

H&R Block Announces Fiscal 2020 Third Quarter Results; Reiterates Fiscal Year Financial Outlook

March 5, 2020

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 05, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- H&R Block, Inc. (NYSE: HRB) today released its U.S. tax return volume through February 28, 2020 and financial results for the fiscal 2020 third quarter ended January 31, 2020. The company normally reports a fiscal third quarter loss due to the seasonality of its tax business.

Fiscal Third Quarter Highlights¹

- Revenues for the fiscal third quarter ended January 31, 2020 increased 11%, to \$519 million due to improved tax return volumes in both Assisted and DIY, as well as revenues from acquired franchises and Wave.
- Loss per share from continuing operations² increased \$0.08 to \$0.66 and adjusted loss per share from continuing operations^{2,3} increased \$0.07 to \$0.59.
- The company reiterated its revenue growth and margin outlook for the full fiscal year.
- The company repurchased 2.8 million shares at an aggregate price of \$66 million, bringing total repurchases for the year to 10.1 million shares at an aggregate price of \$247 million.

"We're making progress on our strategy to transform our business by connecting human expertise with technology to drive transparency and value for consumers and small business owners," said Jeff Jones, H&R Block's president and chief executive officer. "We're seeing the positive results of these efforts in our Assisted business and will apply learnings from the first half to deliver on our outlook for the fiscal year."

Fiscal 2020 Third Quarter Results From Continuing Operations

(in millions, except EPS)	Q3 FY2020			Q3		
Revenue	\$	519		\$	468	
Pretax Loss	\$	(177)	\$	(159)
Net Loss	\$	(128)	\$	(120)
Weighted-Avg. Shares - Diluted	194.1			205.5		
EPS ²	\$	(0.66)	\$	(0.58)
Adjusted EPS ^{2,3}	\$	(0.59)	\$	(0.52)
EBITDA ⁴	\$	(107)	\$	(92)

"We're pleased with our strong revenue growth in the fiscal third quarter," said Tony Bowen, H&R Block's chief financial officer. "While we have realized some one-time expense increases, we still expect to deliver on our revenue growth and margin outlook for the fiscal year."

Key Financial Metrics

- Total revenues increased \$50.8 million, or 10.9%, to \$519.2 million due to improved tax return volumes in both Assisted and DIY, as well as revenues from acquired franchises and Wave.
- Total operating expenses increased \$65.3 million, or 10.8%, to \$671.8 million, due to Wave, the timing of marketing expense recognition, increased compensation related to higher Assisted tax return volumes, and planned investments in our technology roadmap.
- Pretax loss increased \$18.4 million, or 11.6%, to \$177.0 million.
- Loss per share from continuing operations increased \$0.08 to \$0.66; adjusted loss per share from continuing operations increased \$0.07 to \$0.59. The change in pretax loss, along with lower shares outstanding, impacted loss per share. While beneficial on a full-year basis, the lower share count negatively impacts EPS in quarters in which the company reports a loss. These impacts were partially offset by an increased tax benefit.

Share Repurchases and Dividends

- During the third quarter of fiscal 2020, the company repurchased and retired 2.8 million shares at an aggregate price of \$65.8 million, or \$23.35 per share. Fiscal year-to-date repurchases total 10.1 million shares at an aggregate price of \$246.8 million, or \$24.36 per share.
- As previously announced, a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.26 per share is payable on April 1, 2020 to shareholders of record as of March 17, 2020. H&R Block has paid quarterly dividends consecutively since the company went public in 1962 and has increased its dividend in each of the past four fiscal years.

Discontinued Operations

For information on Sand Canyon, please refer to disclosures in the company's reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q, and other filings with the SEC.

Conference Call

Discussion of the fiscal 2020 third quarter results, outlook, and a general business update will occur during the company's previously announced fiscal third quarter earnings conference call for analysts, institutional investors, and shareholders. The call is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Eastern time on March 5, 2020. To access the call, please dial the number below approximately 10 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time:

U.S./Canada (866) 987-6821 or International (630) 652-5951 Conference ID: 7830599

The call, along with a presentation for viewing, will also be webcast in a listen-only format for the media and public. The link to the webcast can be accessed directly at http://investors.hrblock.com. The presentation will be posted on the Quarterly Results page at http://investors.hrblock.com. The presentation will be posted on the Quarterly Results page at http://investors.hrblock.com. The presentation will be posted on the Quarterly Results page at http://investors.hrblock.com. The presentation will be posted on the Quarterly Results page at http://investors.hrblock.com.

A replay of the call will be available beginning at 7:30 p.m. Eastern time on March 5, 2020 and continuing for seven days by dialing (855) 859-2056 (U.S./Canada) or (404) 537-3406 (International). The conference ID is 7830599. The webcast will be available for replay beginning on March 6, 2020 and continuing for 90 days at http://investors.hrblock.com.

About H&R Block

H&R Block, Inc. (NYSE: HRB) provides help and inspires confidence in its clients and communities everywhere through global tax preparation, financial services and small business solutions. The company is disrupting the tax industry by providing consumers price transparency and with digital platforms such as Tax Pro GoSM. H&R Block believes the best solutions blend digital capabilities with human expertise and care. For more information visit hrblock.com/news and follow @HRBlockNews.

About Non-GAAP Financial Information

This press release and the accompanying tables include non-GAAP financial information. 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 generally accepted accounting principles, please see the section of the accompanying tables titled "Non-GAAP Financial Information."

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the securities laws. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They often include words or variation of words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "commits," "seeks," "estimates," "projects," "forecasts," "targets," "would," "will," "should," "goal," "could" or "may" or other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements provide management's current expectations or predictions of future conditions, events or results. All statements that address operating performance, events or developments that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future are forwardlooking statements. They may include estimates of revenues, client trajectory, income, effective tax rate, earnings per share, cost savings, capital expenditures, dividends, share repurchases, liquidity, capital structure, market share, industry volumes or other financial items, descriptions of management's plans or objectives for future operations, products or services, or descriptions of assumptions underlying any of the above. All forwardlooking statements speak only as of the date they are made and reflect the company's good faith beliefs, assumptions and expectations, but they are not guarantees of future performance or events. Furthermore, the company disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect changes in underlying assumptions, factors, or expectations, new information, data or methods, future events or other changes, except as required by law. By their nature, forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such differences include, but are not limited to a variety of economic, competitive and regulatory factors, many of which are beyond the company's control, that are described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2019 in the section entitled "Risk Factors" and additional factors we may describe from time to time in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may get such filings for free at our website at http://investors.hrblock.com. In addition, factors that may cause the company's actual estimated effective tax rate to differ from estimates include the company's actual results from operations compared to current estimates, future discrete items, changes in interpretations and assumptions the company has made, and future actions of the company. You should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors and, consequently, you should not consider any such list to be a complete set of all potential risks or uncertainties.

- ¹ All amounts in this release are unaudited. Unless otherwise noted, all comparisons refer to the current period compared to the corresponding prior year period.
- ² All per share amounts are based on weighted average fully diluted shares over the corresponding period.
- ³ Adjusted loss per share from continuing operations is a non-GAAP financial measure. See "About Non-GAAP Financial Information" below for more information regarding financial measures not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- ⁴ Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) from continuing operations is a non-GAAP financial measure. See "About Non-GAAP Financial Information" below for more information regarding financial measures not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

For Further Information

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(unaudited, in 000s - except per share amounts)

Three months ended January 31,

2020 2019

Nine months ended January 31, **2020** 2019

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Service revenues	\$ 419,955		\$ 373,659		\$ 691,762		\$ 627,786	
Royalty, product and other revenues	99,250		94,725		138,606		134,652	
	519,205		468,384		830,368		762,438	
OPERATING EXPENSES:								
Costs of revenues	462,521		421,026		945,119		893,401	
Selling, general and administrative	209,288		185,458		475,758		404,517	
Total operating expenses	671,809		606,484		1,420,877		1,297,918	
Other income (expense), net	1,879		2,269		13,741		11,275	
Interest expense on borrowings	(26,305)	(22,833)	(68,682)	(65,214)
Loss from continuing operations before income tax benefit	(177,030)	(158,664)	(645,450)	(589,419)
Income tax benefit	(49,004)	(38,885)	(188,146)	(149,906)
Net loss from continuing operations	(128,026)	(119,779)	(457,304)	(439,513)
Net loss from discontinued operations	(1,657)	(6,675)	(10,625)	(15,887)
NET LOSS	\$ (129,683)	\$ (126,454)	\$ (467,929)	\$ (455,400)
BASIC AND DILUTED LOSS PER SHARE:								
Continuing operations	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.58)	\$ (2.31)	\$ (2.13)
Discontinued operations	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.08)
Consolidated	\$ (0.67)	\$ (0.62)	\$ (2.36)	\$ (2.21)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE BASIC AND DILUTED SHARES	194,077		205,532		198,064		206,242	

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS	(unaudited, in 000s - except per share data)						
As of	January 31, 2020	January 31, 2019	April 30, 2019				
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ASSETS	¢ 400.240	Ф 202 22C	¢ 4 570 450				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 192,340	\$ 203,226	\$ 1,572,150				
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	169,447	101,903	135,577				
Receivables, net	819,946	758,217	138,965				
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	120,229	171,306	146,667				
Total current assets	1,301,962	1,234,652	1,993,359				
Property and equipment, net	197,569	220,505	212,092				
Operating lease right of use asset	463,777	_	_				
Intangible assets, net	433,074	356,952	342,493				
Goodwill	838,830	520,005	519,937				
Deferred tax assets and income taxes receivable	134,901	141,366	141,979				
Other noncurrent assets	82,317	95,326	90,085				
Total assets	\$ 3,452,430	\$ 2,568,806	\$ 3,299,945				
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY							
LIABILITIES:							
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 156,766	\$ 202,101	\$ 249,525				
Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes	117,459	140,902	196,527				
Accrued income taxes and reserves for uncertain tax positions	36,242	49,009	271,973				
Current portion of long-term debt	649,022	_	_				
Operating lease liabilities	187,890	_	_				
Deferred revenue and other current liabilities	190,242	195,634	204,976				
Total current liabilities	1,337,621	587,646	923,001				
Long-term debt and line of credit borrowings	1,880,589	1,876,989	1,492,629				
Deferred tax liabilities and reserves for uncertain tax positions	172,954	214,217	197,906				
Operating lease liabilities	289,299	_	_				
Deferred revenue and other noncurrent liabilities	90,346	103,545	144,882				
Total liabilities	3,770,809	2,782,397	2,758,418				
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES							
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:							
Common stock, no par, stated value \$.01 per share	2,282	2,415	2,383				
Additional paid-in capital	769,990	764,982	767,636				
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Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(25,391)	(17,642)	(20,416)
Retained earnings (deficit)	(367,218)	(254,277)	499,386	
Less treasury shares, at cost	(698,042)	(709,069)	(707,462)
Total stockholders' equity (deficiency)	(318,379)	(213,591)	541,527	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,452,430		\$ 2,568,806		\$ 3,299,945	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Nine months ended January 31,	(unaudited, in 2020	000s	s) 2019	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net loss	\$ (467,929)	\$ (455,400)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	125,409		126,013	
Provision for bad debt	37,517		35,009	
Deferred taxes	10,795		20,557	
Stock-based compensation	22,699		18,009	
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:				
Receivables	(684,323)	(641,157)
Prepaid expenses, other current and noncurrent assets	(1,990)	(56,160)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, salaries, wages and payroll taxes	(166,204)	(47,975)
Deferred revenue, other current and noncurrent liabilities	(55,064)	(66,804)
Income tax receivables, accrued income taxes and income tax reserves	(282,488)	(277,240)
Other, net	(6,213)	(2,308)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,467,791)	(1,347,456)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Capital expenditures	(66,510)	(79,982)
Payments made for business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(450,282)	(42,428)
Franchise loans funded	(32,890)	(16,875)
Payments from franchisees	14,604		15,149	
Other, net	45,376		4,877	
Net cash used in investing activities	(489,702)	(119,259)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Repayments of line of credit borrowings	(285,000)	(230,000)
Proceeds from line of credit borrowings	1,320,000		615,000	
Dividends paid	(154,827		(154,866)
Repurchase of common stock, including shares surrendered	(256,199)	(102,152)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,074		2,527	
Other, net	(14,136))
Net cash provided by financing activities	611,912		110,383	
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	(359)	(2,217)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents, including restricted balances	(1,345,940	١	(1,358,549)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	1,707,727	,	1,663,678	,
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 361,787		\$ 305,129	
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SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW DATA:				
Income taxes paid, net of refunds received	\$ 84,872		\$ 103,789	
Interest paid on borrowings	65,972		55,581	
Accrued additions to property and equipment	1,662		2,241	
Accrued purchase of common stock	_		12,301	

	Three months ended January 31,		Nine months end			nded Januarv 31.		
	2020 2019		2020			2019		
REVENUES:								
U.S. assisted tax preparation	\$ 283,956		\$ 256,813		\$ 358,174		\$ 329,569	
U.S. royalties	44,965		42,265		59,644		57,898	
U.S. DIY tax preparation	34,089		31,996		42,040		37,771	
International	11,804		12,304		97,311		96,980	
Refund Transfers	50,494		47,482		52,794		49,466	
Emerald Card®	16,657		14,980		39,128		38,704	
Peace of Mind® Extended Service Plan	16,954		16,596		75,451		77,491	
Tax Identity Shield®	8,138		7,655		17,308		17,639	
Interest and fee income on Emerald Advance TM	32,741		30,924		33,780		31,768	
Wave	11,213		_		25,740		_	
Other	8,194		7,369		28,998		25,152	
Total revenues	519,205		468,384		830,368		762,438	
Compensation and benefits:	,		•		,		•	
Field wages	165,435		153,764		280,231		262,792	
Other wages	63,808		54,243		178,389		152,111	
Benefits and other compensation	45,397		42,778		100,579		89,887	
	274,640		250,785		559,199		504,790	
Occupancy	102,788		94,407		292,470		290,013	
Marketing and advertising	84,760		72,876		101,190		88,356	
Depreciation and amortization	44,147		44,088		125,409		126,013	
Bad debt	36,527		33,861		37,594		33,191	
Other ⁽¹⁾	128,947		110,467		305,015		255,555	
Total operating expenses	671,809		606,484		1,420,877		1,297,918	
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Weighted average basic and diluted shares	194,077		205,532		198,064		206,242	
EBITDA from continuing operations (2)	\$ (106,578)	\$ (91,743)	\$ (451,359)	\$ (398,192)

⁽¹⁾ We reclassified \$10.0 million and \$15.3 million of supplies expense from its own financial statement line to other expenses for the three and nine months ended January 31, 2019, respectively, to conform to the current year presentation.

U.S. TAX OPERATING DATA

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	Fiscal Yea	r-to-Date			Fiscal Yea	r-to-Date					
	January 3	January 31,				February 28,					
	2020	2019	% Cha	% Change		Change 2020		2019	% Cha	inge	
Tax Returns Prepared: (in 000s) (1) (2)											
Company-owned operations	1,476	1,357	8.8	%	4,230	4,237	(0.2)%			
Franchise operations	676	610	10.8	%	1,801	1,802	(0.1)%			
Total H&R Block Assisted	2,152	1,967	9.4	%	6,031	6,039	(0.1)%			

⁽²⁾ See "Non-GAAP Financial Information" for a reconciliation of non-GAAP measures.

Desktop	133	128	3.9	%	659	706	(6.7)%
Online	1,308	1,164	12.4	%	3,580	3,480	2.9	%
Total H&R Block DIY	1,441	1,292	11.5	%	4,239	4,186	1.3	%
IRS Free File	142	101	40.6	%	446	340	31.2	%
Total H&R Block Returns	3,735	3,360	11.2	%	10,716	10,565	1.4	%
Net Average Charge: (3)								
Company-owned operations	\$ 244.87	\$ 253.11	(3.3)%	\$ 227.22	\$ 231.59	(1.9)%
Franchise operations ⁽⁴⁾	242.76	242.29	0.2	%	220.37	217.94	1.1	%
DIY	29.17	29.15	0.1	%	26.82	27.29	(1.7)%

⁽¹⁾ An assisted tax return is defined as a current or prior year individual tax return that has been accepted and paid for by the client. Also included are Tax Pro GoSM, Tax Pro ReviewSM, and business returns. A DIY return is defined as a return that has been electronically filed and accepted by the IRS. Also included are online returns paid and printed.

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Three months ended January 31,

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Nine months ended January 31,

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NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURE - ERITDA

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURE - EBITDA	2020		2019		2020		2019	
Net loss - as reported	\$ (129,683)	\$ (126,454)	\$ (467,929)	\$ (455,400)
Discontinued operations, net	1,657		6,675		10,625		15,887	
Net loss from continuing operations - as reported	(128,026)	(119,779)	(457,304)	(439,513)
Add back:								
Income taxes of continuing operations	(49,004)	(38,885)	(188,146)	(149,906)
Interest expense of continuing operations	26,305		22,833		68,682		65,214	
Depreciation and amortization of continuing operations	44,147		44,088		125,409		126,013	
	21,448		28,036		5,945		41,321	
EBITDA from continuing operations	\$ (106,578)	\$ (91,743)	\$ (451,359)	\$ (398,192)
(in 000s, except per share amounts)								
	Three months	end	ed January 31,		Nine months	ende	d January 31,	
NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURE - ADJUSTED EP	S 2020		2019		2020		2019	
Net loss from continuing operations	\$ (128,026)	\$ (119,779)	\$ (457,304)	\$ (439,513)
Adjustments:								
Amortization of intangibles related to acquisitions (preta	ax) 19,179		16,142		54,997		46,453	
Tax effect of adjustments (1)	(4,956)	(3,820)	(13,667)	(11,116)
Adjusted net loss from continuing operations	\$ (113,803)	\$ (107,457)	\$ (415,974)	\$ (404,176)
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NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Diluted loss per share (GAAP)

Adjusted loss per share (Non-GAAP)

Adjustments, net of tax

Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as a substitute for, or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. Because these measures are not measures of financial performance under GAAP and are susceptible to varying calculations, they may

⁽²⁾ Amounts have been reclassified between company-owned and franchise for offices which were refranchised or repurchased by the company during the year.

⁽³⁾ Net average charge is calculated as tax preparation fees divided by tax returns prepared. For DIY, net average charge excludes IRS Free File.

⁽⁴⁾ Net average charge related to H&R Block Franchise operations represents tax preparation fees collected by H&R Block franchisees divided by returns prepared in franchise offices. H&R Block will recognize a portion of franchise revenues as franchise royalties based on the terms of franchise agreements.

Tax effect of adjustments is computed as the pretax effect of the adjustments multiplied by our effective tax rate before discrete items.

not be comparable to similarly titled measures for other companies.

We consider our non-GAAP financial measures to be performance measures and a useful metric for management and investors to evaluate and compare the ongoing operating performance of our business.

We make adjustments for certain non-GAAP financial measures related to amortization of intangibles from acquisitions. We believe removing the impacts of amortization of acquired intangibles provides a more meaningful indicator of performance and will assist in understanding our financial results.

We may consider whether other significant items that arise in the future should be excluded from our non-GAAP financial measures.

We measure the performance of our business using a variety of metrics, including earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) from continuing operations, EBITDA margin from continuing operations, adjusted diluted earnings per share from continuing operations and free cash flow. We also use EBITDA from continuing operations and pretax income of continuing operations, each subject to permitted adjustments, as performance metrics in incentive compensation calculations for our employees.



Source: HRB Tax Group, Inc.