

BlackRock Reports Full Year 2021 Diluted EPS of \$38.22, or \$39.18 as adjusted Fourth Quarter 2021 Diluted EPS of \$10.63, or \$10.42 as adjusted

New York, January 14, 2022 – BlackRock, Inc. (NYSE: BLK) today reported financial results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2021.

\$540 billion of full year total net inflows, reflects 6% organic asset growth and 11% organic base fee growth, led by record flows in ETFs and active strategies

\$212 billion of quarterly total net inflows positive across all client types, investment styles and regions

20% increase in full year revenue includes record organic growth, record performance fees and continued growth in technology services revenue

31% increase in full year GAAP operating income and 20% increase in diluted EPS reflect the impact of a charitable contribution in 2020, which was excluded from as adjusted results

19% growth in full year as adjusted operating income includes the impact of higher fund launch costs and amortization of intangible assets in the current year

16% increase in full year as adjusted diluted EPS also reflects a higher effective tax rate, partially offset by higher nonoperating income in the current year

\$3.7 billion returned to shareholders in 2021, including \$1.2 billion of share repurchases

18% increase in quarterly cash dividend to \$4.88 per share approved by Board of Directors

Laurence D. Fink, Chairman and CEO:

“BlackRock delivered the strongest organic growth in our history, even as our assets under management reached new highs. We generated \$540 billion of net inflows in 2021, including an industry leading \$267 billion of active net inflows.

“Our business is more diversified than ever before – active strategies, including alternatives, contributed over 60% of 2021 organic base fee growth. Our industry-leading iShares® ETF platform remained a significant growth driver with record flows of \$306 billion. And our technology services businesses, powered by Aladdin®, delivered \$1.3 billion in revenue with ACV up 13% year over year.

“Our record results across each of our strategic priorities demonstrate the benefits of continually investing in our platform over years ahead of our clients’ needs, and the tireless commitment of our employees. Our strategy is resonating – we’re building deeper partnerships with our clients and other stakeholders, and delivering durable returns for our shareholders.

“As the world continues to navigate uncertainty and profound shifts in economies and societies at large, BlackRock remains focused on helping our clients meet their investment goals. Every dollar that is entrusted to us, by every client, is treated with the same care and responsibility. BlackRock enters 2022 better positioned than ever – we remain confident in our ability to continue generating differentiated organic growth over the long-term and helping more and more people experience financial well-being.”

FINANCIAL RESULTS

(in millions except per share data)	Q4		Full Year	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
AUM	\$ 10,010,143	\$ 8,676,680	\$ 10,010,143	\$ 8,676,680
% change	15%		15%	
Average AUM	\$ 9,749,652	\$ 8,154,225	\$ 9,364,948	\$ 7,549,103
% change	20%		24%	
Total net flows	\$ 211,736	\$ 126,933	\$ 539,654	\$ 390,838
GAAP basis:				
Revenue	\$ 5,106	\$ 4,478	\$ 19,374	\$ 16,205
% change	14%		20%	
Operating income	\$ 2,039	\$ 1,848	\$ 7,450	\$ 5,695
% change	10%		31%	
Operating margin	39.9%	41.3%	38.5%	35.1%
Net income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,643	\$ 1,548	\$ 5,901	\$ 4,932
% change	6%		20%	
Diluted EPS	\$ 10.63	\$ 10.02	\$ 38.22	\$ 31.85
% change	6%		20%	
Weighted-average diluted shares	154.6	154.5	154.4	154.8
% change	0%		0%	
As Adjusted:				
Operating income ⁽²⁾	\$ 2,056	\$ 1,848	\$ 7,478	\$ 6,284
% change	11%		19%	
Operating margin ⁽²⁾	45.5%	46.6%	45.2%	44.9%
Net income ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 1,611	\$ 1,573	\$ 6,049	\$ 5,237
% change	2%		16%	
Diluted EPS ⁽²⁾	\$ 10.42	\$ 10.18	\$ 39.18	\$ 33.82
% change	2%		16%	

⁽¹⁾ Net income represents net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc.

⁽²⁾ See notes (1) through (3) to the condensed consolidated statements of income and supplemental information on pages 10 through 12 for more information on as adjusted items and the reconciliation to GAAP.

NET FLOW HIGHLIGHTS

(in billions)	Q4		Full Year	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Long-term net flows:	\$ 169	\$ 169	\$ 459	\$ 459
By region:				
Americas	\$ 139	\$ 139	\$ 269	\$ 269
EMEA	5	5	119	119
APAC	25	25	71	71
By client type:				
Retail:				
US	\$ 22	\$ 22	\$ 102	\$ 102
International	13	13	60	60
	9	9	42	42
ETFs:				
Core equity	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 110	\$ 110
Strategic	47	47	136	136
Precision	15	15	60	60
Institutional:				
Active	\$ 43	\$ 43	\$ 51	\$ 51
Index	84	84	169	169
	(40)	(40)	(118)	(118)
Cash management net flows	\$ 44	\$ 44	\$ 94	\$ 94
Advisory net flows	\$ (1)	\$ (1)	\$ (13)	\$ (13)
Total net flows	\$ 212	\$ 212	\$ 540	\$ 540

BUSINESS RESULTS

<i>(in millions), (unaudited)</i>	Q4 2021 Net flows	December 31, 2021 AUM	Q4 2021 Base fees ⁽¹⁾ and securities lending revenue	December 31, 2021 AUM % of Total	Q4 2021 Base fees ⁽¹⁾ and securities lending revenue % of Total
RESULTS BY CLIENT TYPE					
Retail	\$ 21,521	\$ 1,040,053	\$ 1,310	10%	33%
ETFs	103,943	3,267,354	1,581	33%	40%
Institutional:					
Active	83,509	1,756,717	684	18%	17%
Index	(40,421)	3,181,652	268	31%	7%
Total institutional	43,088	4,938,369	952	49%	24%
Long-term	168,552	9,245,776	3,843	92%	97%
Cash management	43,912	755,057	125	8%	3%
Advisory	(728)	9,310	-	-	-
Total	\$ 211,736	\$ 10,010,143	\$ 3,968	100%	100%
RESULTS BY INVESTMENT STYLE					
Active	\$ 100,506	\$ 2,606,325	\$ 1,946	26%	49%
Index and ETFs	68,046	6,639,451	1,897	66%	48%
Long-term	168,552	9,245,776	3,843	92%	97%
Cash management	43,912	755,057	125	8%	3%
Advisory	(728)	9,310	-	-	-
Total	\$ 211,736	\$ 10,010,143	\$ 3,968	100%	100%
RESULTS BY PRODUCT TYPE					
Equity	\$ 45,105	\$ 5,342,360	\$ 2,092	53%	53%
Fixed income	100,893	2,822,041	989	28%	25%
Multi-asset	17,008	816,494	373	8%	9%
Alternatives	5,546	264,881	389	3%	10%
Long-term	168,552	9,245,776	3,843	92%	97%
Cash management	43,912	755,057	125	8%	3%
Advisory	(728)	9,310	-	-	-
Total	\$ 211,736	\$ 10,010,143	\$ 3,968	100%	100%

⁽¹⁾ Base fees include investment advisory and administration fees.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2021⁽¹⁾

	One-year period	Three-year period	Five-year period
Fixed income:			
<i>Actively managed AUM above benchmark or peer median</i>			
Taxable	61%	87%	88%
Tax-exempt	76%	79%	81%
<i>Index AUM within or above applicable tolerance</i>	85%	93%	94%
Equity:			
<i>Actively managed AUM above benchmark or peer median</i>			
Fundamental	52%	72%	78%
Systematic	66%	72%	93%
<i>Index AUM within or above applicable tolerance</i>	97%	97%	99%

⁽¹⁾ Past performance is not indicative of future results. The performance information shown is based on preliminary available data. Please refer to page 13 for performance disclosure detail.

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

BlackRock's Board of Directors approved an 18% increase in the quarterly cash dividend to \$4.88 per share, payable March 23, 2022, to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 7, 2022.

TELECONFERENCE, WEBCAST AND PRESENTATION INFORMATION

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Laurence D. Fink, President, Robert S. Kapito, and Chief Financial Officer, Gary S. Shedlin, will host a teleconference call for investors and analysts on Friday, January 14, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Time). Members of the public who are interested in participating in the teleconference should dial, from the United States, (800) 374-0176, or from outside the United States, (706) 679-8281, shortly before 8:30 a.m. and reference the BlackRock Conference Call (ID Number 9989827). A live, listen-only webcast will also be available via the investor relations section of www.blackrock.com.

Both the teleconference and webcast will be available for replay by 11:30 a.m. (Eastern Time) on Friday, January 14, 2022 and ending at midnight on Friday, January 28, 2022. To access the replay of the teleconference, callers from the United States should dial (855) 859-2056 and callers from outside the United States should dial (404) 537-3406 and enter the Conference ID Number 9989827. To access the webcast, please visit the investor relations section of www.blackrock.com.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

(in millions, except shares and per share data), (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31,			Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020	Change	2021	Change
Revenue					
Investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue:					
Investment advisory and administration fees	\$ 3,832	\$ 3,262	\$ 570	\$ 3,791	\$ 41
Securities lending revenue	136	131	5	152	(16)
Total investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue	3,968	3,393	575	3,943	25
Investment advisory performance fees	329	419	(90)	345	(16)
Technology services revenue	339	305	34	320	19
Distribution fees	411	314	97	401	10
Advisory and other revenue	59	47	12	41	18
Total revenue	5,106	4,478	628	5,050	56
Expense					
Employee compensation and benefits	1,559	1,341	218	1,527	32
Distribution and servicing costs	587	505	82	585	2
Direct fund expense	319	283	36	354	(35)
General and administration expense	564	474	90	611	(47)
Amortization of intangible assets	38	27	11	38	-
Total expense	3,067	2,630	437	3,115	(48)
Operating income	2,039	1,848	191	1,935	104
Nonoperating income (expense)					
Net gain (loss) on investments	75	345	(270)	370	(295)
Interest and dividend income	46	28	18	14	32
Interest expense	(50)	(54)	4	(48)	(2)
Total nonoperating income (expense)	71	319	(248)	336	(265)
Income before income taxes	2,110	2,167	(57)	2,271	(161)
Income tax expense	478	427	51	518	(40)
Net income	1,632	1,740	(108)	1,753	(121)
Less:					
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(11)	192	(203)	72	(83)
Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc.	\$ 1,643	\$ 1,548	\$ 95	\$ 1,681	\$ (38)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding					
Basic	151,822,226	152,515,168	(692,942)	152,120,927	(298,701)
Diluted	154,564,198	154,512,860	51,338	154,343,277	220,921
Earnings per share attributable to BlackRock, Inc. common stockholders					
Basic	\$ 10.82	\$ 10.15	\$ 0.67	\$ 11.05	\$ (0.23)
Diluted	\$ 10.63	\$ 10.02	\$ 0.61	\$ 10.89	\$ (0.26)
Cash dividends declared and paid per share	\$ 4.13	\$ 3.63	\$ 0.50	\$ 4.13	\$ -
Supplemental information:					
AUM (end of period)	\$ 10,010,143	\$ 8,676,680	\$ 1,333,463	\$ 9,463,662	\$ 546,481
Shares outstanding (end of period)	151,684,491	152,532,885	(848,394)	151,988,234	(303,743)
GAAP:					
Operating margin	39.9%	41.3%	(140) bps	38.3%	160 bps
Effective tax rate	22.6%	21.6%	100 bps	23.6%	(100) bps
As adjusted:					
Operating income (1)	\$ 2,056	\$ 1,848	\$ 208	\$ 1,946	\$ 110
Operating margin (1)	45.5%	46.6%	(110) bps	45.8%	(30) bps
Nonoperating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests (2)	\$ 82	\$ 127	\$ (45)	\$ 264	\$ (182)
Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. (3)	\$ 1,611	\$ 1,573	\$ 38	\$ 1,690	\$ (79)
Diluted earnings attributable to BlackRock, Inc. common stockholders per share (3)	\$ 10.42	\$ 10.18	\$ 0.24	\$ 10.95	\$ (0.53)
Effective tax rate	24.6%	20.3%	430 bps	23.6%	100 bps

See pages 10 through 12 for the reconciliation to GAAP and notes (1) through (3) to the condensed consolidated statements of income and supplemental information for more information on as adjusted items.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
(in millions, except shares and per share data), (unaudited)

	Year Ended December 31,		Change
	2021	2020	
Revenue			
Investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue:			
Investment advisory and administration fees	\$ 14,705	\$ 11,987	\$ 2,718
Securities lending revenue	555	652	(97)
Total investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue	15,260	12,639	2,621
Investment advisory performance fees	1,143	1,104	39
Technology services revenue	1,281	1,139	142
Distribution fees	1,521	1,131	390
Advisory and other revenue	169	192	(23)
Total revenue	19,374	16,205	3,169
Expense			
Employee compensation and benefits	6,043	5,041	1,002
Distribution and servicing costs	2,200	1,835	365
Direct fund expense	1,313	1,063	250
General and administration expense	2,221	2,465	(244)
Amortization of intangible assets	147	106	41
Total expense	11,924	10,510	1,414
Operating income	7,450	5,695	1,755
Nonoperating income (expense)			
Net gain (loss) on investments	841	972	(131)
Interest and dividend income	87	62	25
Interest expense	(205)	(205)	-
Total nonoperating income (expense)	723	829	(106)
Income before income taxes	8,173	6,524	1,649
Income tax expense	1,968	1,238	730
Net income	6,205	5,286	919
Less:			
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	304	354	(50)
Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc.	\$ 5,901	\$ 4,932	\$ 969
Weighted-average common shares outstanding			
Basic	152,236,047	153,489,422	(1,253,375)
Diluted	154,404,357	154,840,582	(436,225)
Earnings per share attributable to BlackRock, Inc. common stockholders			
Basic	\$ 38.76	\$ 32.13	\$ 6.63
Diluted	\$ 38.22	\$ 31.85	\$ 6.37
Cash dividends declared and paid per share	\$ 16.52	\$ 14.52	\$ 2.00
Supplemental information:			
AUM (end of period)	\$ 10,010,143	\$ 8,676,680	\$ 1,333,463
Shares outstanding (end of period)	151,684,491	152,532,885	(848,394)
GAAP:			
Operating margin	38.5%	35.1%	340bps
Effective tax rate	25.0%	20.1%	490bps
As adjusted:			
Operating income (1)	\$ 7,478	\$ 6,284	\$ 1,194
Operating margin (1)	45.2%	44.9%	30bps
Nonoperating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests (2)	\$ 419	\$ 353	\$ 66
Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. (3)	\$ 6,049	\$ 5,237	\$ 812
Diluted earnings attributable to BlackRock, Inc. common stockholders per share (3)	\$ 39.18	\$ 33.82	\$ 5.36
Effective tax rate	23.4%	21.1%	230bps

See pages 10 through 12 for the reconciliation to GAAP and notes (1) through (3) to the condensed consolidated statements of income and supplemental information for more information on as adjusted items.

ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

(in millions), (unaudited)

Current Quarter Component Changes by Client Type and Product Type

	September 30, 2021	Net inflows (outflows)	Market change	FX impact ⁽¹⁾	December 31, 2021	Average AUM ⁽²⁾
Retail:						
Equity	\$ 445,737	\$ 7,907	\$ 18,851	\$ (558)	\$ 471,937	\$ 460,066
Fixed income	359,161	8,859	(2,259)	(455)	365,306	361,191
Multi-asset	150,953	2,310	2,288	(90)	155,461	153,559
Alternatives	44,776	2,445	175	(47)	47,349	45,848
Retail subtotal	1,000,627	21,521	19,055	(1,150)	1,040,053	1,020,664
ETFs:						
Equity	2,250,849	70,070	128,878	(2,549)	2,447,248	2,355,110
Fixed income	716,596	33,055	(3,069)	(1,209)	745,373	727,561
Multi-asset	8,150	727	239	3	9,119	8,563
Alternatives	63,156	91	2,363	4	65,614	64,682
ETFs subtotal	3,038,751	103,943	128,411	(3,751)	3,267,354	3,155,916
Institutional:						
Active:						
Equity	182,232	7,665	10,297	(214)	199,980	189,116
Fixed income	708,698	58,595	1,601	(1,492)	767,402	740,525
Multi-asset	605,297	13,874	26,265	(2,485)	642,951	622,619
Alternatives	142,318	3,375	807	(116)	146,384	143,737
Active subtotal	1,638,545	83,509	38,970	(4,307)	1,756,717	1,695,997
Index:						
Equity	2,119,592	(40,537)	149,731	(5,591)	2,223,195	2,176,366
Fixed income	929,444	384	19,556	(5,424)	943,960	947,128
Multi-asset	8,758	97	191	(83)	8,963	10,522
Alternatives	5,898	(365)	27	(26)	5,534	5,581
Index subtotal	3,063,692	(40,421)	169,505	(11,124)	3,181,652	3,139,597
Institutional subtotal	4,702,237	43,088	208,475	(15,431)	4,938,369	4,835,594
Long-term	8,741,615	168,552	355,941	(20,332)	9,245,776	9,012,174
Cash management	712,015	43,912	(142)	(728)	755,057	727,823
Advisory ⁽³⁾	10,032	(728)	(5)	11	9,310	9,655
Total	\$ 9,463,662	\$ 211,736	\$ 355,794	\$ (21,049)	\$ 10,010,143	\$ 9,749,652

Current Quarter Component Changes by Investment Style and Product Type (Long-Term)

	September 30, 2021	Net inflows (outflows)	Market change	FX impact ⁽¹⁾	December 31, 2021	Average AUM ⁽²⁾
Active:						
Equity	\$ 475,232	\$ 13,919	\$ 18,745	\$ (793)	\$ 507,103	\$ 490,609
Fixed income	1,045,297	64,586	(789)	(2,009)	1,107,085	1,078,221
Multi-asset	756,245	16,181	28,554	(2,576)	798,404	776,171
Alternatives	187,093	5,820	983	(163)	193,733	189,584
Active subtotal	2,463,867	100,506	47,493	(5,541)	2,606,325	2,534,585
Index and ETFs:						
ETFs:						
Equity	2,250,849	70,070	128,878	(2,549)	2,447,248	2,355,110
Fixed income	716,596	33,055	(3,069)	(1,209)	745,373	727,561
Multi-asset	8,150	727	239	3	9,119	8,563
Alternatives	63,156	91	2,363	4	65,614	64,682
ETFs subtotal	3,038,751	103,943	128,411	(3,751)	3,267,354	3,155,916
Non-ETF Index:						
Equity	2,272,329	(38,884)	160,134	(5,570)	2,388,009	2,334,939
Fixed income	952,006	3,252	19,687	(5,362)	969,583	970,623
Multi-asset	8,763	100	190	(82)	8,971	10,529
Alternatives	5,899	(365)	26	(26)	5,534	5,582
Non-ETF Index subtotal	3,238,997	(35,897)	180,037	(11,040)	3,372,097	3,321,673
Index and ETFs subtotal	6,277,748	68,046	308,448	(14,791)	6,639,451	6,477,589
Long-term	\$ 8,741,615	\$ 168,552	\$ 355,941	\$ (20,332)	\$ 9,245,776	\$ 9,012,174

Current Quarter Component Changes by Product Type (Long-Term)

	September 30, 2021	Net inflows (outflows)	Market change	FX impact ⁽¹⁾	December 31, 2021	Average AUM ⁽²⁾
Equity	\$ 4,998,410	\$ 45,105	\$ 307,757	\$ (8,912)	\$ 5,342,360	\$ 5,180,658
Fixed income	2,713,899	100,893	15,829	(8,580)	2,822,041	2,776,405
Multi-asset	773,158	17,008	28,983	(2,655)	816,494	795,263
Alternatives:						
Illiquid alternatives	98,321	3,805	602	(149)	102,579	99,823
Liquid alternatives	85,052	1,871	387	38	87,348	85,990
Currency and commodities ⁽⁴⁾	72,775	(130)	2,383	(74)	74,954	74,035
Alternatives subtotal	256,148	5,546	3,372	(185)	264,881	259,848
Long-term	\$ 8,741,615	\$ 168,552	\$ 355,941	\$ (20,332)	\$ 9,245,776	\$ 9,012,174

⁽¹⁾ Foreign exchange reflects the impact of translating non-US dollar denominated AUM into US dollars for reporting purposes.

⁽²⁾ Average AUM is calculated as the average of the month-end spot AUM amounts for the trailing four months.

⁽³⁾ Advisory AUM represents mandates linked to purchases and disposition of assets and portfolios on behalf of official institutions and long-term portfolio liquidation assignments.

⁽⁴⁾ Amounts include commodity ETFs.

ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

(in millions), (unaudited)

Year-over-Year Component Changes by Client Type and Product Type

	December 31, 2020	Net inflows (outflows)	Acquisition ⁽¹⁾	Market change	FX impact ⁽²⁾	December 31, 2021	Average AUM ⁽³⁾
Retail:							
Equity	\$ 338,434	\$ 42,060	\$ 41,324	\$ 54,310	\$ (4,191)	\$ 471,937	\$ 428,218
Fixed income	340,468	34,870	-	(6,716)	(3,316)	365,306	356,075
Multi-asset	132,624	12,579	-	10,793	(535)	155,461	145,903
Alternatives	34,391	12,584	-	644	(270)	47,349	41,413
Retail subtotal	845,917	102,093	41,324	59,031	(8,312)	1,040,053	971,609
ETFs:							
Equity	1,905,101	222,855	-	331,275	(11,983)	2,447,248	2,199,698
Fixed income	690,033	78,858	-	(17,894)	(5,624)	745,373	703,004
Multi-asset	6,268	2,266	-	589	(4)	9,119	7,607
Alternatives	67,605	1,555	-	(3,475)	(71)	65,614	66,023
ETFs subtotal	2,669,007	305,534	-	310,495	(17,682)	3,267,354	2,976,332
Institutional:							
Active:							
Equity	169,522	6,104	-	26,852	(2,498)	199,980	182,054
Fixed income	716,269	64,200	-	(5,428)	(7,639)	767,402	720,006
Multi-asset	511,242	82,981	-	59,919	(11,191)	642,951	573,144
Alternatives	127,429	15,782	-	4,489	(1,316)	146,384	137,630
Active subtotal	1,524,462	169,067	-	85,832	(22,644)	1,756,717	1,612,834
Index:							
Equity	2,006,749	(169,338)	-	413,914	(28,130)	2,223,195	2,123,482
Fixed income	927,718	52,409	-	(5,892)	(30,275)	943,960	937,784
Multi-asset	8,599	6	-	708	(350)	8,963	9,424
Alternatives	5,617	(902)	-	933	(114)	5,534	5,633
Index subtotal	2,948,683	(117,825)	-	409,663	(58,869)	3,181,652	3,076,323
Institutional subtotal	4,473,145	51,242	-	495,495	(81,513)	4,938,369	4,689,157
Long-term	7,988,069	458,869	41,324	865,021	(107,507)	9,245,776	8,637,098
Cash management	666,252	94,043	-	(1,137)	(4,101)	755,057	711,160
Advisory ⁽⁴⁾	22,359	(13,258)	-	195	14	9,310	16,690
Total	\$ 8,676,680	\$ 539,654	\$ 41,324	\$ 864,079	\$ (111,594)	\$ 10,010,143	\$ 9,364,948

Year-over-Year Component Changes by Investment Style and Product Type (Long-Term)

	December 31, 2020	Net inflows (outflows)	Acquisition ⁽¹⁾	Market change	FX impact ⁽²⁾	December 31, 2021	Average AUM ⁽³⁾
Active:							
Equity	\$ 410,189	\$ 48,773	\$ -	\$ 53,689	\$ (5,548)	\$ 507,103	\$ 466,291
Fixed income	1,035,015	94,047	-	(11,322)	(10,655)	1,107,085	1,053,764
Multi-asset	643,864	95,555	-	70,711	(11,726)	798,404	719,041
Alternatives	161,819	28,365	-	5,134	(1,585)	193,733	179,043
Active subtotal	2,250,887	266,740	-	118,212	(29,514)	2,606,325	2,418,139
Index and ETFs:							
ETFs:							
Equity	1,905,101	222,855	-	331,275	(11,983)	2,447,248	2,199,698
Fixed income	690,033	78,858	-	(17,894)	(5,624)	745,373	703,004
Multi-asset	6,268	2,266	-	589	(4)	9,119	7,607
Alternatives	67,605	1,555	-	(3,475)	(71)	65,614	66,023
ETFs subtotal	2,669,007	305,534	-	310,495	(17,682)	3,267,354	2,976,332
Non-ETF Index:							
Equity	2,104,516	(169,947)	41,324	441,387	(29,271)	2,388,009	2,267,463
Fixed income	949,440	57,432	-	(6,714)	(30,575)	969,583	960,101
Multi-asset	8,601	11	-	709	(350)	8,971	9,430
Alternatives	5,618	(901)	-	932	(115)	5,534	5,633
Non-ETF Index subtotal	3,068,175	(113,405)	41,324	436,314	(60,311)	3,372,097	3,242,627
Index and ETFs subtotal	5,737,182	192,129	41,324	746,809	(77,993)	6,639,451	6,218,959
Long-term	\$ 7,988,069	\$ 458,869	\$ 41,324	\$ 865,021	\$ (107,507)	\$ 9,245,776	\$ 8,637,098

Year-over-Year Component Changes by Product Type (Long-Term)

	December 31, 2020	Net inflows (outflows)	Acquisition ⁽¹⁾	Market change	FX impact ⁽²⁾	December 31, 2021	Average AUM ⁽³⁾
Equity	\$ 4,419,806	\$ 101,681	\$ 41,324	\$ 826,351	\$ (46,802)	\$ 5,342,360	\$ 4,933,452
Fixed income	2,674,488	230,337	-	(35,930)	(46,854)	2,822,041	2,716,869
Multi-asset	658,733	97,832	-	72,009	(12,080)	816,494	736,078
Alternatives:							
Illiquid alternatives	85,770	16,120	-	1,750	(1,061)	102,579	94,768
Liquid alternatives	73,218	11,328	-	3,129	(327)	87,348	80,866
Currency and commodities ⁽⁵⁾	76,054	1,571	-	(2,288)	(383)	74,954	75,065
Alternatives subtotal	235,042	29,019	-	2,591	(1,771)	264,881	250,699
Long-term	\$ 7,988,069	\$ 458,869	\$ 41,324	\$ 865,021	\$ (107,507)	\$ 9,245,776	\$ 8,637,098

⁽¹⁾ Amounts include AUM attributable to the acquisition of Aperio Group, LLC on February 1, 2021 (the "Aperio Transaction").

⁽²⁾ Foreign exchange reflects the impact of translating non-US dollar denominated AUM into US dollars for reporting purposes.

⁽³⁾ Average AUM is calculated as the average of the month-end spot AUM amounts for the trailing thirteen months.

⁽⁴⁾ Advisory AUM represents mandates linked to purchases and disposition of assets and portfolios on behalf of official institutions and long-term portfolio liquidation assignments.

⁽⁵⁾ Amounts include commodity ETFs.

SUMMARY OF REVENUE

(in millions), (unaudited)	Three Months Ended			Three Months Ended			Year Ended		
	December 31,			September 30,			December 31,		
	2021	2020	Change	2021	Change	2021	2020	Change	
Investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue:									
Equity:									
Active	\$ 680	\$ 501	\$ 179	\$ 674	\$ 6	\$ 2,571	\$ 1,737	\$ 834	
ETFs	1,222	948	274	1,212	10	4,658	3,499	1,159	
Non-ETF Index	190	159	31	207	(17)	771	664	107	
Equity subtotal	2,092	1,608	484	2,093	(1)	8,000	5,900	2,100	
Fixed income:									
Active	560	514	46	561	(1)	2,191	1,957	234	
ETFs	308	302	6	304	4	1,201	1,119	82	
Non-ETF Index	121	109	12	121	-	471	463	8	
Fixed income subtotal	989	925	64	986	3	3,863	3,539	324	
Multi-asset	373	311	62	369	4	1,414	1,163	251	
Alternatives:									
Illiquid alternatives	167	161	6	166	1	668	577	91	
Liquid alternatives	169	141	28	163	6	629	502	127	
Currency and commodities	53	50	3	55	(2)	216	168	48	
Alternatives subtotal	389	352	37	384	5	1,513	1,247	266	
Long-term	3,843	3,196	647	3,832	11	14,790	11,849	2,941	
Cash management	125	197	(72)	111	14	470	790	(320)	
Total investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue	3,968	3,393	575	3,943	25	15,260	12,639	2,621	
Investment advisory performance fees:									
Equity	83	62	21	8	75	153	91	62	
Fixed income	17	22	(5)	2	15	48	35	13	
Multi-asset	15	22	(7)	-	15	32	35	(3)	
Alternatives:									
Illiquid alternatives	61	28	33	50	11	208	83	125	
Liquid alternatives	153	285	(132)	285	(132)	702	860	(158)	
Alternatives subtotal	214	313	(99)	335	(121)	910	943	(33)	
Total performance fees	329	419	(90)	345	(16)	1,143	1,104	39	
Technology services revenue	339	305	34	320	19	1,281	1,139	142	
Distribution fees:									
Retrocessions	302	217	85	294	8	1,098	736	362	
12b-1 fees (US mutual fund distribution fees)	95	83	12	91	4	358	337	21	
Other	14	14	-	16	(2)	65	58	7	
Total distribution fees	411	314	97	401	10	1,521	1,131	390	
Advisory and other revenue:									
Advisory	31	20	11	13	18	68	68	-	
Other	28	27	1	28	-	101	124	(23)	
Total advisory and other revenue	59	47	12	41	18	169	192	(23)	
Total revenue	\$ 5,106	\$ 4,478	\$ 628	\$ 5,050	\$ 56	\$ 19,374	\$ 16,205	\$ 3,169	

Highlights

- Investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue increased \$575 million from the fourth quarter of 2020, primarily driven by strong organic base fee growth and the positive impact of market beta on average AUM, partially offset by the impact of yield-related fee waivers on certain money market funds and strategic pricing changes to certain products. Securities lending revenue of \$136 million increased from \$131 million in the fourth quarter of 2020, primarily reflecting higher average balances of securities on loan, partially offset by lower asset spreads. Investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue increased \$25 million from the third quarter of 2021, primarily driven by organic growth and the positive impact of market beta on average AUM, partially offset by lower securities lending revenue and the negative impact of foreign exchange movements. Securities lending revenue of \$136 million decreased from \$152 million in the third quarter of 2021, primarily reflecting lower asset and liability spreads.
- Performance fees decreased \$90 million from the fourth quarter of 2020, primarily reflecting lower revenue from liquid alternative products, partially offset by higher revenue from illiquid alternative and long-only products. Performance fees decreased \$16 million from the third quarter of 2021, primarily due to lower revenue from liquid alternative products, reflecting strong performance from a single hedge fund with an annual performance measurement period that ends in the third quarter, partially offset by higher revenue from long-only mandates and illiquid alternative products.
- Technology services revenue increased \$34 million and \$19 million from the fourth quarter of 2020 and the third quarter of 2021, respectively, primarily reflecting higher revenue from *Aladdin*. Technology services annual contract value⁽¹⁾ ("ACV") increased 13% from the fourth quarter of 2020.

⁽¹⁾ ACV represents the forward-looking, annualized estimated value of the recurring subscription fees under client contracts, assuming all client contracts that come up for renewal are renewed. ACV excludes nonrecurring fees such as implementation and consulting fees. See note (4) to the condensed consolidated statements of income and supplemental information on page 12 for more information on ACV.

SUMMARY OF OPERATING EXPENSE

(in millions), (unaudited)	Three Months Ended			Three Months Ended			Year Ended		
	December 31,			September 30,			December 31,		
	2021	2020	Change	2021	Change	2021	2020	Change	
Operating expense									
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ 1,559	\$ 1,341	\$ 218	\$ 1,527	\$ 32	\$ 6,043	\$ 5,041	\$ 1,002	
Distribution and servicing costs:									
Retrocessions	302	217	85	294	8	1,098	736	362	
12b-1 costs	93	81	12	89	4	350	328	22	
Other	192	207	(15)	202	(10)	752	771	(19)	
Total distribution and servicing costs	587	505	82	585	2	2,200	1,835	365	
Direct fund expense	319	283	36	354	(35)	1,313	1,063	250	
General and administration expense:									
Marketing and promotional	96	73	23	54	42	238	229	9	
Occupancy and office related	114	80	34	91	23	364	319	45	
Portfolio services	95	80	15	93	2	362	283	79	
Technology	135	124	11	140	(5)	508	397	111	
Professional services	57	49	8	42	15	179	170	9	
Communications	11	14	(3)	11	-	44	54	(10)	
Foreign exchange remeasurement	1	(1)	2	1	-	4	6	(2)	
Contingent consideration fair value adjustments	1	-	1	29	(28)	34	23	11	
Product launch costs	-	2	(2)	96	(96)	274	166	108	
Charitable Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	589	(589)	
Other general and administration	54	53	1	54	-	214	229	(15)	
Total general and administration expense	564	474	90	611	(47)	2,221	2,465	(244)	
Amortization of intangible assets	38	27	11	38	-	147	106	41	
Total operating expense	\$ 3,067	\$ 2,630	\$ 437	\$ 3,115	\$ (48)	\$ 11,924	\$ 10,510	\$ 1,414	

Highlights

- Employee compensation and benefits expense increased \$218 million from the fourth quarter of 2020, primarily reflecting higher base compensation, driven by previously announced base salary increases and higher headcount, and higher deferred compensation, reflecting the impact of additional grants associated with prior-year compensation.
Employee compensation and benefits expense increased \$32 million from the third quarter of 2021, primarily due to higher base compensation, driven by previously announced base salary increases.
- Direct fund expense increased \$36 million from the fourth quarter of 2020, primarily reflecting higher average AUM, partially offset by higher rebates that seasonally occur in the fourth quarter.
Direct fund expense decreased \$35 million from the third quarter of 2021, despite higher average AUM, primarily reflecting certain rebates that seasonally occur in the fourth quarter.
- General and administration expense increased \$90 million from the fourth quarter of 2020 reflecting higher marketing and promotional expense, portfolio services and technology expense. The increase also reflected higher occupancy and office related expense, including \$17 million of noncash occupancy expense related to the lease of office space for the Company's future headquarters located at 50 Hudson Yards in New York ("Lease cost – Hudson Yards"), which it expects to begin to occupy in late 2022 (and begin lease payments in May 2023). Lease cost – Hudson Yards has been excluded from our "as adjusted" financial results. See pages 10 through 12 for the reconciliation to GAAP and notes (1) through (3) to the condensed consolidated statements of income and supplemental information for more information on as adjusted items.
General and administration expense decreased \$47 million from the third quarter of 2021, primarily reflecting lower product launch costs and contingent consideration fair value adjustments, partially offset by seasonally higher marketing and promotional expense, occupancy and professional services expense.
- Amortization of intangible assets expense increased \$11 million from the fourth quarter of 2020, primarily reflecting amortization of intangible assets related to the Aperio Transaction.

SUMMARY OF NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE), LESS NET INCOME (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS

(in millions), (unaudited)	Three Months Ended December 31,			Three Months Ended September 30,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	Change	2021	Change	2021	2020	Change	
	Nonoperating income (expense), GAAP basis	\$ 71	\$ 319	\$ (248)	\$ 336	\$ (265)	\$ 723	\$ 829	\$ (106)
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests ("NCI")	(11)	192	(203)	72	(83)	304	354	(50)	
Nonoperating income (expense) ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 82</u>	<u>\$ 127</u>	<u>\$ (45)</u>	<u>\$ 264</u>	<u>\$ (182)</u>	<u>\$ 419</u>	<u>\$ 475</u>	<u>\$ (56)</u>	

(in millions), (unaudited)	Three Months Ended December 31,			Three Months Ended September 30,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	Change	2021	Change	2021	2020	Change	
	Net gain (loss) on investments ⁽¹⁾								
Private equity	\$ 66	\$ 36	\$ 30	\$ 124	\$ (58)	\$ 278	\$ 44	\$ 234	
Real assets	10	(3)	13	4	6	20	8	12	
Other alternatives ⁽²⁾	4	22	(18)	13	(9)	47	32	15	
Other investments ⁽³⁾	(15)	85	(100)	(8)	(7)	22	120	(98)	
Subtotal	65	140	(75)	133	(68)	367	204	163	
Gain related to the Charitable Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	122	(122)	
Other gains (losses) ⁽⁴⁾	21	13	8	165	(144)	170	292	(122)	
Total net gain (loss) on investments ⁽¹⁾	86	153	(67)	298	(212)	537	618	(81)	
Interest and dividend income	46	28	18	14	32	87	62	25	
Interest expense	(50)	(54)	4	(48)	(2)	(205)	(205)	-	
Net interest expense	(4)	(26)	22	(34)	30	(118)	(143)	25	
Nonoperating income (expense) ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 82</u>	<u>\$ 127</u>	<u>\$ (45)</u>	<u>\$ 264</u>	<u>\$ (182)</u>	<u>\$ 419</u>	<u>\$ 475</u>	<u>\$ (56)</u>	

⁽¹⁾ Net of net income (loss) attributable to NCI. Management believes nonoperating income (expense), as adjusted, is an effective measure for reviewing BlackRock's nonoperating results, which ultimately impacts BlackRock's book value. See pages 10 through 12 for the reconciliation to GAAP and notes (1) through (3) to the condensed consolidated statements of income and supplemental information for more information on as adjusted items.

⁽²⁾ Amounts primarily include net gains (losses) related to credit funds, direct hedge fund strategies and hedge fund solutions.

⁽³⁾ Amounts primarily include net gains (losses) related to unhedged equity, fixed income and multi-asset investments.

⁽⁴⁾ The amount for the year ended December 31, 2021 includes nonoperating noncash pre-tax gains in connection with strategic minority investments in iCapital Network, Inc. of approximately \$119 million and Scalable Capital Limited of approximately \$46 million. The amount for the year ended December 31, 2020 includes a nonoperating noncash pre-tax gain of approximately \$240 million in connection with a recapitalization of iCapital Network, Inc. Additional amounts include noncash pre-tax gains (losses) related to the revaluation of certain other corporate minority investments.

INCOME TAX EXPENSE

(in millions), (unaudited)	Three Months Ended December 31,			Three Months Ended September 30,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	Change	2021	Change	2021	2020	Change	
	Income tax expense	\$ 478	\$ 427	\$ 51	\$ 518	\$ (40)	\$ 1,968	\$ 1,238	\$ 730
Effective tax rate	22.6%	21.6%	100bps	23.6%	(100) bps	25.0%	20.1%	490bps	

Highlights

- Fourth quarter 2021 income tax expense includes a \$45 million net noncash tax benefit related to the revaluation of certain deferred income tax liabilities.
- Fourth quarter 2020 income tax expense includes \$61 million of net discrete tax benefits, partially offset by a \$25 million net noncash tax expense related to the revaluation of certain deferred income tax liabilities.

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP OPERATING INCOME AND OPERATING MARGIN TO OPERATING INCOME AND OPERATING MARGIN, AS ADJUSTED

<i>(in millions), (unaudited)</i>	Three Months Ended			Year Ended	
	December 31,		September 30,	December 31,	
	2021	2020	2021	2021	2020
Operating income, GAAP basis	\$ 2,039	\$ 1,848	\$ 1,935	\$ 7,450	\$ 5,695
Non-GAAP expense adjustment:					
Lease cost - Hudson Yards	17	-	11	28	-
Charitable Contribution	-	-	-	-	589
Operating income, as adjusted (1)	2,056	1,848	1,946	7,478	6,284
Product launch costs and commissions	-	2	99	284	172
Operating income used for operating margin measurement	\$ 2,056	\$ 1,850	\$ 2,045	\$ 7,762	\$ 6,456
Revenue, GAAP basis	\$ 5,106	\$ 4,478	\$ 5,050	\$ 19,374	\$ 16,205
Non-GAAP adjustments:					
Distribution fees	(411)	(314)	(401)	(1,521)	(1,131)
Investment advisory fees	(176)	(191)	(184)	(679)	(704)
Revenue used for operating margin measurement	\$ 4,519	\$ 3,973	\$ 4,465	\$ 17,174	\$ 14,370
Operating margin, GAAP basis	39.9%	41.3%	38.3%	38.5%	35.1%
Operating margin, as adjusted (1)	45.5%	46.6%	45.8%	45.2%	44.9%

See note (1) to the condensed consolidated statements of income and supplemental information on page 11 for more information on as adjusted items.

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE) TO NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE), LESS NET INCOME (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO NCI, AS ADJUSTED

<i>(in millions), (unaudited)</i>	Three Months Ended			Year Ended	
	December 31,		September 30,	December 31,	
	2021	2020	2021	2021	2020
Nonoperating income (expense), GAAP basis	\$ 71	\$ 319	\$ 336	\$ 723	\$ 829
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to NCI	(11)	192	72	304	354
Nonoperating income (expense), net of NCI	82	127	264	419	475
Less: Gain related to the Charitable Contribution	-	-	-	-	122
Nonoperating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to NCI, as adjusted (2)	\$ 82	\$ 127	\$ 264	\$ 419	\$ 353

See note (2) to the condensed consolidated statements of income and supplemental information on page 12 for more information on as adjusted items.

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO BLACKROCK TO NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO BLACKROCK, AS ADJUSTED

<i>(in millions, except per share data), (unaudited)</i>	Three Months Ended			Year Ended	
	December 31,		September 30,	December 31,	
	2021	2020	2021	2021	2020
Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., GAAP basis	\$ 1,643	\$ 1,548	\$ 1,681	\$ 5,901	\$ 4,932
Non-GAAP adjustments:					
Lease cost - Hudson Yards, net of tax	13	-	9	22	-
Charitable Contribution, net of tax	-	-	-	-	226
Income tax matters	(45)	25	-	126	79
Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted (3)	\$ 1,611	\$ 1,573	\$ 1,690	\$ 6,049	\$ 5,237
Diluted weighted-average common shares outstanding	154.6	154.5	154.3	154.4	154.8
Diluted earnings per common share, GAAP basis	\$ 10.63	\$ 10.02	\$ 10.89	\$ 38.22	\$ 31.85
Diluted earnings per common share, as adjusted (3)	\$ 10.42	\$ 10.18	\$ 10.95	\$ 39.18	\$ 33.82

See note (3) to the condensed consolidated statements of income and supplemental information on page 12 for more information on as adjusted items.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION *(unaudited)*

BlackRock reports its financial results in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”); however, management believes evaluating the Company’s ongoing operating results may be enhanced if investors have additional non-GAAP financial measures. Management reviews non-GAAP financial measures to assess ongoing operations and considers them to be helpful, for both management and investors, in evaluating BlackRock’s financial performance over time. Management also uses non-GAAP financial measures as a benchmark to compare its performance with other companies and to enhance the comparability of this information for the reporting periods presented. Non-GAAP measures may pose limitations because they do not include all of BlackRock’s revenue and expense. BlackRock’s management does not advocate that investors consider such non-GAAP financial measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.

Management uses both GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures in evaluating BlackRock’s financial performance. Adjustments to GAAP financial measures (“non-GAAP adjustments”) include certain items management deems nonrecurring or that occur infrequently, transactions that ultimately will not impact BlackRock’s book value or certain tax items that do not impact cash flow.

Computations for all periods are derived from the condensed consolidated statements of income as follows:

(1) Operating income, as adjusted, and operating margin, as adjusted: Management believes operating income, as adjusted, and operating margin, as adjusted, are effective indicators of BlackRock’s financial performance over time, and, therefore, provide useful disclosure to investors. Management believes that operating margin, as adjusted, reflects the Company’s long-term ability to manage ongoing costs in relation to its revenues. The Company uses operating margin, as adjusted, to assess the Company’s financial performance and to determine the long-term and annual compensation of the Company’s senior-level employees. Furthermore, this metric is used to evaluate the Company’s relative performance against industry peers, as it eliminates margin variability arising from the accounting of revenues and expenses related to distributing different product structures in multiple distribution channels utilized by asset managers.

- Operating income, as adjusted, includes non-GAAP expense adjustments. In 2021, the Company recorded expense related to the lease of office space for its future headquarters located at 50 Hudson Yards in New York (“Lease cost – Hudson Yards”). While the Company expects to begin to occupy the new office space in late 2022 (and begin cash lease payments in May 2023), the Company is required to record lease expense from August 2021 because it obtained access to the building to begin its tenant improvements. As a result, the Company is recognizing lease expense for both its current and future headquarters until its current headquarters lease expires in April 2023. Management believes removing Lease cost – Hudson Yards when calculating operating income, as adjusted, is useful to assess the Company’s financial performance and enhances comparability among periods presented. In 2020, the Company contributed its remaining 20% stake in PennyMac Financial Services, Inc. (the “Charitable Contribution”). The Charitable Contribution expense of \$589 million has been excluded from operating income, as adjusted, due to its nonrecurring nature.
- Operating income used for measuring operating margin, as adjusted, is equal to operating income, as adjusted, excluding the impact of product launch costs (e.g. closed-end fund launch costs) and related commissions. Management believes the exclusion of such costs and related commissions is useful because these costs can fluctuate considerably and revenue associated with the expenditure of these costs will not fully impact BlackRock’s results until future periods.
- Revenue used for calculating operating margin, as adjusted, is reduced to exclude all of the Company’s distribution fees, which are recorded as a separate line item on the condensed consolidated statements of income, as well as a portion of investment advisory fees received that is used to pay distribution and servicing costs. For certain products, based on distinct arrangements, distribution fees are collected by the Company and then passed-through to third-party client intermediaries. For other products, investment advisory fees are collected by the Company and a portion is passed-through to third-party client intermediaries. However, in both structures, the third-party client intermediary similarly owns the relationship with the retail client and is responsible for distributing the product and servicing the client. The amount of distribution and investment advisory fees fluctuates each period primarily based on a predetermined percentage of the value of AUM during the period. These fees also vary based on the type of investment product sold and the geographic location where it is sold. In addition, the Company may waive fees on certain products that could result in the reduction of payments to the third-party intermediaries.

(2) Nonoperating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to NCI, as adjusted: Management believes nonoperating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to NCI, as adjusted, is an effective measure for reviewing BlackRock's nonoperating contribution to its results and provides comparability of this information among reporting periods. Management believes nonoperating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to NCI, as adjusted, provides a useful measure, for both management and investors, of BlackRock's nonoperating results, which ultimately impact BlackRock's book value. In 2020, the noncash, nonoperating pre-tax gain of \$122 million related to the Charitable Contribution was excluded from nonoperating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to NCI, as adjusted, due to its nonrecurring nature.

(3) Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted: Management believes net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted, and diluted earnings per common share, as adjusted, are useful measures of BlackRock's profitability and financial performance. Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted, equals net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., GAAP basis, adjusted for significant nonrecurring items, charges that ultimately will not impact BlackRock's book value or certain tax items that do not impact cash flow.

See notes (1) and (2) above regarding operating income, as adjusted, operating margin, as adjusted, and nonoperating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to NCI, as adjusted, for information on the Lease cost – Hudson Yards and Charitable Contribution.

In 2020 a discrete tax benefit of \$241 million was recognized in connection with the Charitable Contribution. The discrete tax benefit has been excluded from as adjusted results due to the nonrecurring nature of the Charitable Contribution. Amounts for income tax matters represent net noncash (benefits) expense primarily associated with the revaluation of certain deferred tax liabilities related to intangible assets and goodwill as a result of tax rate changes. These amounts have been excluded from the as adjusted results as these items will not have a cash flow impact and to ensure comparability among periods presented.

Per share amounts reflect net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted, divided by diluted weighted-average common shares outstanding.

(4) ACV: Management believes ACV is an effective metric for reviewing BlackRock's technology services' ongoing contribution to its operating results and provides comparability of this information among reporting periods while also providing a useful supplemental metric for both management and investors of BlackRock's growth in technology services revenue over time, as it is linked to the net new business in technology services.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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