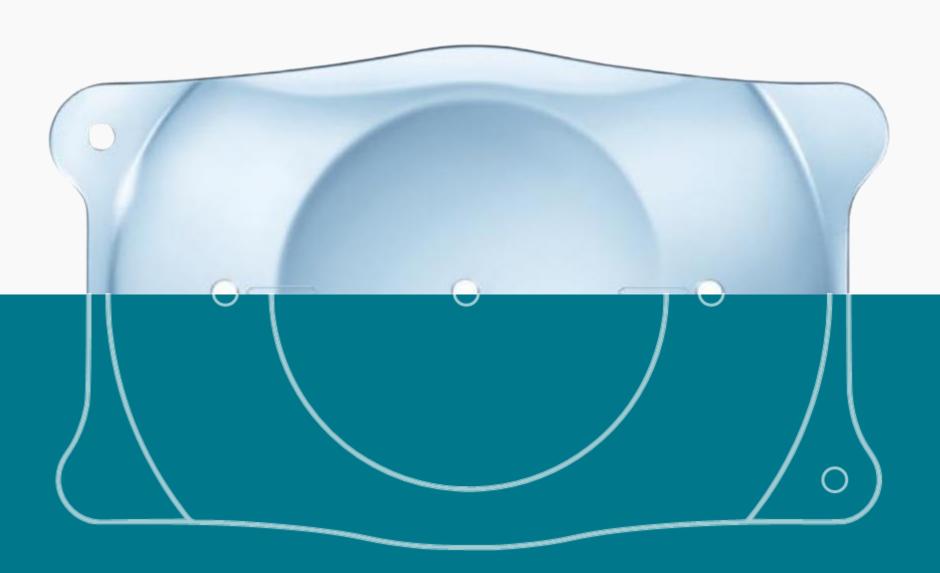


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These forward-looking statements are neither promises nor guarantees and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from what is expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to: our ability to continue our growth and profitability trajectory; our reliance on independent distributors in international markets; a slowdown or disruption to the Chinese economy; global economic conditions; disruptions in our supply chain; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; international trade disputes (including involving tariffs) and substantial dependence on demand from Asia; changes in effective tax rate or tax laws; any loss of use of our principal manufacturing facility; competition; potential losses due to product liability claims; our exposure to environmental liability, data corruption, cyber-based attacks or network security breaches and/or noncompliance with data protection and privacy regulations; acquisitions of new technologies; climate changes; the willingness of surgeons and patients to adopt a new or improved product and procedure; extensive clinical trials and resources devoted to research and development; compliance with government regulations; the discretion of regulatory agencies to approve or reject existing, new or improved products, or to require additional actions before or after approval, or to take enforcement action; laws pertaining to healthcare fraud and abuse; changes in FDA or international regulations related to product approval; product recalls or failures; and other important factors set forth in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2023 under the caption "Risk Factors," which is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and available in the "Investor Information" section of the Company's website under the heading "SEC Filings," as any such factors may be required under applic

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Non-GAAP Financial Information

To supplement the Company's financial measures prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), this presentation and the accompanying tables include certain non-GAAP financial measures, including Adjusted EBITDA. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in its evaluation of Company operating performance and believes investors will find them useful in evaluating the Company's operating performance, including cash flow generation, and in analyzing period-to-period financial performance of core business operations and underlying business trends. Non-GAAP financial measures are in addition to, not a substitute for, or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure, which is calculated by adding interest income and expense, net; provision for income taxes; and depreciation and amortization to net income. In calculating Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA per diluted share, the Company further adjusts for stock-based compensation expense. As stock-based compensation is a non-cash expense that can vary significantly based on the timing, size and nature of awards granted, the Company believes that the exclusion of stock-based compensation expense can assist investors in comparisons of Company operating results with other peer companies because (i) the amount of such expense in any specific period may not directly correlate to the underlying performance of our business operations and (ii) such expense can vary significantly between periods as a result of the timing of grants of new stock-based awards, including inducement grants in connection with hiring. Additionally, the Company believes that excluding stock-based compensation from Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA per diluted share assists management and investors in making meaningful comparisons between the Company's operating performance and the operating performance of other companies that may use different forms of employee compensation or different valuation methodologies for their stock-based compensation. Investors should note that stock-based compensation is a key incentive offered to employees whose efforts contributed to the operating results in the periods presented and are expected to contribute to operating results in future periods. Investors should also note that such expenses will recur in the future.

The Company also presents certain financial information on a constant currency basis, which is intended to exclude the effects of foreign currency fluctuations. The Company conducts a significant part of its activities outside the U.S. It receives sales revenue and pays expenses principally in U.S. dollars, Swiss francs, Japanese yen and euros. The exchange rates between dollars and non-U.S. currencies can fluctuate greatly and can have a significant effect on the Company's results when reported in U.S. dollars. In order to compare the Company's performance from period to period without the effect of currency, the Company will apply the same average exchange rate applicable in the prior period, or the "constant currency" rate to sales or expenses in the current period as well.

In the appendix to this presentation, the Company has included a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA per diluted share to net income (loss) and net income (loss) per diluted share, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, as well as supplemental financial information with net sales expressed in constant currency. The Company has also provided a reconciliation of forward-looking Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA per diluted share to net income (loss) and net income (loss) per diluted share. This represents forward-looking information, and actual results may vary. Please see the risks and assumptions referred to in the Forward-Looking Statements section of this presentation.











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STAAR Surgical + EVO ICL™ Around the World















STAAR / Fiscal 2024 Results Reflect Ongoing EVO ICL™ Adoption Overshadowed by Heavy Exposure to China Macroeconomic Conditions



"STAAR's fiscal 2024 results reflect fluctuating demand in China, which more than offset the strong performance across our other regions. China is the largest market in the world for refractive procedures, and macroeconomic conditions and consumer confidence in China remain weak. While the government stimulus announced in September looked promising, the demand for our cash-pay ICLs deteriorated dramatically as we exited the year. ICL procedure volumes in China improved in January, but we expect overall lower demand in China in fiscal 2025, particularly in the first half. "

"Outside of China, we expect to sustain double-digit growth across our global markets in 2025 as demand for our ICL technology continues to outpace the refractive market overall. Myopia is not going away, and we have a unique technology in Collamer with over 30 years of proven clinical outcomes. We have built up a strong balance sheet that provides STAAR with the resiliency to face these macroeconomic challenges, which we believe are transitory."

- **Tom Frinzi**Chair of the Board, President and CEO

Enhanced commercial focus and investments are driving EVO ICL adoption despite a challenging macroeconomic and geopolitical backdrop for our cash-pay vision correction technology

\$49.0M

04'24 GAAP

Net Sales



\$313.9M



FY24 GAAP Net Sales \$230.5M



Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments at Dec. 27, 2024

Q4'24 ICL Sales \$46.9M

- China ICL sales \$7.5M
- ICL Sales Ex. China \$39.5M

FY24 ICL Sales \$312.5M

- China ICL sales \$161.0M
- ICL Sales Ex. China \$151.6M

+13%
FY24 ICL Sales Ex. China

+15% +10% +14%

Americas EMEA APAC Ex. China

-13%

FY24 China ICL Sales

- Macro headwinds
- Weak consumer confidence
- Worsening trends in overall refractive procedure volumes exiting FY24

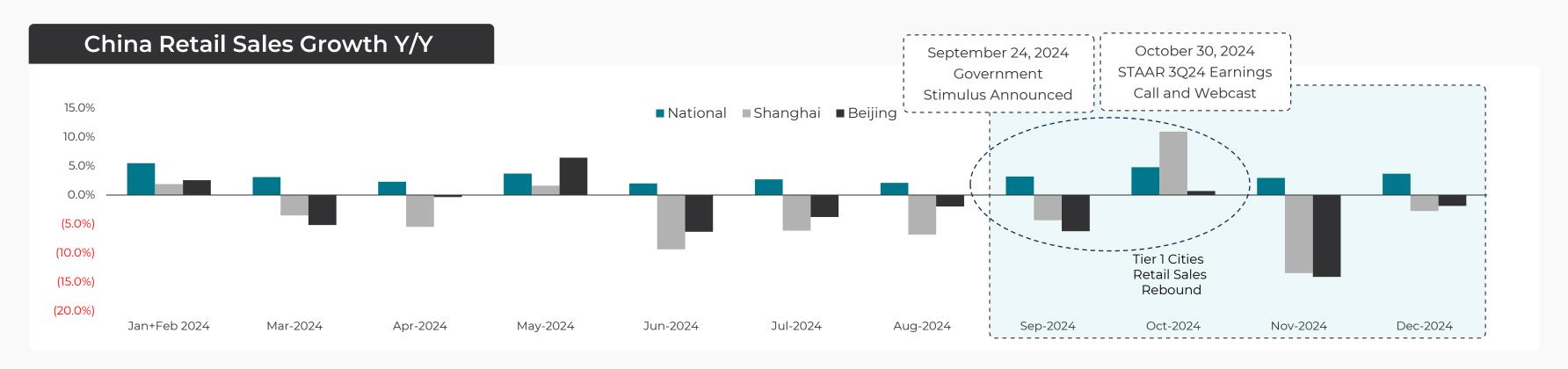
Our investments in customer education, innovative tools and comprehensive practice support, coupled with the advancement of our lower diopter strategies, are also expanding our total addressable market.

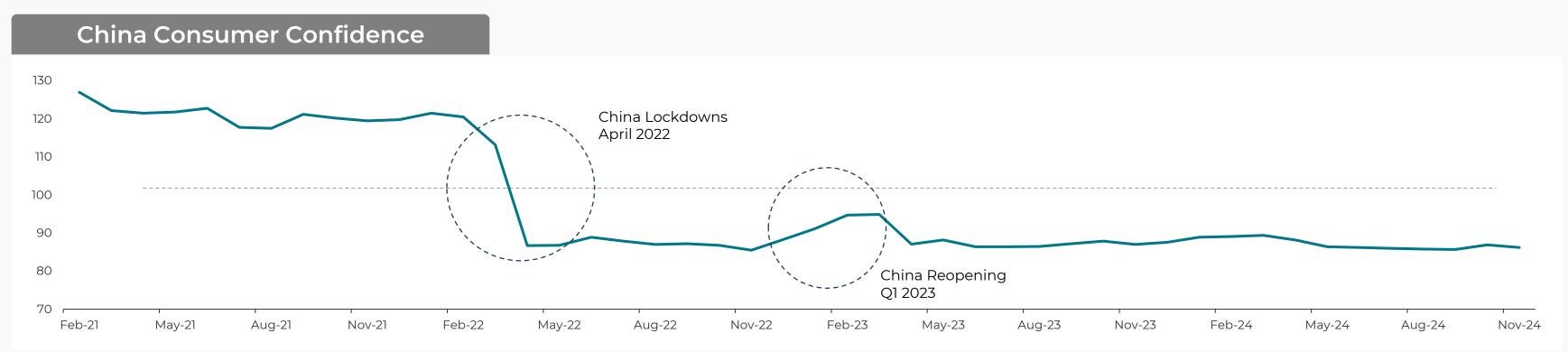
- Surgeon Confidence
- Movement DownDiopter Curve
- Innovation



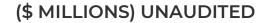
Note: Net Sales reflects consolidated ICL Sales and Other Products Sales, which historically has included cataract IOLs, delivery systems and normal recurring sales adjustments such as sales return allowances. Other Product Sales were \$2.1M and \$1.4M for Q4'24 and FY24, respectively.

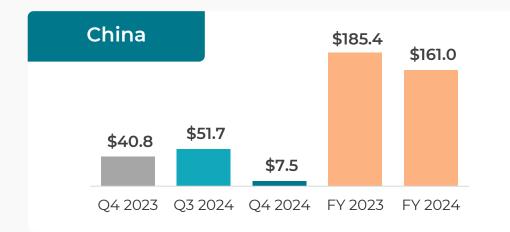
China / Negative Retail Sales Stemming from Weak Consumer Confidence





China ICL Sales / Deteriorated Following October 30th Q3'24 Earnings Report







- China ICL sales declined 82% in Q4'24 and declined 13% in FY24
- As a proxy for procedural volumes in China, STAAR tracks sell-through data, which is estimated based on the movement of product between the distributors and the end user hospitals
 - Estimated sell-through was extremely volatile month-to-month in FY24
 - Following the short-lived recovery in October, we saw some ups and downs in November, and things worsened in December

The challenging macroeconomic environment and weak consumer confidence in China contributed to an estimated decline in overall refractive procedure volume of approximately 15% in FY24*

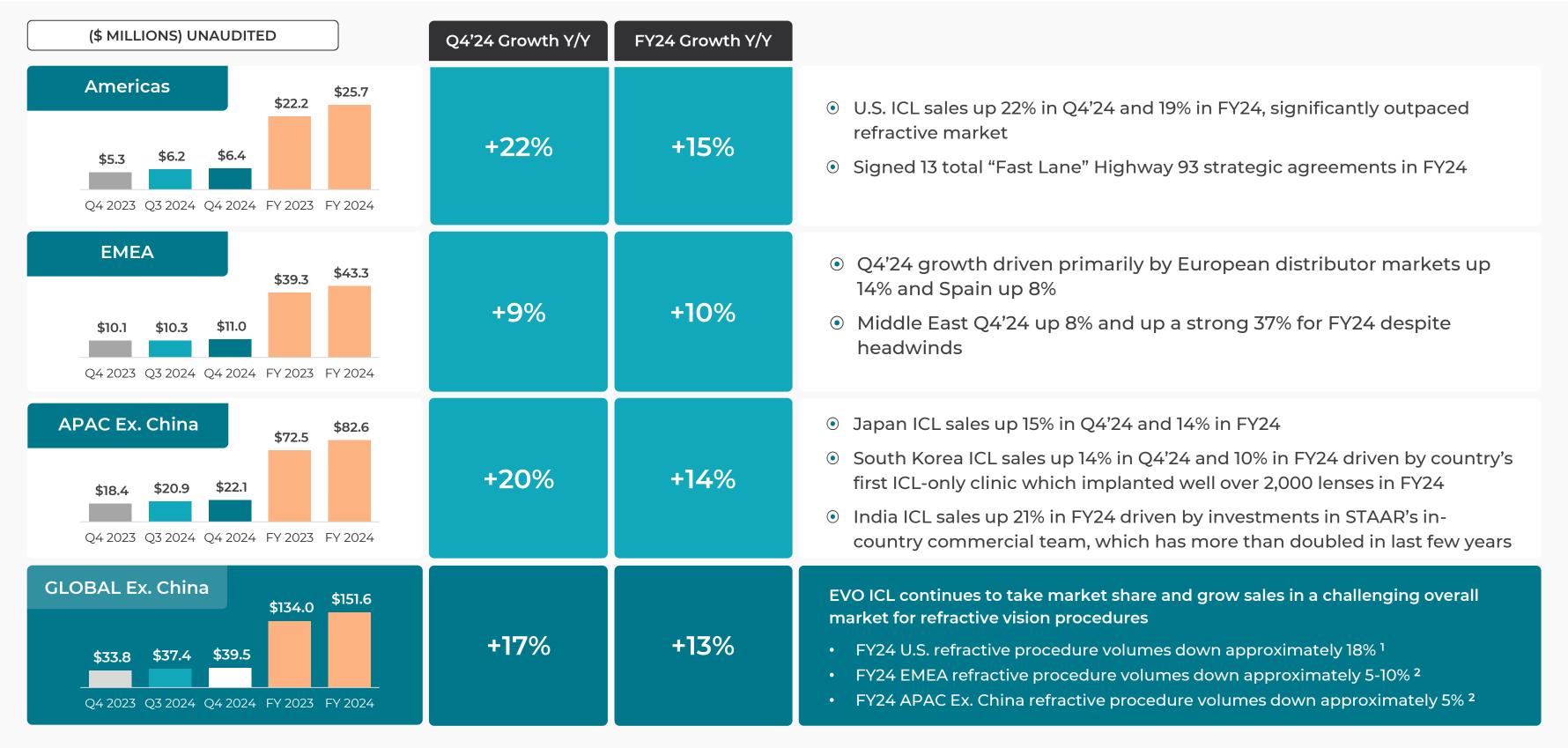
Our Experience Shows China Can Rebound Quickly

- We saw rapid increases in ICL sell-through in China in 2021 following the initial COVID-19 surge and again in Q1'23, as China exited lockdowns and the economy reopened
- Data shows significant increases in China consumer savings, even post-COVID, over the past several years
- We and our China distributors believe the current weakness is transitory
- We expect to see performance rebound in 2H25 as anticipated government stimulus takes hold and our distributors work through their elevated inventory levels



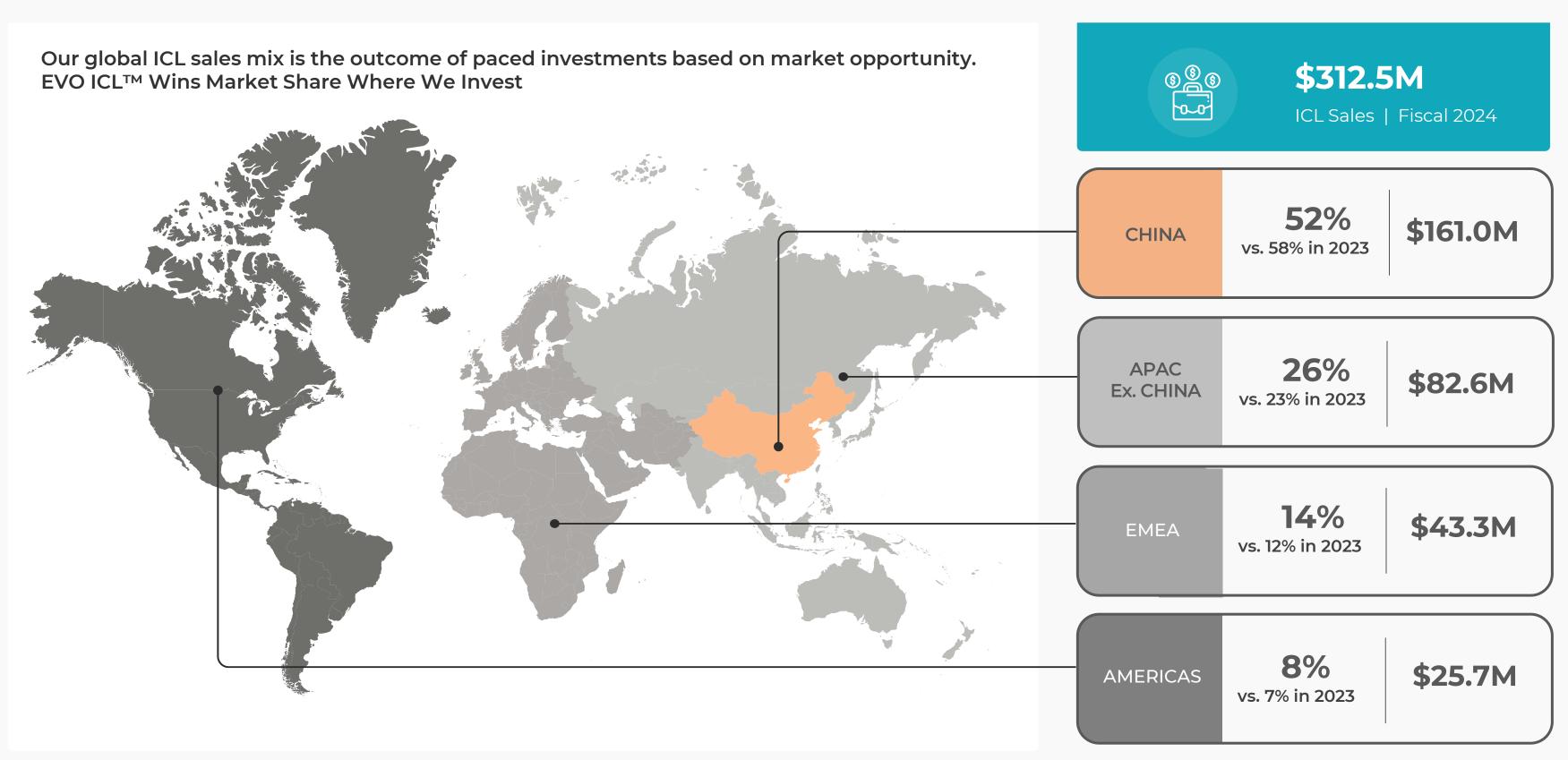
80 Note: * Company estimates.

ICL Sales Ex. China / Growth Is Outpacing Refractive Markets





STAAR / ICL Sales Mix Is Heavily Indexed to China



STAAR / ICL Sales Outlook for Fiscal 2025

ICL Sales Ex. China

China ICL Sales



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ICL Sales Ex. China
Outlook

\$165M - \$175M

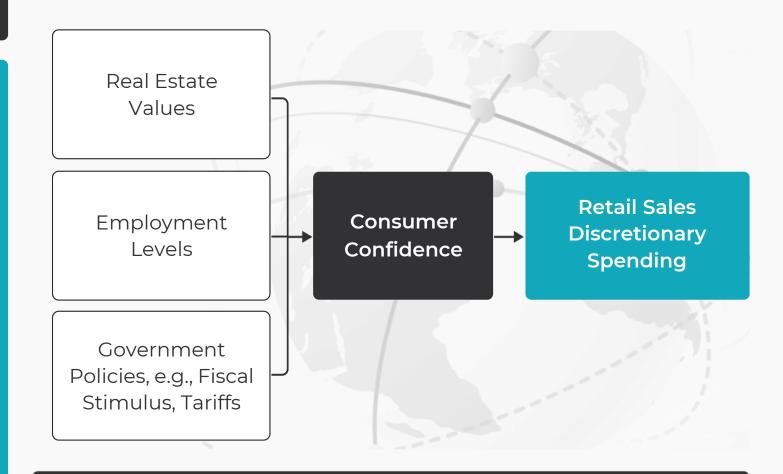
Up 9% to 15% Y/Y



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China ICL Sales
Outlook

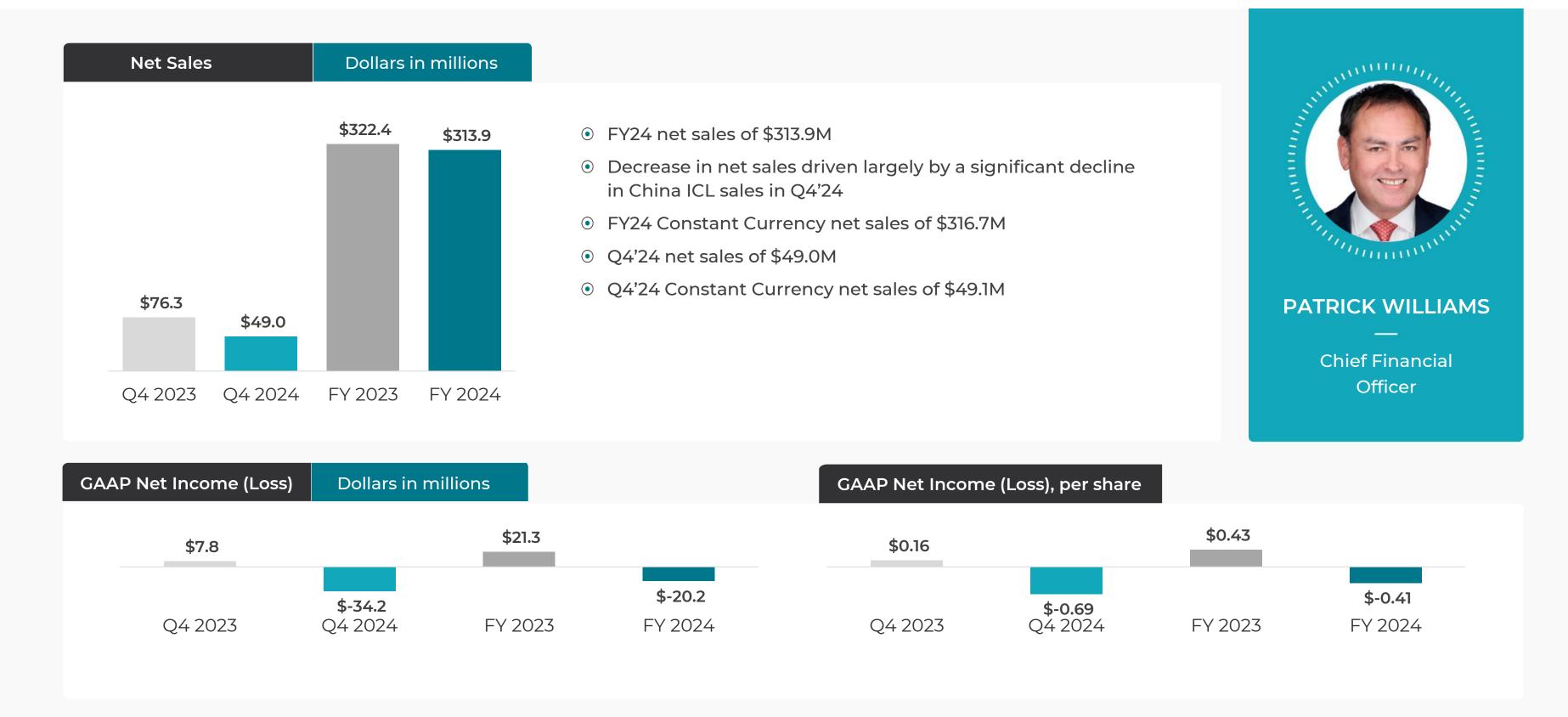
\$75M - \$125M



Underlying Assumptions for Fiscal 2025 Sales Outlook

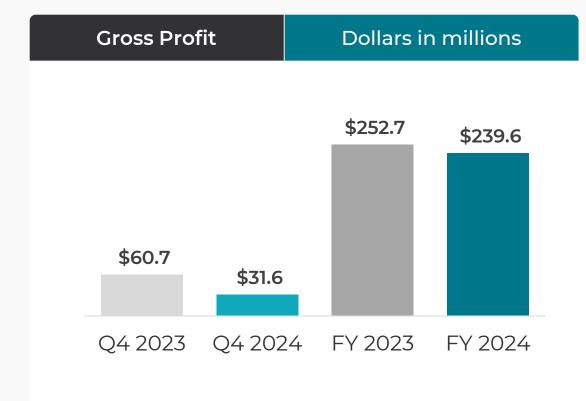
- The range for ICL Sales Ex. China assumes overall refractive procedure volumes in Americas will be down 5%-10%; EMEA will be flat; and APAC Ex. China will be flat
- The range for China ICL Sales is dependent on overall refractive procedure volumes, which the Company believes could be down 10% at the low end; the high end of the range contemplates a rebound in overall refractive procedure volumes growing 10%
- Q1'25 and Q2'25 Net Sales of approximately \$40 million per quarter

STAAR / Net Sales and GAAP Net Income (Loss)





STAAR / Gross Profit and Outlook for Fiscal 2025



- FY24 Gross profit of \$239.6M or
 76.3% of net sales
- FY24 Gross profit margin declined 210 bps Y/Y
- Q4'24 Gross profit of \$31.6M or 64.7% of net sales
- Q4'24 Gross profit margin declined 149 bps Y/Y

Gross profit for Q/Q, and Y/Y negatively impacted by:

- Recognition of cost of sales associated with ICLs shipped into China in Q4'24, for which the Company did not recognize revenue
- Period costs associated with expansion of the Company's manufacturing in Switzerland, as well as the temporary idling of its U.S. manufacturing facility during the holiday season and for facility upgrades

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Gross Margin Outlook

~75%

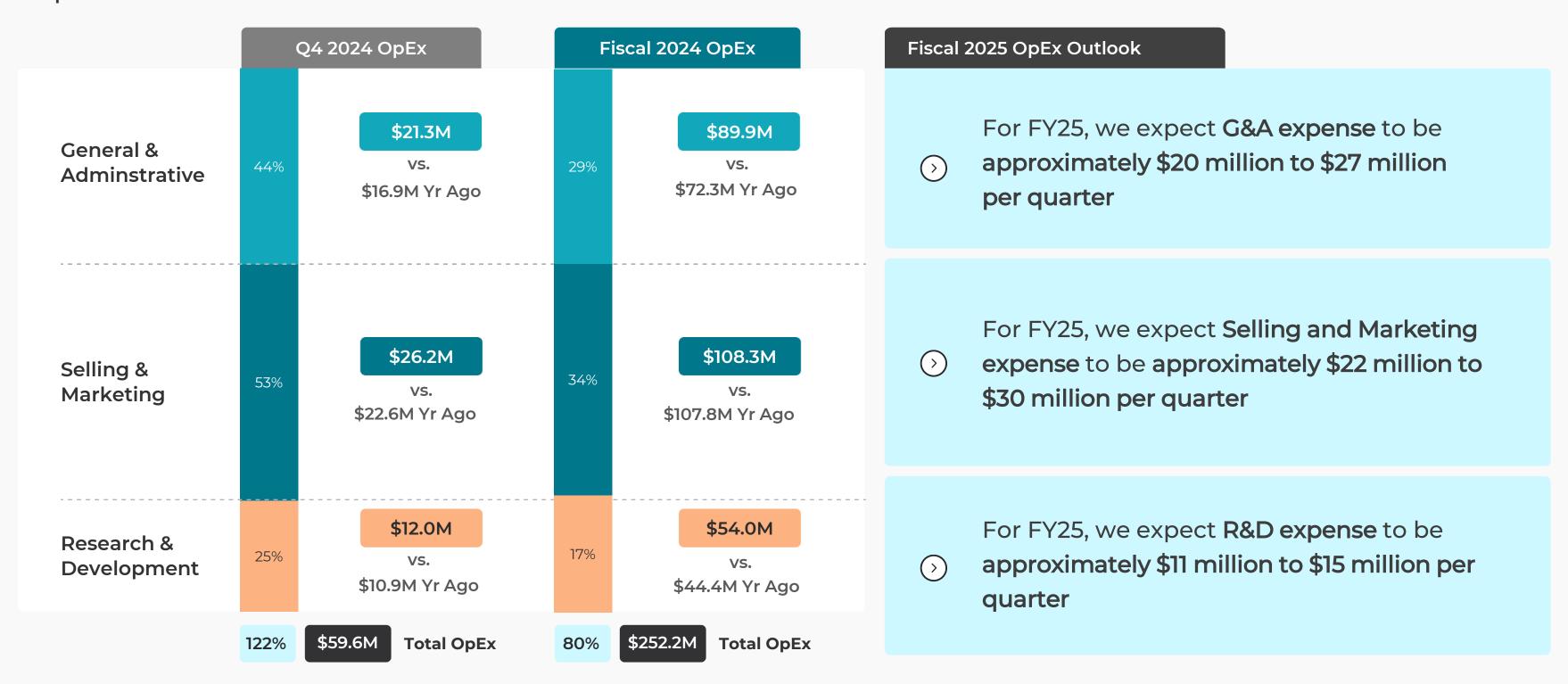
1H25 gross margin expected to be in the low 70s, and 2H25 in the mid- to high-70s, resulting in FY25 gross margin of approximately 75%

- The Company's gross margin decrease in Q4'24 was related to the China ICL order in December; gross margin is expected to normalize in FY25, except that the Company will see a reduction due to its planned decrease in production output
- The Company expects that longer term, as growth rebounds, it will increase production output, which will lead to higher gross margin; the Company continues to believe that it has the potential to achieve 80%+ gross margin



STAAR / Operating Expenses and Outlook for Fiscal 2025

STAAR has made significant investments globally in human capital, manufacturing capacity expansion and technology infrastructure to bring our EVO ICL procedure to the market.



STAAR / Adjusted EBITDA¹ and Balance Sheet Outlook for Fiscal 2025

Adjusted EBITDA

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Adjusted EBITDA Outlook

1H25

Approximately \$(30) million loss per quarter for each of Q1 and Q2

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Adjusted EBITDA
Outlook

2H25

Approximately \$5 million to \$22.5 million gain per quarter for each of Q3 and Q4



\$230.5M

Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments as of December 27, 2024

NO DEBT



Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments of \$232.4M at the end of FY23, and no debt

Adjusted EBITDA Outlook

FISCAL 2025

The Company expects approximately \$(50)M to \$(15)M Adjusted EBITDA loss for FY25 and Adjusted EBITDA per diluted share loss range of approximately \$(1.00) to \$(0.30) for FY25



Cash Flow Outlook

FISCAL 2025



Use of cash and cash flows will vary by quarter; the Company expects to end FY25 with Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments of approximately \$150M-\$175 million

STAAR / Big Market. Great Product. Focused Path Forward















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ICL Sales by Geography

	FISCAL YEAR			THREE MONTHS ENDED						
ICL Sales by Region ⁽⁵⁾	2022	2023	2024	Dec 29, 2023	Mar 29, 2024	Jun 28, 2024	Sep 27, 2024	Dec 27, 2024		
Americas ⁽¹⁾	\$20,114	\$22,233	\$25,670	\$5,264	\$6,260	\$6,794	\$6,187	\$6,429		
EMEA ⁽²⁾	\$36,715	\$39,318	\$43,337	\$10,103	\$11,299	\$10,727	\$10,333	\$10,978		
APAC (3)	\$212,883	\$257,876	\$243,536	\$59,254	\$59,592	\$81,844	\$72,581	\$29,519		
Global ICL Sales	\$269,712	\$319,427	\$312,543	\$74,621	\$77,151	\$99,365 \$89,101		\$46,926		
Global ICL Sales Growth	27%	18%	(2%)	22%	9%	7%	10%	(37%)		
Americas ICL Sales Growth	43%	11%	15%	(8%)	12%	14%	14%	22%		
EMEA ICL Sales Growth	(2%)	7%	10%	18%	11%	10%	12%	9%		
APAC ICL Sales Growth	32%	21%	(6%)	26%	9%	6%	9%	(50%)		
Global ICL Unit Growth	33%	19%	(6%)	19%	2%	3%	6%	(39%)		
	FISCAL YEAR			THREE MONTHS ENDED						
ICL Sales by Country ^(4,5)	2022	2023	2024	Dec 29, 2023	Mar 29, 2024	Jun 28, 2024	Sep 27, 2024	Dec 27, 2024		
China	\$147,967	\$185,404	\$160,979	\$40,813	\$38,460	\$63,345	\$51,719	\$7,455		

		FISCAL YEAR		THREE MONTHS ENDED						
ICL Sales by Country ^(4,5)	2022	2023	2024	Dec 29, 2023	Mar 29, 2024	Jun 28, 2024	Sep 27, 2024	Dec 27, 2024		
China	\$147,967	\$185,404	\$160,979	\$40,813	\$38,460	\$63,345	\$51,719	\$7,455		
Growth	38%	25%	(13%)	30%	10%	3%	7%	(82%)		
Japan	\$32,623	\$36,352	\$41,409	\$9,495	\$10,227	\$9,735	\$10,490	\$10,957		
Growth	14%	11%	14%	16%	11%	14%	15%	15%		
South Korea	\$17,940	\$19,853	\$21,841	\$4,996	\$6,725	\$3,973	\$5,435	\$5,708		
Growth	18%	11%	10%	39%	1%	20%	11%	14%		
United States	\$15,070	\$17,168	\$20,475	\$4,164	\$5,039	\$5,541	\$4,822	\$5,073		
Growth	59%	14%	19%	(8%)	15%	25%	16%	22 %		
ICL Sales Ex. China	\$121,745	\$134,023	\$151,564	\$33,808	\$38,691	\$36,020	\$37,382	\$39,471		
Growth	15%	10%	13%	14%	9%	13%	14%	17%		



Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA (in 000's except for per share)

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	Q1-23	Q2-23	Q3-23	Q4-23	2023	Q1-24	Q2-24	Q3-24	Q4-24	2024	2025 Outlook ⁽²⁾
Net income (loss) (as reported)	\$2,710	\$6,064	\$4,817	\$7,756	\$21,347	\$(3,339)	\$7,379	\$9,980	\$(34,228)	\$(20,208)	\$(78)M - \$(63)M
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	\$2,009	\$2,428	\$1,929	\$5,983	\$12,349	\$1,128	\$2,955	\$3,179	\$3,894	\$11,156	\$(5)M - \$0
Other (income) expense, net	\$(1,919)	\$105	\$(451)	\$(3,334)	\$(5,599)	\$(70)	\$1,564	\$(7,477)	\$2,424	\$(3,559)	-
Depreciation	\$1,113	\$1,285	\$1,345	\$1,368	\$5,111	\$1,237	\$1,522	\$1,757	2,375	6,891	\$10,000
Other	\$7	\$34	\$15	\$30	\$86	-	\$26	\$1,642	\$26	\$1,694	-
Stock-based compensation	\$6,065	\$8,423	\$8,846	\$182	\$23,516	\$6,339	\$9,042	\$7,160	\$4,669	\$27,210	\$23,000 - \$38,000
Adjusted EBITDA	\$9,985	\$18,339	\$16,501	\$11,985	\$56,810	\$5,295	\$22,488	\$16,241	\$(20,840)	\$23,184	\$(50,000) - \$(15,000)
Adjusted EBITDA as a % of Revenue	13.6%	19.9%	20.6%	15.7%	17.6%	6.8%	22.7%	18.3%	(42.6%)	7.4%	(21)% - (5)%
Net income (loss) per share, diluted- (as reported)	\$0.05	\$0.12	\$0.10	\$0.16	\$0.43	\$(0.07)	\$0.15	\$0.20	\$(0.69)	\$(0.41)	\$(1.56) - \$(1.26)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	\$0.04	\$0.05	\$0.04	\$0.12	\$0.25	\$0.02	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.08	\$0.22	\$(0.10) - \$0.0
Other (income) expense, net	\$(0.04)	-	\$(0.01)	\$(0.07)	\$(O.11)	-	\$0.03	\$(0.15)	\$0.05	\$(0.07)	\$0.0
Depreciation	\$0.02	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.10	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.04	\$0.05	\$0.14	\$0.20
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.03	-	\$0.03	-
Stock-based compensation	\$0.12	\$0.17	\$0.18	-	\$0.48	\$0.13	\$0.18	\$0.14	\$0.09	\$0.55	\$0.46 - \$0.76
Adjusted EBITDA per share, diluted ⁽¹⁾	\$0.20	\$0.37	\$0.33	\$0.24	\$1.15	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.33	\$(0.42)	\$0.47	\$(1.00) - \$(0.30)
Weighted average shares outstanding - Diluted	49,500	49,516	49,370	49,242	49,427	48,907	49,811	49,731	49,266	49,597	50,000

Additional FY25 Outlook Details

In order to reconcile Adjusted EBITDA from Net Income for our FY25 Outlook, we are providing the following line-item details as of February 11, 2025:

- Provision (benefit) for Income Taxes is expected to be \$(5)M to \$0 for FY25
- Other (Income) expense is expected to be ~\$0 for FY25
- Depreciation expense is expected to be ~\$10M in FY25
- Stock-based compensation expense expected to be \$23M to \$38M in FY25

