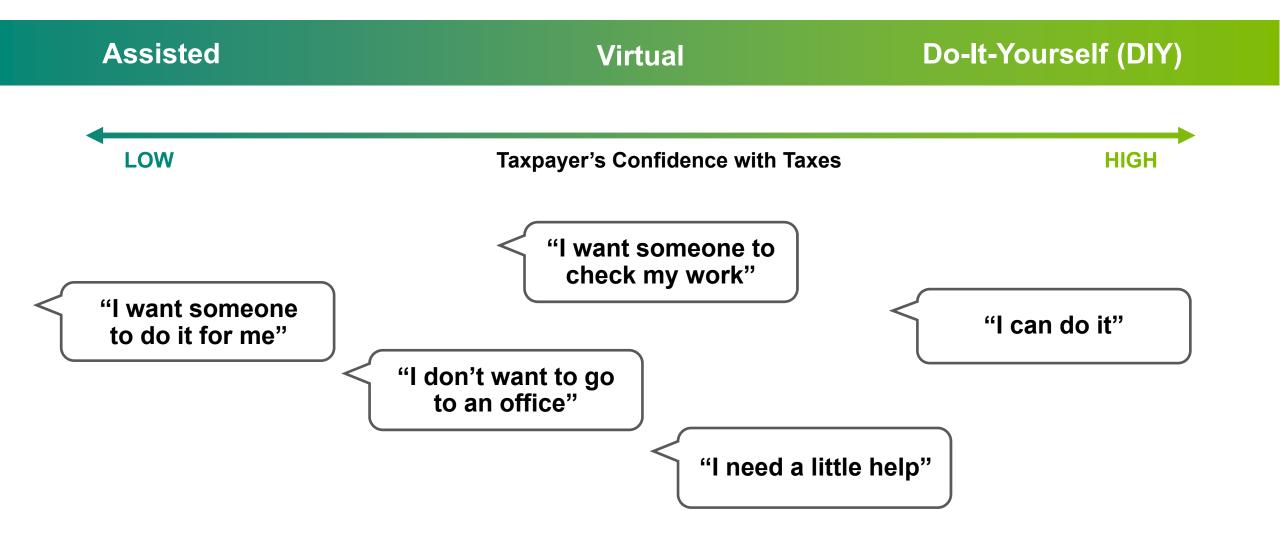
# Taxpayers choose tax filing method based on their confidence with taxes

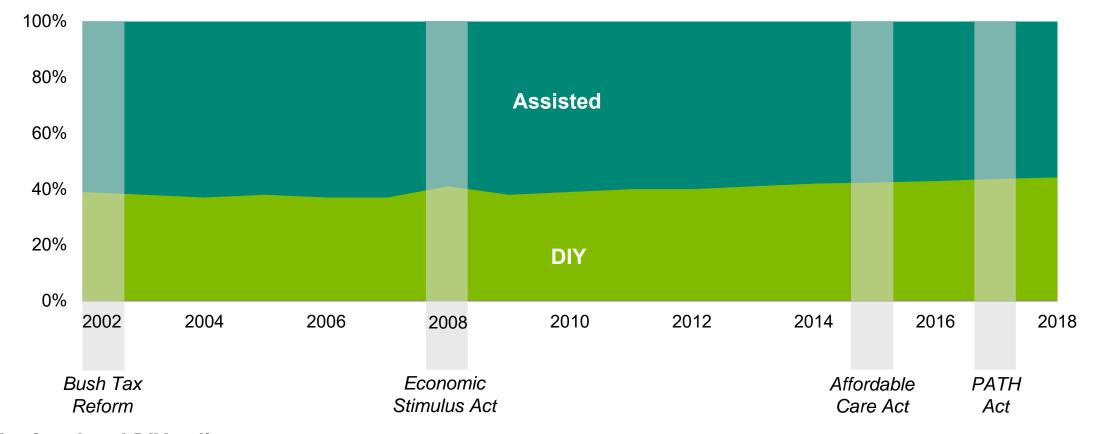


Decisions within Assisted and DIY tax methods are then made based on cost, convenience, and other factors

### Virtual represents the next phase of industry evolution







Assisted and DIY split

Source: IRS data and company estimates.

## ENTERPRISE STRATEGY

delivery in the tax office

#### **Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Assisted** Virtual Improving the value we deliver, Investing to **improve the Innovating** in this emerging including an investment in price space, leading the industry as product and user experience consumer expectations evolve Developing and delivering on a Pricing at a level that is Combining digital technology **clear brand promise** to competitive and **provides** differentiate H&R Block to with the unmatched scale and **compelling value** to our clients **expertise of our network** to consumers Continuing to communicate this deliver value-added solutions Improving the quality and value, **growing awareness** and **consistency** of our service compelling consumers to switch

to H&R Block

# Virtual offerings combine digital technology with the unmatched scale and expertise of our network



#### **Virtual**



## Remote tax preparation with just a few easy steps

- The taxpayer is matched with the best Tax Pro, who completes, signs, and files the return
- Secure digital document upload
- Secure messaging with Tax Pro
- ➤ The maximum refund guaranteed



## Have a Tax Pro review the return

- Available with any online product
- Tax Pro provides an expert evaluation of source documents and tax return
- Tax Pro signs and files the return for the taxpayer
- > The maximum refund guaranteed



### Expert tax advice via chat

- Access tax and product help via live chat
- Available with both online and desktop products

### **Price**

Refine pricing model to improve value proposition

- Price reductions to impact the Assisted category only
- Targeted to specific consumer segments
- Represents a one-time reset

### **Technology**

Modernizing platforms to enable more innovation, facilitate greater agility, and reduce spend over time

- Consolidate multiple tax engines
- Invest in cross-channel capabilities
- > Migrate physical data centers to the cloud
- > Optimize data architecture and analytics platform

## Operational Excellence

Drive consistency and best practices across our offices

- Better execution of standard operating procedures
- > Enhance and differentiate the new client experience

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

(in millions, except EPS)	Q1	FY19	Q1	FY18
Revenue	\$	145	\$	138
Pretax Loss	\$	(199)	\$	(205)
Net Loss	\$	(149)	\$	(128)
Weighted-Avg. Shares - Diluted		207.7		207.9
EPS <sup>1</sup>	\$	(0.72)	\$	(0.62)
EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	\$	(137)	\$	(140)

Note: All amounts are unaudited. The company normally reports a fiscal first quarter loss due to the seasonality of its tax business.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All per share amounts are based on fully diluted shares at the end of the corresponding period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The company reports non-GAAP financial measures of performance, including earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA), EBITDA Margin, and Free Cash Flow, which it considers to be useful metrics for management and investors to evaluate and compare the ongoing operating performance of the company. See "About Non-GAAP Financial Information" in our August 28, 2018 earnings release, posted to our investor relations website at <a href="http://investors.hrblock.com">http://investors.hrblock.com</a>, for more information regarding financial measures not prepared in accordance with GAAP and reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP.

REVENUES	EBITDA MARGIN <sup>1</sup>	EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	
\$3,050M - \$3,100M	24% - 26%	23% - 25%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EBITDA Margin from continuing operations is a non-GAAP financial measure. Specific quantifications of the amounts that would be required to reconcile the company's EBITDA Margin outlook for FY19 are not available. Because of the variability of these and other items as well as the impact of future events on these items, management is unable to reconcile without unreasonable effort the expected range of EBITDA Margin for the fiscal year to a comparable GAAP range. See "About Non-GAAP Financial Information" in our August 28, 2018 earnings release, posted to our investor relations website at <a href="http://investors.hrblock.com">http://investors.hrblock.com</a>, for more information regarding financial measures not prepared in accordance with GAAP.

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# Q&A



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